

2025 Summer Award Application

Lezak Social Justice Fellowship Program



Deadline: 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 (*Note: this is a morning deadline*)

Background

Sid Lezak was one of the longest serving US Attorneys in the history of the United States, the father of alternative dispute resolution in Oregon, an activist, a community servant, and a mentor to many Oregonians. These summer awards are designed to honor his legacy by encouraging law students to serve the Oregon community and by providing mentorship and guidance to these students. Through the Lezak Social Justice Fellowship Awards, the insight, guidance, and encouragement that Sid provided to so many of Oregon's greatest citizens will pass to a new generation.

Awards

Awards of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to Lewis & Clark Law students who will be returning to Lewis & Clark in the fall. Recipients may augment Summer Awards and salaries from other sources with Lezak Social Justice Fellowship Awards; however, students may not receive both a PILP Award and a Lezak Award in the same year. The Lezak Social Justice Fellowship Committee will select recipients from applications received following interviews with finalists. **Interviews will take place on Friday, April 11, 2025, in-person on campus, and you must be present for your interview to be eligible for an award.**

Mentors

The Lezak Social Justice Fellowship Committee will match recipients with mentors from the Oregon legal community.

Recipient Obligations

Recipients are required to complete at least 350 hours of work with their host during the summer and are required to meet individually with their mentor(s) and participate in group mentoring events during the summer in Portland.

Hosts and Work

Hosts must be non-profit organizations, government offices, or tribal entities. Work must significantly utilize the student's skills and knowledge gained as a law student; however, the work need not directly connect to legal representation. Work must be completed during the summer.

Payment and Taxes

Summer Awards may be taxable income and will be paid in a single lump sum to recipients. Lewis & Clark must report payment via IRS Form 1099-MISC. There will be no withholding, and recipients will be responsible for saving funds to pay state and federal income tax if any.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Year in Law School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Have you received a PILP Summer Award in a previous year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total pay or stipend expected for the summer from sources other than the Lezak Award: _____

Resume

- Attach an up-to-date resume.

Class & Grade Printout

- Attach an official transcript or a printout of your classes and grades from WebAdvisor. Knowing your classes will assist the committee in assessing your dedication and background that makes you well suited for your work.

Statement

- Attach a statement of no more than two pages describing the nature of the work you will be conducting over the summer, the need for that work, and your connection to the work, how your background makes you well suited to the work and/or your unique qualifications for the work.

Mental Health Projects – Fellowship in Honor of Muriel Lezak

- Sid Lezak's late wife, Muriel Lezak, was instrumental in establishing and supporting the Lezak Social Justice Fellowship. Muriel was a renowned neuropsychologist, an expert on brain injuries and neurological disorders, and an advocate for mental health. In her honor, one of the Lezak Fellowships will be awarded to a student whose summer legal work demonstrates a connection to mental health access, awareness, or support. If your summer work meets these criteria, please include an additional 1-2 paragraph statement explaining this connection.

Host Information

Name of Host: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Supervisor Name: _____

Category of Employer:

- ☐ Government
- ☐ Tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Qualified Indian entity as defined by Internal Revenue Code section 7873(b)

Certification

I certify that I will complete at least 350 hours of work at my host this summer, that I will be returning to Lewis & Clark for at least one semester in the following school year, and that I will, to the best of my ability, participate in the mentor events arranged during the summer by the Lezak Social Justice Fellowship Committee and meet individually with the mentor I am matched with.

Applicant's Signature

Date

All applications and supporting materials must be received by 9:00 AM* on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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Submit application and all supporting materials, by **email** (in a single attachment), to:

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