

RONNA K. JABLOW MEDIATION FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

The Ronna K. Jablow Mediation Fellowship provides annual fellowship support for Maryland Carey Law students to work with a community mediation center.

The Fellowship was established in loving memory of Ronna K. Jablow, an attorney who found her true passion in mediation. After practicing law, she became a community mediator and went on to become the director of the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) program at the Baltimore City Circuit Court. Under her leadership, ADR programs were strengthened and expanded. She also partnered with the Mediation Clinic at Maryland Carey Law, providing opportunities for law students to learn about court-based mediation. Visit the [Jablow Fellowship webpage](#) for additional information about the life and legacy of Ronna K. Jablow.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to continue Ronna's legacy in advancing the cause of alternative dispute resolution and supporting conflict resolution in the community. Each Fellow will receive compensation of about \$8,000 for working approximately 400 hours during the summer in which the grant is awarded.

The Fellowship creates an opportunity for law students to address conflicts and social challenges through the lens of community-based dispute resolution. The Fellowship will include learning about the broader social issues and policy issues impacting communities and individuals. Each Fellow must receive basic and advanced inclusive mediation training¹ and other relevant training as required. The Fellow may have a chance to work on program development, research and writing, or mediation services, depending on the needs of the community mediation center and the Fellow's interests and training.

Fellows will work with [Community Mediation Maryland](#) (CMM) to support its coalition of 18 grassroots mediation programs serving the state of Maryland. The 18 individual centers provide free mediation services for neighborhood, family, business, school, and personal conflicts. CMM aims to address social issues by finding out where relationships matter and finding ways to bring mediation to those situations. The community mediation centers work in partnership with courts, schools, grassroots organizations, and government agencies to ensure access to mediation at any stage of a conflict.

¹ The Fellow must attend and complete an inclusive mediation training. For 2026, the training dates are June 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30 and July 9 and 10.

CMM advances collaborative conflict resolution in Maryland through educating the public, providing training and quality assurance, conducting research, and creatively applying mediation to social challenges. The area of focus for the Fellow will vary annually based upon the needs of CMM.

SUMMER 2026 APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications for the Ronna K. Jablow Mediation Fellowship are welcome from any current Maryland Carey Law student in good academic standing. Each Fellow will receive a salary of about \$8,000. Fellows are required to work approximately 10 weeks (around 400 hours) during the summer for which the grant is awarded. Do not apply for the grant if you will be unable to work 10 weeks, or if you cannot attend the mandatory inclusive mediation training.

The administrator of the Summer 2026 selection process is Lisa Mebane. If you have questions about the Fellowship or the application process, you may contact her at lmebane@law.umaryland.edu.

Applications and all supporting documents are due via email in a single pdf file to cdrum@law.umaryland.edu by Monday, March 9, 2026, by 4:00pm. This deadline will be strictly enforced and all applications after the deadline will be automatically disqualified.

APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 11, 2026	@ 12:00 pm Fellowship Information Session (Zoom)
Monday, March 9, 2026,	@ 4:00pm Fellowship Application Deadline
March 16-20, 2026 (tentative)	Interviews of Applicants (Zoom)
Week of April 6, 2026 (tentative)	Fellowship recipients notified.

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Please be sure to carefully read each question and the directions. Failure to follow all directions exactly may result in disqualification of your Fellowship application.
2. Information and Questions: Director Mebane remains available to meet with students to answer questions or provide more information on the Fellowship. Students are encouraged to direct questions by email or appointment: lmebane@law.umaryland.edu, 410-706-2608
3. Eligible Applicants:
 - a. Applicants must be a current Maryland Carey Law student in good standing.
 - b. Applicants must intend to continue their legal studies at Maryland Carey Law.

4. **Review Process:** A select panel of individuals will review the applications. Members of the panel may include staff and faculty of Maryland Carey Law, friends and relatives of the Jablow family, former Jablow Fellows, and staff and volunteers of Community Mediation Maryland and/or its affiliate member centers. The panel will evaluate the applications based upon the following criteria:
 - a. Student's demonstrated past commitment to or genuine interest in conflict resolution and community engagement;
 - b. Student's expressed future interest in furthering the legacy of Ronna K. Jablow;
 - c. The potential positive impact that the Fellowship will have on the student's future work;
 - d. Overall quality and content of the application; and
 - e. The student's ability to fulfill the obligations of the Fellowship.
5. **Fellow Obligations:**
 - a. Accept the Fellowship offer in writing and provide all necessary paperwork by the date indicated in the formal offer.
 - b. Complete a beginner-inclusive mediation training through CMM before the Fellowship begins.
 - c. Complete a minimum of defined hours (approximately 400) of work over a pre-defined time period at Community Mediation Maryland or a designated community mediation center.
 - d. Provide a written testimonial at the conclusion of the Fellowship.
 - e. Agree to the use of your name and image on materials regarding the Jablow Fellowship.

Except for the agreed upon stipend, Fellows are prohibited from receiving additional compensation for their work. Fellows cannot be employed in another capacity at University of Maryland, Baltimore during the Fellowship term.

6. **Payment:** The disbursement of payment will be determined but is likely to be provided in two payments, midway and upon completion of the Fellowship.
7. **Honor Code:** Making a material misrepresentation on any portion of this application shall be considered a violation of the Student Honor Code of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.
8. **Deadline:** Applications are due via email to cdrum@law.umaryland.edu by Monday, March 9, 2026, at 4:00pm. Failure to abide by this deadline will result in disqualification of the grant application.

JABLOW FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for the 2026 Summer Jablow Mediation Fellowship are due by **Monday, March 9, 2026, at 4:00pm**. Applications must be sent via email in a single pdf file to cdrum@law.umaryland.edu. Please **title the email "[Your name]- Jablow Mediation Fellowship"** and **label the attachment "last name, first name."** All applicants must be current students of Maryland Carey Law and in good standing.

A completed application must include:

1. Completed and signed cover page.
2. Current resume
3. Law school transcript
4. Essay
5. Names and contact information for two references, at least one who can talk about your work ethic and one who can talk about your experience with or genuine interest in ADR, mediation, or community-engaged work.

JABLOW MEDIATION FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION- COVER PAGE

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Expected date of graduation:	

Please describe any experience you have had with mediation and/or community conflict resolution.

I understand, by signing below, that if awarded the Fellowship, I will complete approximately 400 hours of work for Community Mediation Maryland and/or one of its affiliate community mediation centers during the summer of 2024. Failure to fulfill the defined hour requirement may impact the disbursement and amount of the stipend. Upon completion of the Fellowship, I will complete a testimonial describing my summer experience. I agree to allow Community Mediation Maryland and Maryland Carey Law the use of my name and image in informational materials related to the Ronna K. Jablow Mediation Fellowship.

Signature

Date

RONNA K. JABLOW MEDIATION FELLOWSHIP- ESSAY

In fewer than 500 words, please describe how your past experiences and/or future interests relate to either Ronna K. Jablow's legacy of expanding opportunities for mediation in courts and communities, or to community mediation's mission of advancing collaborative conflict resolution to address community conflicts and social challenges.