

Sidley Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship

Sidley Austin LLP has been one of the most prominent and progressive proponents of law firm diversity. Sidley's mission is to attract and retain outstanding lawyers of varied backgrounds who reflect the global marketplace that Sidley serves. Through the leadership of its Diversity Committee and Committee on Retention and Promotion of Women, Sidley aspires to make sustainable progress in its journey toward becoming a more diverse organization. To further promote diversity within the legal profession and within the firm, Sidley offers a Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship Initiative for Second Year Law Students. Sidley will grant a \$15,000 Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship to a limited number of deserving second year law students who join Sidley's summer program. Some information regarding the application process is summarized below.

Selection Criteria

- Have a demonstrated ability to contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the law school, the firm and the legal profession
- Be a second year law student; preference is given to students at schools where Sidley conducts on-campus interviews (OCI) or participates in resume collections
- Have demonstrated academic achievement and leadership qualities

Expectations of Scholarship Recipients

- Join Sidley's Summer Associate Program following the second year of law school
- Use the Sidley Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship award to defray the costs of his/her legal education
- Participate in Sidley's ongoing dialogue regarding ways to improve diversity and inclusion

Application Timeline

- Students interested in the Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship should apply before interviewing with the firm during OCI. Students attending law schools where Sidley does not conduct OCI are encouraged to apply by September 1*. Awardees will be notified of the decision during the course of the recruiting season. The Scholarship application is not an application for employment. Applicants must separately apply for a summer associate position.

How to Apply

- Interested applicants should submit an application, including resume, official law school transcript, legal writing sample and personal statement to Jenny Connelly at scholarship@sidley.com or at Sidley Austin LLP, One South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60603. The application can be found on our website at <http://www.sidley.com/careers/northamerica/about/diversityscholars>.
- Optional - Letter of recommendation from a professor (law school or undergraduate), employer or personal acquaintance who can meaningfully comment on Applicant's academic and intellectual strengths, demonstrated commitment to diversity, and/or ability to contribute to Sidley's diversity efforts.

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