



CLASS 10 PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Curriculum and schedule will be announced soon.

The Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee announces Class 10 of Thunderdome Tallahassee, a free hands-on legal group training program to provide education, camaraderie, networking, leadership and recognition to a new generation of lawyers serving the community. Thunderdome Tallahassee prepares a diverse group of lawyers for trial, community service, and involvement at a leadership level. Lawyers of all ages, practice backgrounds, and experience levels are encouraged to apply.

THUNDERDOME TALLAHASSEE: THE STORY

The Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee (LAF) estimates over 2,300 low-income families in Leon County need help in family law each year, once facing a 3-4 month wait for a volunteer lawyer. This is a major unmet need threatening home, family, and livelihood. Thunderdome Tallahassee addresses this gaping need for equal access to the law, while supporting volunteer lawyers with the best in legal education and leadership development.

The original Thunderdome concept was offered to us by clinics in Chicago and Connecticut recommended as best practices by the ABA. Taking it to the next level, LAF and university, legal, judicial, and community leaders enhanced the model with in-depth education, mentoring, and leadership

For consideration, please return application by

5:00 pm Monday, June 2nd, 2025.

Remit to: Colby Ann Smith, Associate Director

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Classes beginning June 2025

See below for application.

THUNDERDOME TALLAHASSEE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Admitted to the Bar: _____

Law School: _____

Firm or Employing Agency, if applicable: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Address (if different): _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Email: _____

1) List up to five community, civic, religious, political, government, social, athletic, or other activities in which you have played an active role. Do not include business/professional activities.

Organization:	Assignment/Position:	Responsibilities:	Dates (from/to):
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2) How much time each month do you commit to volunteer work and/or pro bono service?

3) List the kinds of volunteer activities in which you would like to become active in the future.

4) If you have not had the time or interest to become actively involved, what conditions have changed that now enable you to seek involvement in the community?

5) If you had the opportunity to address the Selection Committee and describe yourself and why you should be selected for Thunderdome Tallahassee, what would you say?

PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

I understand that if selected to Thunderdome Tallahassee I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the class program and become an active member of the alumni group after graduation. I understand that I have a commitment to attend all scheduled classes and events and excessive absences will result in dismissal from the program. I understand the above commitments and agree to be bound by them in signing this application.

Applicant Signature **Date**

COMMITMENT BY FIRM OR EMPLOYING AGENCY

This application has the approval of this organization and the candidate has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the class program and to handle the accompanying pro bono case(s) assigned by Thunderdome Tallahassee.

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

Company or Organization

