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**Legal Education Police Practices Consortium**

**Fellowship Program**

The ABA Legal Education Police Practices Consortium Fellowship is now accepting applications from students of Consortium-member law schools for its 2025 program.

The ABA Legal Education Police Practices Consortium (LEPPC) has been formed to contribute to the national effort to examine and address legal issues in policing and public safety, including conduct, oversight, and the evolving nature of police work. The Consortium will leverage the ABA’s expertise in developing model police practices and that of participating ABA-accredited law schools to collaborate on projects to develop and implement better police practices throughout the United States.

The work of the fellowship enables students to contribute to the effort of advancing and addressing legal issues in policing and public safety. It provides students an opportunity to develop their research, writing, management and presentation skills through practical real world research. Students will focus on policing issues in their local community, while also contributing to the national conversation on policing.

The Fellowship Director will select up to 20 students to take part in the fellowship. From May 2025 through April 2026, Fellows will research a topic related to policing (to be determined in coordination with the Director) and connect with police and interest groups in their community.

In June 2025, fellows will attend the Law of the Police Conference. At the conference, fellows will share out any completed research and their ideas for their future work as part of the fellowship. This will be a unique opportunity to receive feedback from academics in the field. Fellows will also attend panels to learn more about research and scholarship in the policing realm.

In June 2026, fellows will have the opportunity to present their research at the annual policing conference.

Fellows will be expected to devote an average of five hours/week hours to fellowship work, including research, meetings, and fellowship events. The 2025-2026 fellowship will run from May 2025 through April 2026, with fellows expected to continue their work through the summer and school year.

Applicants are not expected to have any prior experience; the only requirement is the successful completion of their 1L year.

Before submitting your application, be sure to review the Fellowship “Learning Outcomes” and “How to Join the Fellowship” documents to ensure that you meet all of the requirements.

Application materials must include:

1. a completed application form (found at the bottom of this document)
2. a cover letter that explains the candidate’s interest in the fellowship and considers the following:
   1. Why do you want to participate in the ABA’s Legal Education Police Practices Consortium?
   2. If selected, what topics related to policing might you be interested in researching?
   3. What impact do you hope to have through your work with the Consortium?
   4. How will you help to advance the mission of the Consortium?
   5. What, if any, is your past experience with community engagement or policing practices?
3. a resume; and
4. letter of support from the faculty member or Dean who will provide supervision on the local level and who will ensure that any academic requirements for your institution are met

Please note that no prior knowledge of policing issues is required. The Fellowship is an opportunity to engage current law students in the critical policing conversations around the United States.

Applications are due on or before **April 10, 2025** and should be sent via e-mail with attachments in PDF or Word format to abaleppc@gmail.com.

Include in your email

1. Your name and, optionally, preferred pronouns
2. Student email address
3. Name of Consortium Member School you attend
4. Current anticipated graduation date

Questions may be directed to

Consortium contact at abaleppc@gmail.com

Molly Moening, Post-Graduate Fellow at molly.moening@wayne.edu

Rebecca Robichaud, Director at rebecca.robichaud@wayne.edu

If you are not sure if your school is a member of the Consortium please contact Molly Moening, Post-Graduate Fellow at molly.moening@wayne.edu

**Proposed work plan**

| **Month** | **Administrative Work** | **Work Assignments** | **Fellowship meetings** |
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| May 2025 | * Official start of fellowship * Onboarding of Fellows: orientation and explanation of timeline * Fellows attend monthly meeting w/ PGF | * Identify, engage and develop relationship with community partner or local government * Select a research project | Discussion:   * Identifying potential partners * How to engage with potential partners * Creating a research plan * Engaging in reflective practice |
| June 2025 | * Conference * Monthly meetings * Begin consistent meetings within community and report outs at monthly fellowship meeting with PGF | * Refine/finalize research plans * Cont. to engage and develop relationships * Complete and submit research plan | * Policing conference |
| July 2025 | * Monthly meetings | * Incorporate Conference feedback * Refine/finalize research plans * Begin research | * Discussion: Conference de-brief including identifying current issues discussed at the conference and any issues we think are being missed |
| Aug 2025 | * Monthly meetings | * Research: finding sources | * Discussion: Identifying stakeholders and their interests |
| Sept 2025 | * Monthly meetings | * Research * Complete and submit first draft | * Discussion: effective writing skills |
| Oct 2025 | * Monthly meetings – receive feedback on draft | * Research | * Discussion: Report out on progress |
| Nov 2025 | * Monthly meetings | * Research * Begin coordination of community presentation | * Discussion: organizing your community presentation (logistics, structure visuals) |
| Dec 2025 | * Monthly meetings | * Research * Complete and submit second draft | * Discussion: presentation skills |
| Jan 2026 | * Monthly meetings – mock presentations | * Create a presentation outline and/or visual aid | * Discussion: Preparation for community presentations |
| Feb 2026 | * Monthly meetings | * Submit presentation outline and/or visual aid | * Present findings to community partner |
| March 2026 | * Monthly meetings | * Incorporate feedback from community * Finalize reports – proofreading and citations check | * Mock presentations – reporting success of community engagement to Conference |
| April 2026 | * Fellows complete outgoing survey | * Submit final reports | * Final group discussion – fellowship reflection |
| May 2026 (optional) | * Official start of 2026-2027 fellowship |  | * Virtual meet and greet with new fellows * Pre-conference group meetings |
| June 2026 (optional) | * Conference with all fellows from 2025 and 2026 class invited/expected to attend | * Submit final version of report if any changes | * Presentation of final work product at Policing Conference for 2025 Fellows |

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**Application Form**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred pronouns (optional): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Consortium-member school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a 2L or 3L in September 2025 (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to participate in the entire year of the

fellowship from May 2025 to April 2026 (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a faculty member or Dean who will

oversee your work for the fellowship (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty / Dean name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty / Dean email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Faculty / Dean signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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