



*ANNOUNCING
THE PAUL BELL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP
FOR 2009*

The Paul Bell Memorial Fellowship is awarded by the board of directors of Appellate Defenders, Inc., in memory of Paul Bell, beloved assistant director of ADI until his untimely death in July 1997. It recognizes his dedication to indigent appellate defense and his deep concern for the development of promising attorneys, by providing the recipient a unique and superb opportunity to learn more about the craft of appellate advocacy.

Coverage of fellowship: The fellowship will send the recipient to attend the annual National Legal Aid and Defender Association Appellate Defender Training program. The program will take place in New Orleans, January 21 - 25, 2010. The fellowship includes conference tuition, air fare, hotel accommodations, and an allowance for ground transportation and meals.

Program: The four-day program includes intensive training and individualized workshop activities with nationally known appellate advocates. Among the topics are development of facts and themes, storytelling skills, issue selection and framing, interrelation of law and facts, persuasive writing, briefing techniques, oral argument, and petitions for discretionary review. Past winners have all said the program is excellent and enormously beneficial.

Qualifications: Applicants for the fellowship must be members of the ADI panel. Since the program targets newer appellate attorneys, applicants who have filed more than four, but fewer than 15 appellant's opening briefs under the ADI program will be preferred, although others may be and on occasion have been chosen. Applicants must demonstrate dedication to representation of the indigent on appeal and the potential to be an outstanding appellate advocate.

Dates: The application must be received in the offices of ADI **no later than Thursday, November 12, 2009**. It may be made by letter or e-mail in care of Elaine Alexander: 555 West Beech Street, Suite 300, San Diego, CA 92101, or eea@adi-sandiego.com. The letter or e-mail should describe how the applicant meets the criteria mentioned above and how the applicant will benefit from the training offered. It may also indicate any significant relevant information about the candidate not provided to ADI with the attorney's application to the panel. The recipient will be selected by the ADI board of directors and notified no later than November 21.

Further information: Call NLADA at (202) 452-0620; or see http://www.nlada.org/Training/Training/Train_Defender/Train_Defender_Appellate.