Bracewell actively recruits candidates with a demonstrated interest in supporting historically underrepresented groups in the legal profession as part of its efforts to foster an inclusive workplace. It is with this in mind that the firm offers up to two merit-based fellowships to first-year law students who are particularly committed to diversity and inclusion. Successful applicants to the program will receive up to a $15,000 award as well as a paid summer associate position in our Houston office. The amount of $7,500 will be paid in the first paycheck as a first-year summer associate. An additional $7,500 is contingent upon receiving and accepting an offer to return to the firm as a second-year summer associate, to be paid at the completion of the second summer clerkship.

Selection Criteria:

The 1L Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship Program is open to first-year law students enrolled full-time in an ABA-accredited law school who have not received a similar diversity-focused award from another law firm for the same time period, and are U.S. citizens or otherwise authorized to work in the United States. Successful applicants will have demonstrated the following: strong academic achievement in college and law school, significant personal achievements, leadership ability and community involvement, and a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Hotel and airfare associated with finalist interviews will be reimbursed by Bracewell.

Application Submission:

Applications for Bracewell’s 1L Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship will be accepted from November 1, 2019 through January 3, 2020. Please apply online at the Bracewell Careers Page.

Personal Statement:

Your application should include a personal statement of between 500 and 1,000 words that demonstrates your interest in promoting diversity and inclusion, any obstacles or challenges encountered in advancing career goals, and your interest in Bracewell. You may include examples of leadership qualities, contributions to community service, and commitment to practicing law.

Application to Include:

1. Resume
2. Undergraduate/Graduate Transcripts
3. Law School Transcript (following the receipt of first term grades)
4. Personal Statement
5. One Professional or Academic Reference