



APPLICATION FOR LOS ANGELES INCUBATOR CONSORTIUM PROGRAM FOR 2016

The Los Angeles Incubator Consortium has recently launched an innovative incubator program to support new solo practitioners in building their practice while also providing pro bono services to low income and modest means clients. Over the course of 12 months, selected participants in the program (“new solos”) will receive mentoring and training on substantive areas of law and law practice management. New solos will perform work through a variety of opportunities developed by legal services community partners including Bet Tzedek, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Legal Aid Society of Orange County, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County and Public Counsel. New solos will receive substantive legal training in the areas where they will be doing pro bono from these legal service organizations and they will gain experience while also developing relationships that may lead to paying clients. Additionally, new solos will be trained in areas of law practice management, business development and marketing from consortium program partners including the Los Angeles County Law Library. New solos will work out of subsidized office space located in Koreatown, Southeast Los Angeles County and possibly the San Fernando Valley.

This program is open to graduates who are 0-6 years out of law school and are admitted to practice law in California. If selected, participants must commit to starting their law practice no later than February 1, 2016. Please complete the application below and submit the required documents by **DECEMBER 7, 2015 by MIDNIGHT** to the contact at your law school listed below.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Year of JD degree: _____

Law School Attended: _____

Date of admission to California Bar and California Bar Number:

Other bar admissions and dates (if applicable):

Please submit this application and all required documents to your law school contact:

- Pepperdine University School of Law - Miriam Benor at miriam.benor@pepperdine.edu
- Southwestern Law School - Professor Laura Dym Cohen at lcohen@swlaw.edu
- UCLA School of Law – Luz Herrera at experiential@law.ucla.edu



The following documents must be submitted with this application:

1. Personal Statement (up to 3 pages, double-spaced) indicating:
 - a. Why you should be selected to participate in this program.
 - b. Why you want to be a solo- or small-firm practitioner. If applicable, discuss how a former work experience in the legal profession [either through an externship, internship, legal clinic or work experience] influenced your decision to start your own practice.
 - c. Why you are interested in serving underrepresented, low- and moderate-income members of the community (including providing pro bono and “low bono” representation) and why are you interested in doing so in an incubator/solo practitioner setting.
2. Brief Business Development Plan (i.e. marketing, client development, etc.) including what area(s) of law you are most interested in practicing. (1-2 pages, double-spaced)
3. Current résumé
4. List of three references and their contact information

Please initial each statement below indicating your agreement:

_____ I understand that eligibility to enter or continue in the incubator program requires that I continue to be a member of the California State Bar in good standing. I agree to notify the director(s) immediately of any change in my status or of any disciplinary actions taken against me by the California State Bar.

_____ Once program participation commences, I agree to carry at all times while I am part of the incubator program malpractice insurance in an amount of at least \$100,000/\$300,000, and to pay for any tail coverage if the policy is a claims-reported policy.

_____ I expect to provide at least 200 hours of pro bono work (including training to prepare for said pro bono work) during my participation in the incubator program.

_____ I understand that I am creating my own law firm, that I am not an employee of the incubator program, and that I am not guaranteed any payments. I will be responsible for developing my client-base and understand that the incubator program and the participating law schools and partners cannot guarantee business.

_____ If I am selected as a participant in the incubator program, I agree to abide by and remain compliant with all the rules governing the program which includes paying a monthly fee for office space and participating in the trainings and evaluation of the program.

_____ All statements in this application and accompanying attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and reflect realistic projections based on information reasonably available to me. I understand that any material misstatements herein may subject me to termination from the program should I be selected.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

APPLICATION DUE DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2015 by MIDNIGHT