

Our firm is committed to the growth and development of legal communities that more accurately reflect the rich diversity of our communities at large. To that end, we are pleased to offer student fellowships to diverse first-year law students. The fellowships provide students a **\$7,500 academic scholarship and a paid position as a 2010 summer associate** with the following Perkins Coie offices: Bellevue, Chicago, Los Angeles, Menlo Park, Phoenix (Perkins Coie Brown & Bain P.A.), San Francisco or Seattle.

\$7,500

1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

→ CRITERIA

The 2010 Perkins Coie 1L Diversity Student Fellows will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- The individual must be a first-year law student in good standing pursuing the degree of Juris Doctor at an ABA accredited law school.
- The individual must possess an academic record, interest and capacity that demonstrate great promise for a successful career during the remainder of law school and in the legal profession.
- The individual must contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the law school student body and, upon entering the legal profession, the legal community.

→ SUBMISSION

To be considered, please submit:

- The application checklist, [located here](#).
- A current resume.
- Undergraduate and, if available, law school transcripts (unofficial versions are acceptable).
- A legal writing sample (10-page maximum).
- A one-page, single-spaced, personal statement/essay. Your personal statement should go beyond your resume to tell your unique personal history. Please do not submit a cover letter. In-office interviews will be granted to finalists before fellowships are awarded.

Our definition of diversity is broad and past finalists and recipients have included members of racial, ethnic, disabled and sexual orientation minority groups, as well as those who were the first person in their family to pursue higher education. While applicants need not disclose their financial circumstances, a demonstrated need for financial assistance may be taken into consideration.

→ COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Since 1991, the firm has offered diversity fellowships to deserving candidates. In 2009, six diverse first-year law students were named 1L Fellows.

We are committed to developing a vibrant, diverse community within our firm and the legal profession. Diversity is one of our strategic priorities, and we have dedicated resources and leadership to it. For us, diversity means more than just numbers—it means creating and supporting an environment where all attorneys can thrive.

- 33% of attorneys are women
- 19% of partners are women
- 17% of attorneys are diverse
- 7% of partners are diverse

As of 10.2009

- 28% are diverse
- 31% are women

*Fall 2009/Jan 2010
Entry-Level Class*

- 54% were diverse
- 56% were women

2009 Summer Associate Class

→ HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadline: 1.20.2010

You are limited to applying to two offices.

Please complete the application checklist, [located here](#), noting your ranked choices, and email a separate application for each office to which you are applying by the application deadline. Office contact information is located on the application checklist.

For general questions regarding the fellowship, please contact Judah Travis at JTravis@perkinscoie.com.



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