

The A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Internship Program
Office of U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.

About Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.

A man who confronted and fought racism throughout his life, Judge Higginbotham began his career in private practice in Philadelphia. He then served his country publicly as Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission, a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, an advocate for free elections in South Africa after apartheid, and an advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Overview

The A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Internship is open to students enrolled in law school, or planning to enroll in law school, who are residents of Pennsylvania. Each summer, Senator Casey selects one applicant to serve as a paid intern for six weeks in his Washington, DC office. The internship will provide the opportunity to participate in the legislative process while working to further the cause of equal justice.

Eligibility Requirements:

Each applicant:

- Must have current residence in Pennsylvania and be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in an accredited law school.
- Should have a demonstrated interest in public service and the legislative process.
- Must be able to work and learn in diverse settings.
- Should have solid scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, interest in public policy, strong writing skills and a record of community service.

Sessions

The A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Internship runs for six weeks each summer. Only one applicant will be selected. Applicants must commit to a full 40 hour workweek. The stipend for a 40-hour work week will be in the amount of \$500/week.