



2026 Dr. M.L. "Hank" Henry, Jr. Judicial Fellowship Program

The LGBT Bar Association Foundation of Greater New York ("LGBT Bar NY")

The **Dr. M.L. "Hank" Henry, Jr. Judicial Fellowship Program** was established in memory of the groundbreaking efforts by Dr. Henry, as the Executive Director of the Fund for Modern Courts, who fought to ensure that openly gay and lesbian candidates were considered for appointed judicial positions.

LGBT Bar NY's 2026 Hank Henry Fellowship program will consist of a 10 to 12-week summer internship that offers law students the opportunity to rotate among multiple LGBTQ+ and ally judges at various levels of the judiciary. This experience provides an insider's understanding of the judicial system, along with the opportunity to work alongside openly LGBTQIA judges and allies. In addition to observing court proceedings, students can expect to complete **1-2 written assignments** consisting of **draft decisions and/or memoranda**.

A **\$4,500 stipend** accompanies the position. Students with funding from other sources are encouraged to apply, although **the stipend may be limited to assisting students without funding**.

The fellowship is intended for law students with a demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, advancing LGBTQ+ rights. The program values diversity. **All interested students are encouraged to apply.**

Application Instructions (please read carefully and follow all directions)

- **Required materials (in order):**

1. **Resume**
2. **Statement of interest** (500 words or less)
3. **Additional Information** (if not included within your resume):
 - **Law school** and anticipated **graduation date**
 - Law school **grades and class rank** (if available), any **academic honors** earned, **extra-curricular and co-curricular activities** (if grades are not available before deadline, they can be supplied later)
 - Undergraduate and/or other graduate **degrees earned**, specifying **academic institution**, major **field of study**, and **extra-curricular and co-curricular activities**
 - **Community activities or affiliations** or other activities indicating public service
 - Information about whether or not **your law school funds summer internships**

- **Submission:** Applicants must provide the information requested above **by e-mail only to info@lgbtbarny.org**, with the **subject header "2026 Hank Henry"**.

Your application materials must consist of **one combined PDF document** containing all of the materials (other file formats/multiple attachments will not be accepted).

- **Deadline:** **Friday, February 27, 2026**

The Hank Henry Selection Committee anticipates interviews in mid-March and communicating its selection by the end of March. Questions concerning the application process or the specifics of the fellowship program can be directed to info@lgbtbarny.org. **No phone inquiries, please.**