SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP and MASTERCARD are seeking a diverse first year law student to spend a summer working with both organizations in the New York area through the 1L Scholars Program run by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (“LCLD”). Both Sheppard Mullin and Mastercard are active members of LCLD.

Sheppard Mullin was founded in Los Angeles in 1927 and currently has more than 900 attorneys practicing in ten offices in the United States and five offices abroad. Sheppard Mullin’s New York office, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza in New York City, has 110 attorneys.

Mastercard is a technology company in the global payments industry, operating the world’s fastest payments processing network, connecting consumers, financial institutions, merchants, governments and businesses in more than 210 countries and territories. Mastercard has a strong commitment to diversity in the workplace. Among many other accolades, Mastercard has been repeatedly named as one of the top 10 diverse companies in the U.S. by DiversityInc Magazine. Mastercard’s global headquarters is in Purchase, New York.

The student will spend a portion of the summer at each organization, where s/he will work directly with attorneys on legal matters and participate in training programs that take place during his/her period of employment. The student will also attend social events designed to introduce the student to attorneys at Sheppard Mullin and Mastercard, and will be exposed to the variety of practice areas at both organizations. The student will further participate in the 1L LCLD Scholars Summit from June 2-4, 2020, in Atlanta, GA. The Sheppard Mullin portion of the summer will be focused primarily on the corporate practice area. The Mastercard portion of the summer will be focused on support to Mastercard’s US markets account teams and related legal issues (such as pricing, privacy, regulatory and antitrust issues).

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application deadline is Saturday, February 15, 2020 and we expect the interviews to take place in mid-February. Our summer program will start in mid-May and conclude in late July.

Applicants should email their cover letter, resume and first-semester law grades to Ms. Rheanna Smith at rsmith@sheppardmullin.com. As part of the application process, please also include a typed ‘Personal Statement’ that addresses the three questions below (not more than one single-spaced page):

1. Describe the road that you have traveled to get to law school. What experiences were most influential in shaping your desire to become a lawyer?
2. What aspects of Mastercard’s business are you most interested in learning about?
3. Why are you interested in the corporate and transactional practice areas?

Please visit our websites for detailed information about the organizations, our attorneys, our work, and our culture: www.sheppardmullin.com and https://www.mastercard.us.