



# **The Blackstone & Burke Center**

for Law and Liberty

Fellowship Application, 2020-21

## **Mission Statement**

The Blackstone & Burke Center for Law & Liberty promotes the principles of the common-law tradition and American constitutionalism. It coordinates educational programs, research initiatives, and judicial conferences that examine the norms and nurture the institutions of ordered liberty.

## **About Us**

The Blackstone & Burke Center for Law & Liberty examines and promotes ordered liberty in the common-law tradition, including religious freedom, freedom of association, freedom of speech, and economic freedom. Because these freedoms have flourished under the common law and are secured by proper constitutional restraints, the Blackstone & Burke Center explores essential elements of common-law practice and jurisprudence within the framework of American constitutionalism, federalism, and private law. The Blackstone & Burke Center is dedicated to the propositions that law is not merely sovereign command but rather that the first duty of legislative, executive, and judicial officials is to declare what the law already is. Therefore, the Blackstone & Burke Center generates research on natural rights, natural law, custom, conscience, and freedom of expression, in addition to the institutions, norms, and processes of private ordering that characterize the common-law tradition.

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1. Why do you wish to become a Sir Edward Coke Fellow in the Blackstone & Burke Center for Law & Liberty?

Respond in 300 – 600 words.

2. What is the relationship between law and a free society?

Respond in 400 – 800 words.

3. What does the United States Constitution mean to you?

Respond in 400 – 800 words.

4. Provide the names and contact information of two references who can speak to your character and fitness to attend law school and your commitment to ordered liberty. You may use the same references that appear in your application to the law school.

5. Indicate whether you desire an interview with Dean Allen Mendenhall, the Executive Director of the Blackstone & Burke Center, as part of your application to become a Sir Edward Coke Fellow.

Please submit this fellowship application to Director of Admissions Vallee Connor (vconnor@faulkner.edu) or Dean Allen Mendenhall (amendenhall@faulkner.edu) by email or to the following address:

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Although there is no fixed application deadline, preference will be given to the earliest applicants.