



\$15,000 1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Perkins Coie is committed to the growth and development of legal communities that more accurately reflect the diversity of our communities at large. Our diversity fellowships provide law students with a \$15,000 academic scholarship and a paid position as a 2017 summer associate in one of the following Perkins Coie offices: Chicago, Madison, Palo Alto, Phoenix, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

CRITERIA

The 2017 Perkins Coie 1L Diversity Fellows will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Candidates must be a first-year law student in good standing pursuing the degree of Juris Doctor at an ABA accredited law school.
- Candidates must have a strong academic record as well as experience that demonstrates great promise for a successful career in the legal profession.
- Candidates must meaningfully contribute 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 following through our application portal (<https://www.perkinscoie.com/en/about-us/careers/summer-program/1l-opportunities.html>):

- A current resume;
- Three references (please provide name, email and phone);
- Undergraduate and, if available, law school transcripts (unofficial versions are acceptable);
- A legal writing sample (10-page maximum); and
- A one-page, single-spaced, personal statement. Your personal statement should go beyond your resume to describe your unique personal history.
- Please do not submit a cover letter. In-office interviews will be completed 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. While applicants need not disclose their financial circumstances, a demonstrated need for financial assistance may be taken into consideration.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Since 1991, Perkins Coie has offered diversity fellowships to deserving candidates. In 2016, eight diverse first-year law students were named 1L Fellows.

For us, diversity means more than just numbers—it means creating and supporting an environment where all attorneys can thrive.

- 34% of attorneys are women
- 22% of attorneys are diverse
- 24% of partners are women
- 17% of partners are diverse

As of 9/30/16

Application Deadline: January 16, 2017

Candidates may apply to one office only.

A list of commonly asked questions is located at <https://www.perkinscoie.com/en/about-us/careers/summer-program/1l-opportunities.html>

**For questions, please contact:
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