

Memorandum

To: Sheila Polk, Elizabeth Ortiz
CC: Diana Cooney, Elizabeth Iniguez-Reyna
From: Kim MacEachern
Date: July 22, 2014 (edited)
Re: Fellowships update

You will recall that at the April 2014 APAAC Council meeting the Council agreed to accept the recommendations of the Fellowship Working Group as follows (red print will advise you of the status):

- 1) Continue both the TY and Udall Fellowships and add the AZ Summit School of Law in the future. (Both ASU and UA schools have been advised of the recommendations; we need to put this on the Finance committee radar so that it is considered in about a year or so for funding for the third school).
- 2) Continue the current stipends. (No action needed; see above for additional stipend action).
- 3) Emphasize the practice of law in Arizona during the selection process. (Details of the program are in the process of being updated at both ASU and UA).
- 4) Adopt a policy to give former fellows a hiring preference. (See attached draft for your consideration at the July Council meeting).
- 5) Conform the rotations. (We are working with UA Deans Miller and Jordan-Curtis to address the USAO rotation for 2016; Oro Valley, City of Tucson, Pima CA and AGO have all received the final document and are aware of the change in the scheduling for 2015-16.)
- 6) Add APAAC Fellowship page. (Action needed-we have a great deal of the information that will populate the page; we need to work with EI to implement this portion after the annual conference).
- 7) Schools should add Fellowship alumni page. (ASU and UA have been advised of the recommendation; Dean Sylvester as part of the committee making the recommendation and his staff has already started their work; ASU has recently created an alumni relations position filled by Zelda Graham, the Fellowship coordinator and she is planning a luncheon to announce the recipient of the Fellowship to include past fellows.)
- 8) Include a rural CA at informational sessions. (Currently working with UA and ASU on 2015-16 Fellowship year; requesting immediate past and current fellows to attend at UA; MCAO usually recruits former TYs to attend at ASU.)
- 9) Request that Council members consider post-graduation clerkships for outgoing Fellows. (This may be something we should emphasize at the April Council meeting each year.)

	ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' ADVISORY COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (APAAC)	
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	POLICY: APAAC Fellowship Hiring Preference	

In order to spur law student consideration of a career in Arizona as a prosecutor, APAAC sponsors and funds fellowship programs at the state's law schools. The program provides a third year law student one calendar year of hands-on experience as an intern in "rotations" through the local prosecuting agencies. The Fellow's work as a prosecutor is facilitated by 17A. ARS Sup.Ct.Rules, Rule 38(d).

The Fellows participate in a summer Criminal Practice Clinic and an academic year of work alongside prosecutors in each of the four jurisdiction-based prosecuting agencies: City/Town Prosecutor's Office, County Attorney's Office, Office of the Arizona Attorney General, and US Attorney for the District of Arizona. Applicants are interviewed and selected in late fall of their 2L year for the coming academic year. The student receives course credit hours, tuition waiver and a substantial stipend.

Although a prestigious accomplishment, graduating Fellows are often "out to sea" pending their admission to the State Bar insofar as obtaining prosecution related work is concerned. Once admitted to the State Bar and eligible for practice, it can still be some time before a former fellow can obtain gainful employment in a prosecutor position.

THEREFORE, APAAC recommends that those prosecution agencies across the state offering clerkships/internships to post-graduate/pre-admitted State Bar candidates give preference to those who have successfully completed participation in an APAAC-sponsored fellowship.

FURTHER, APAAC recommends that those prosecution agencies across the state recruiting for entry-level prosecutor positions give preference to those who have successfully completed participation in an APAAC-sponsored fellowship.