

**OLIVER HILL/SAMUEL TUCKER  
PRE-LAW INSTITUTE**



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**THE MILLENNIUM DIVERSITY INITIATIVE**

**THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR YOUNG LAWYER'S  
CONFERENCE**

**JULY 10-15, 2011  
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 and 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 10-15, 2011 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

- Complete 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)

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**ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS (INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS) MUST BE RECEIVED BY *April 30, 2011* IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE INSTITUTE. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute  
c/o Antoinette Morgan & Lakai Vinson  
Morris & Morris, PC  
P.O. Box 30  
Richmond, VA 23218

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**Student Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Social Security Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Gender**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Grade (in Fall '10)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**School Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Email address** (required, free email addresses are available through Yahoo.com, Gmail.com and Hotmail.com)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip Code**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Have you attended the Pre-Law Institute before?  
If so, what year(s)?**

**Emergency Contact Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Full Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Alt. Emergency Contact & Relationship to Student**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Work Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Work Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip Code**

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**Student and Parent Assurances**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that if selected for the program, I will abide by the guidelines and expectations set forth by the Institute. I understand that failure to participate in the programs, or unwillingness to abide by the guidelines and expectations, will be just cause for immediate dismissal of any participant who commits such an infraction. If selected, I will participate in all officially recognized Institute activities. I also consent to receive future communications from the Institute via email, using the email address I provided on the application form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, permit him or her, if selected to participate in the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute. I realize that transportation to and from the Institute must be provided by the participants. I understand that if selected for the program, he or she will abide by the guidelines and expectations set forth by the Institute. I understand that failure to participate in the programs, or unwillingness to abide by the guidelines and expectations, will be just cause for immediate dismissal of any participant who commits such an infraction. If he or she is selected, I give permission for him/her to participate in all officially recognized Institute activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Activities/Programs**

List the three most significant activities/programs in which you have participated during the past two years if necessary, include the purpose of the organization, sponsoring agency, or group. Also, describe the time involved and any leadership position you have held. Under “Year” indicate the calendar year of the training or activity. If you need more space, attach a second sheet.

<b>Activity and Organization</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Time Involved</b>	<b>Year</b>
<i>Example: 4-H Program for Montgomery County</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>12 hours/week</i>	<i>2002</i>
1.			
2.			
3.			

**Honors/Recognitions**

In this section, please list the three most significant honor/recognitions you have received in your area of interest.

<b>Honor/Recognition</b>	<b>Level of Competition</b> (regional, state, national, international)	<b>Year</b>
<i>Example: Distinguished Scholar, Montgomery County 4-H Club</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>2002</i>
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3.		

**Essay Topic**

Students must address the question indicated below. The essay should be 300-500 words. This is approximately two pages of double-spaced 12-point type. Please make certain to include your name in the upper right-hand corner of each page of the essay. The essay must be attached to this application.

Please tell us why you are interested in attending the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute. What do you feel your participation will bring to the program, and what do you hope to gain from the Institute?

**School Transcript**

Please attach an official copy of your high school transcript to this application, signed by your guidance counselor.

**Recommendations:**

Each applicant must provide two (2) recommendations. Recommendations may come from teachers, guidance counselors, coaches or other adults who are not related to the student. At least one recommendation must come from one of the student's current teachers.

**To the Recommender:**

Please comment about the characteristics of this student that make him/her a good applicant for the Oliver Hill Institute. Use specific examples from your association with the student to illustrate the student's interest, abilities, talents, personality, responsiveness to learning, self-discipline, and emotional stability/maturity. Please indicate how you believe the Oliver Hill Institute could assist this student's intellectual growth and development. A narrative format is preferable. A list is acceptable so long as it is not simply a listing of the student's activities or clubs. **Please type and double-space your response.**

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