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1L SUMMER ASSOCIATE DIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Diversity is in our DNA. We have a long-standing commitment to diversity and inclusion and we take an aggressive approach in the recruitment of diverse lawyers. Each year we sponsor a number of opportunities for 1L law students, which include fellowships and scholarships, in an effort to attract and support top legal talent from wide-ranging backgrounds.

Not only do our summer associate opportunities reflect our commitment to public service and diversity, they are also a great way for law students to make significant legal service contributions while gaining substantial legal experience. For complete details and FAQs, please visit klgates.com/careers.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON LEGAL DIVERSITY (LCLD) 1L SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The LCLD 1L Scholars Program is designed to strengthen the legal pipeline by expanding the number of opportunities for diverse first-year law students. It provides 1L students with professional experiences while introducing them to the value of relationships and building networks with LCLD member organizations. Any of our diverse 1L summer associates are eligible for selection as an LCLD 1L Scholar. In 2020, we hired 1L summer associates in our Boston, Charleston, Charlotte, Portland, Raleigh, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. offices. For more information about the 1L Scholars Program, please visit lclidnet.org/programs/1l-scholars/.

While working at K&L Gates during the summer, the selected LCLD 1L Scholar will receive real-life experience on a broad range of projects typically seen by junior associates including research and writing assignments, accompanying our lawyers to court appearances, client meetings, and other key events. In addition, the 1L Scholar will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the LCLD 1L Scholars Mentor Program and attend the LCLD 1L Scholars Summit with other 1L Scholars from around the United States.

The Scholar will be awarded a paid 1L summer associate position in one of our offices that will be hiring a 1L. The application period usually begins in December, and decisions are made on a rolling basis. To be considered for our LCLD 1L Scholars Program, please apply on our website.

K&L GATES: THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Our firm has created the Power of Partnership Program as a way to further the goals of increasing engagement with our clients and offering outstanding learning experiences for law students. This program offers diverse 1L students the unique opportunity to work for part of the summer in a K&L Gates office as a summer associate and part of the summer in-house with the legal team of a corporate client of the firm. In 2020, our Boston, Charleston, and Washington D.C. offices participated in this program, partnering

with global corporations John Hancock, Blackbaud, Inc., and Freddie Mac, respectively. We expect additional U.S. offices to participate in this program in the coming years. Please inquire with the recruitment contact in your desired office location or your school's Career Services Office with questions.

1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM—SEATTLE OFFICE

In 2020, for the 16th year, our Seattle office sponsored the K&L Gates 1L Diversity Fellowship for one first-year law student.

The fellowship recipient was awarded a paid 1L summer associate position in our Seattle office, plus a \$10,000 academic scholarship.

The application period typically begins in December and closes in January. To be considered for our 1L Diversity Fellowship Program, please apply on our website.

K&L GATES DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW

K&L Gates and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (Pitt Law) have collaborated in the establishment of the K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship. The fellowship provides a full-tuition scholarship to an entering student at Pitt Law for all three years of law school, as well as a paid summer associate position at K&L Gates in the student's first summer of law school. The K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship, which began with the Fall 2016 entering class, is the first of its kind at Pitt Law; the first such partnership in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania between a law firm and a law school; and one of the very few such partnerships in the entire country. All accepted students at Pitt Law will be invited to apply.



CHARLOTTE LEGAL DIVERSITY CLERKSHIP (CLDC) PROGRAM

K&L Gates was a founding member law firm participant when the Mecklenburg County Bar Diversity and Inclusion Committee first started the CLDC program in 2006 and participated for the 14th consecutive year in 2020. The main goal of the program is “to improve diversity in our Bar by attracting top first-year law students with diverse backgrounds to Charlotte through corporate and law firm summer internships.” Selected students engage with the Charlotte legal community for 10 weeks during the summer, working seven weeks for a law firm and three weeks with a corporate legal department. To date, the CLDC Program has hosted 107 first-year law students from top law schools.

For more information on the CLDC program, visit meckbar.org.

GREGOIRE FELLOWS PROGRAM

Our Seattle office is also a sponsor of the Gregoire Fellows Program, a program through the University of Washington and Seattle University designed to mentor diverse law students throughout their law school career and job search. Each fellow selected in partnership with the university receives a paid summer associate position and a \$20,000 stipend.



Awarded the **United States Gold Standard Certification** by the Women in Law Empowerment Forum for a ninth time, recognizing the high levels of success by the firm's women as partners and leaders.

MINORITIES IN THE PROFESSION 1L SUMMER ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

The North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) has undertaken various initiatives to encourage and build a more diverse bar. Our firm is delighted to partner with the NCBA for the SAP, which provides corporate legal departments and law firms in North Carolina with an inside track in recruiting some of the state's brightest and most talented minority law students. The SAP is one of many ways that legal employers and bar associations can play a vital role in changing the face of the legal profession.

This program is open only to first-year students who attend one of North Carolina's law schools.

For more information, please visit ncbar.org/members/committees/minorities-in-the-profession.

LEARN MORE

For more information about career opportunities with K&L Gates, visit klgates.com/careers

For more details about our diversity and inclusion efforts, visit klgates.com/diversity

Mansfield Rule Boosting Diversity In Leadership

We have pledged to adopt the **Mansfield Rule 4.0** requiring 30% of leadership candidates be from historically underrepresented groups.



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