



## **ADVOCACY FELLOWS INFORMATION & APPLICATION FALL 2026 ENTERING CLASS**

### **SUMMARY OF THE ADVOCACY FELLOWS PROGRAM**

The Advocacy Fellows program, integrated across Elon Law's 2.5-year curriculum, is designed to provide students with the essential knowledge and practical, hands-on experience and skills necessary to become exceptional trial and/or appellate advocates on behalf of their clients.

Each Advocacy Fellow will take a core curriculum of advocacy courses, such as Evidence, Trial Practice & Procedure, Negotiations, and Appellate Litigation. In addition, Advocacy Fellows will have learning experiences outside the classroom, including:

- A summer externship in a judicial, governmental or law firm setting, such as a position clerking for a trial or appellate judge, an Attorney General, United States Attorney, District Attorney, Public Defender, or a law firm involved in civil or criminal litigation;
- Opportunities to meet with esteemed judges and leading trial and appellate litigators through an annual speaker series;
- Visits to state and federal trial courts in the area, as well as an annual trip to view arguments at the North Carolina Court of Appeals and/or Supreme Court and to meet Judges and Justices from these Courts;
- Opportunities to engage with the practicing bar through participation in activities such as Inn of Court, Greensboro Bar Association and North Carolina Bar Association meetings and continuing legal education (CLE) programs related to advocacy;
- Opportunities to compete in the school's Intramural Moot Court Competition and Mock Trial Program Tryouts, as well as assist with these competitions and the Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition;
- Opportunities to represent clients in trial and appellate litigation through the school's Guardian ad Litem Appellate Advocacy Clinic and other clinics; and
- Opportunities to mentor future advocates by volunteering to work with local college and high school mock trial and moot court programs.

In addition to the many experiential learning opportunities provided to Advocacy Fellows and detailed above, the Fellows program also provides:

- a stipend covering the tuition cost and a portion of the living expenses for the summer externship; and
- an Advocacy Fellows Scholarship toward tuition during the academic year, renewable for 2.5 years assuming continued participation in the Advocacy Fellows Program.

## HOW TO APPLY

**Submit Fellows Program Application Materials.** Prospective students who are interested in the Advocacy Fellows Program should submit an application by **Friday, February 27, 2026**. Please email the materials to the Admissions Office at [lawadmissions@elon.edu](mailto:lawadmissions@elon.edu) (subject line: Advocacy Fellows Program Application). If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the Admissions Office at (336) 279-9229 or [lawadmissions@elon.edu](mailto:lawadmissions@elon.edu).

### APPLICATION MATERIALS

**Essays and resumes will only be accepted in PDF format.**

#### RESUME

We must receive a PDF copy of your current resume along with your essay.

#### ESSAY

Applicants must submit an essay responsive in PDF to the prompt below. Your essay should be no more than two pages, double-spaced. Respond thoughtfully to the essay prompt. Your essay, resume, and law school application will form the basis of a decision on your Fellows application.

#### Essay Prompt:

Please describe your experiences acting as an advocate for yourself, another person, or a group. Advocacy experiences may include working on high school or college mock trial, moot court, debate, or similar teams. Relevant experiences may also include personal experiences where you have acted as an advocate in a court or administrative process or in other settings, such as advocacy on behalf of a group for a change in rule or policy or advocacy based on the mission of a non-profit organization. Please also describe what drives your interest in developing strong advocacy skills while in Law School and your motivation to act as an advocate for your future clients.

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Applications are reviewed by an advocacy faculty committee. Finalists for the Advocacy Fellows Program will be invited to interview with the committee either by video conference or by phone. These interviews will occur in mid-to-late March 2026.