

**EAGLE SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP  
BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL  
FALL 2009**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

This new Boston College Law School program focuses on graduates who may be interested in a career in law teaching or in writing as a component of a career in practice. Although there is no stipend involved, the goal of this program is to give participants the resources and mentoring they need to complete a law review article of publishable quality. Eagle Scholars will participate in a weekly seminar in the Fall semester of 2009, work on their scholarship in cooperation with a member of the faculty, and may pursue 1-2 additional courses in their fields of interest at the Law School.

Recent graduates or current 3Ls with start dates for a law firm or clerkship in December 2009 or beyond may be particularly interested in the program.

**REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM**

Participation in weekly seminar (Thursday, 10-12 a.m., September 3-December 3).

The seminar has two components:

(1) providing support for completing a law review article of publishable quality. The seminar will discuss the style and structure of publishable law review articles, as well as the law review submission process. Participants will be expected to complete the following writing process components:

- Topic Idea
- Bibliographic Survey
- Work-in-progress Outline
- Completed Draft by end of seminar (with plan for spring or summer submission to law reviews)

(2) discussing selected topics related to careers in law teaching and law practice.

Such topics may include

- law teaching opportunities (adjunct, clinical, legal writing, tenure-track); the AALS application process; and Boston College Law School graduates in teaching
- writing as a component of a career in practice (writing developments in the law for law firms or clients; writing for ABA, PLI, ALI-ABA publications; writing for special interest journals and legal newspapers and magazines)
- preparing a course syllabus and basic teaching techniques
- preparing and giving presentations
- selecting and balancing “extracurricular” opportunities as a lawyer (participating in Institutes, MCLE, bar activities, etc.)

Although we can make no guarantees, we hope to be able to pair students with a faculty mentor in a related field. In some circumstances, it may be possible to teach a class session or sessions for the faculty mentor to gain teaching experience.

Eagle Scholars may also audit, at no cost, up to two law courses in their field of interest, subject to faculty permission.

Participants must be able to commit to attendance at the weekly Thursday seminar for the duration of the semester. Residency in Boston, however, is not otherwise required. In certain circumstances, participation in the program may be compatible with part-time work.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must hold a J.D. or LL.M. from Boston College Law School.

Applicants must submit:

- resume
- law school transcript
- statement of purpose (why they are interested in the program; what topic they may wish to write about; which faculty member(s) they may wish to work with as a mentor; employment plans and start dates) (1-2 pages)
- list of three references with contact information (at least 2 must be BCLS)

Applications should be sent by mail to:

Professor Mary Sarah Bilder—Eagle Scholar Fellowship Program  
Boston College Law School  
885 Centre Street  
Newton, MA 02492

Applications will begin to be reviewed June 8, 2009. Applicants will be considered on a rolling-basis. We expect to be able to notify accepted applicants by July 6, 2009.

We expect the program to be competitive and a limited number of applicants to be accepted (e.g. 6-8).

For more information about this program contact Prof. Mary Sarah Bilder:  
[bilder@bc.edu](mailto:bilder@bc.edu).