

# OLIVER HILL/SAMUEL TUCKER PRE-LAW INSTITUTE



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THE MILLENNIUM DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS  
CONFERENCE

JULY 19 – 24, 2009  
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In 2000, the Virginia State Bar formed the Millennium Diversity Initiative (MDI). One of the missions of the MDI is to provide students with a comprehensive and positive introduction to the judicial system, and was birthed from a recognized need for diversity in the legal profession. Although a disproportionate number of minorities are affected by the criminal justice system, the membership of the bar is not proportionately comprised of minority members. Therefore, we initiated the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-law Institute (Institute). Named for legendary civil rights attorneys Oliver Hill and Samuel Tucker, the Institute reaches future lawyers at an early age to provide them with exposure and opportunity to explore the legal profession, all at no cost to the participants.

For one week, students are introduced to the legal profession by living on a college campus and attending a number of mock classes (complete with overnight reading assignments) and seminars on career opportunities in the law, test taking strategies, and the college admissions process. The students meet with law school professors, judges, guest lecturers, and state and local bar association members. At the end of the week, the students participate in a mock trial based on pre-written trial materials used in national trial competitions. The Institute culminates in a graduation banquet where a prominent African American member of the bar is the featured speaker.

This year's Institute will be held July 19 - 24, 2009 on the campus of the University of Richmond. We invite you to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable and exciting week! Please complete the attached application in its entirety. If you have any questions, please send an email to [hilltuckerinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:hilltuckerinstitute@gmail.com).

### Completed Application Checklist

- Completed Application Form (typed), including the following components
  - Student and Parent or Legal Guardian Information
  - Student & Parent Assurances
  - List of Activities and Honors & Recognitions
  - 300-500 word essay (typed)
  
- High school transcript, signed by guidance counselor
  
- Two recommendations (at least one must come from a current teacher or guidance counselor)

**ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS (INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS) MUST BE RECEIVED BY *APRIL 17, 2009* IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE INSTITUTE. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

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c/o Dominion Law, P.L.L.C.  
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