

THE JUDGE WILLIAM M. MARUTANI FELLOWSHIP

The Judge William M. Marutani Fellowship (the “Fellowship”) was established by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania (APABA-PA) in conjunction with the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. The Fellowship serves to honor the legacy of Judge Marutani, the first Asian American judge in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a distinguished member of the judiciary who has served both the Asian American community and the community at large for many years. Judge Marutani’s exemplary career is a model for current students who are committed to public service.

The Fellowship is offered to Asian Pacific American first-year law students at Dickinson School of Law, Rutgers-Camden University School of Law, Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Villanova University School of Law, Drexel University College of Law and Widener University School of Law. The Fellowship will provide a stipend for an Asian Pacific American law student to enable him/her to take a summer internship position with a non-profit/public interest organization or a federal, state or municipal government offices/agency (including the judiciary) in the Greater Philadelphia area in the hopes of giving Asian Pacific American law students a greater opportunity to gain full-time employment in areas of the law in which Asian Pacific American attorneys are currently underrepresented.

Finalists will be selected based upon his or her law school transcripts, past and present work and community service experience, prior accomplishments and awards, character, and an essay. Each finalist will be interviewed by the Fellowship Selection Committee.

The Fellowship recipient(s) will receive a stipend, up to \$5,000 (depending on sources of funding available to the student other than the Marutani Fellowship), for full-time summer employment (of at least ten weeks) at an organization as described above. Applicants are eligible for the Marutani Fellowship even if they seek or receive other sources of summer funding which must be reported to the Marutani Fellowship selection committee immediately. The recipient will be required to complete a two-page report summarizing his/her summer experience. This report shall be submitted in a finished form appropriate for publication in the APABA-PA’s newsletter. The Fellowship recipient will also be recognized at the APABA-PA’s annual banquet in the fall.

All applications must be postmarked by March 6, 2009. Applications may also be delivered to Lynne Brown at the Bar Foundation office at 1101 Market Street, 11th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107. All hand-deliveries must be received by 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2009.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM M. MARUTANI

The Honorable William M. Marutani served as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County from 1975 to 1986. When appointed to the bench in 1975, Judge Marutani became the first Asian American outside of the Pacific Coast states to preside as a judge of a court of general jurisdiction. Judge Marutani was later elected to a full ten-year term in 1977. During his tenure, he issued the decision requiring all-boys Central High School to admit female students in 1983.

In 1942, Judge Marutani, a second-generation Japanese American, served six months in an American internment camp following the Pearl Harbor attack. Later during the war, he served in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service (MIS).

As an attorney, Judge Marutani participated in the civil rights drives in the South and helped organize the 1963 March on Washington for the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). From 1960 to 1970, he served as national legal counsel to the JACL, during which time he also served as a volunteer civil rights lawyer in cases involving the desegregation of schools and the promotion of voter registration drives in Mississippi. In 1967, Judge Marutani appeared on behalf of the JACL as an amicus before the U.S. Supreme Court to present oral argument in *Loving v. Virginia*, the seminal case that struck down anti-miscegenation laws in 17 states.

Up until his death in November 2004, Judge Marutani also served on numerous civic and charitable boards and commissions. Most notably, in 1981 he was appointed to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians by President Jimmy Carter. The Commission concluded that the internment of Japanese Americans was the unjust result of racism, wartime hysteria and a failure of political leadership.

THE JUDGE WILLIAM M. MARUTANI FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

*Applications must be postmarked by **March 6, 2009**, or received at the Bar Foundation office (1101 Market Street, 11th floor, Philadelphia PA 19107) by 4:00 p.m. that day.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Time Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Ethnicity (optional): _____

Law School and Expected

Year of Graduation: _____

Current Year in Law School: _____

Please attach the following application materials to this form:

1. Resumé.
2. Essay (no more than 2 double-spaced pages) describing a life experience you have had or a personal/professional aspiration which would reflect the spirit and professional legacy of Judge William M. Marutani.
3. Names of two references, their phone numbers, and their e-mail addresses (no letters of recommendation are required to be sent with application).
4. Official or Unofficial Law School Transcript (as soon as it is available, if it is not available by March 6, 2009).
5. Signed certification.

Please submit 5 application packets (photocopies are acceptable) consisting of this completed application form and the above materials (in the order listed above) in an envelope marked "Confidential" to:

Lynne Brown
Deputy Executive Director
Philadelphia Bar Foundation
1101 Market Street, 11th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

THE JUDGE WILLIAM M. MARUTANI FELLOWSHIP

CERTIFICATION

I understand that I must comply with all of the stated terms and conditions of the Judge William M. Marutani Fellowship (Fellowship) and that my failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of the entire Fellowship stipend.

I understand that all materials submitted to the Fellowship Selection Committee, as well as the two-page report summarizing his/her summer experience, become the property of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania (APABA-PA) and that APABA-PA reserves the right to issue public announcements regarding the recipient of the Fellowship and to publish his or her essay and/or other information about the recipient.

I understand that in order to be selected as a recipient of the Fellowship, I am required to inform the Fellowship Selection Committee of my choice of summer employment for confirmation that it complies with the terms of the Fellowship.

I understand that I am required to also inform the Fellowship Selection Committee of all other sources of income for my summer employment as soon as such information becomes available.

I understand that I will be required to complete a two-page report at the conclusion of my summer internship, suitable for publication in the APABA-PA newsletter.

I certify that all of the information submitted with and all of the statements made in this application or in any document attached hereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge as of the date below. I certify that the essay attached hereto was written solely by me and is my original work.

Signature

Date