



Southwestern Law School Alumni Association
Domestic Violence Advocacy Initiative
2017-2018 APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Southwestern Law School Alumni Association's Domestic Violence Advocacy Initiative (DVAI) provides attorneys with zero to three years of legal experience with an exciting opportunity to gain valuable legal training and experience by working with established public interest and legal aid organizations to provide free or low cost legal assistance to victims and survivors of domestic violence in underrepresented, marginalized, or underserved communities.

The DVAI is designed to provide legal training in the area of family law, with an emphasis on working with clients to assist in obtaining domestic violence restraining orders. DVAI attorneys will provide vital legal assistance to victims and survivors of domestic violence. In addition, DVAI attorneys will have access to unique mentoring and networking opportunities with experienced members of the family law bench and bar.

DVAI attorneys receive a monthly stipend of \$3,000 from the Southwestern Law School Alumni Association. Applicants must commit to a minimum of 30 hours per week for a period of six continuous months. There are a limited number of positions available. Attorneys selected to participate in the DVAI will be assigned to work under the supervision of the Levitt Quinn Nonprofit Family Law Center.

DVAI applicants must be recent (i.e., within three years of application date) graduates of Southwestern Law School, be licensed and eligible to practice law in California. To apply for a DVAI position, please provide the following information:

- Your name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address;
- Your current resume;
- A copy of your California Bar card;
- No more than three references;
- No more than two letters of recommendation; and
- A brief (one-page) statement of why you want to participate in the DVAI.

Important dates:

- Start dates for the 2017-2018 DVAI term are September 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018.
- Application packets must be submitted by close of business on August 1, 2017. Notification of selected Fellows will occur by August 15, 2018. Please submit all materials, including cover letter, via email to Debbie Leathers – alumni@swlaw.edu For questions please call 213.738.6814.