

# **KEKER VAN NEST & PETERS**

## **Diversity Scholars Program**

At Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP, a San Francisco litigation boutique, we know that fostering diversity in the legal profession benefits the entire legal community. As part of our commitment to enhance that diversity, we invite qualified candidates to apply to our annual Diversity Scholars program. In recent years, we've awarded nearly \$400,000 in scholarship money to numerous recipients, who represent a range of diverse identities.

### **AWARD INFORMATION**

- Up to \$75,000 total in scholarship grants may be awarded per year, split among up to three Scholars
- The exact amount and number of scholarships depends on the number, qualifications, and financial needs of applicants
- In addition to a financial award, Scholars will be provided academic and professional mentoring by an associate from the firm and will be invited to participate in firm events including continuing education courses, speakers series, and other professional development opportunities

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- First-year law students
- Interest in practicing litigation—such as complex commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, or white collar criminal defense—in the Bay Area
- Historically underrepresented identities including disability, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, diverse backgrounds/experiences, or upbringing

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- A combination of academic success, financial need, leadership and community involvement, interest in practicing litigation in the Bay Area, and a commitment to enhancing diversity in the legal profession.

### **TIMELINE**

- February 3, 2023: Deadline for submitting application
- March 21, 2023: Finalists notified
- March 31, 2023: Finalists interviewed via video conference (Please save this date!)
- April 3, 2023: Award Recipients notified
- May 18, 2023: Diversity Scholars Reception (Please save this date!)

### **QUESTIONS**

- For more information, e-mail [ScholarshipApplications@keker.com](mailto:ScholarshipApplications@keker.com)
- Application available at <https://www.keker.com/careers/diversity/Diversity-Scholarship>

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**Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP Diversity Scholars Application 2023**

**Applicant Information**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Race/Ethnicity:

Gender Identity/

Pronouns:

I am currently enrolled at the following law school: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer(s), position(s) for Summer 2023 (if known):

**Experiences and References**

**Resume** - Please provide a current copy of your resume. The resume may not be longer than two pages and should include the following information, if available.

- Undergraduate and graduate school information (degrees, GPA, rank, attendance dates);
- Undergraduate and graduate school activities (organization, position, responsibilities);
- Community service since graduating high school (organization, responsibilities); and.
- Work experience, including part-time or summer positions (employer, dates, location, position).

**Personal References** – List up to three individuals you are not related to, who will vouch for your academic and/or professional work performance. At least one reference must be a law school professor or instructor. Although not required, we welcome letters of recommendation from any of your references.

Name	Company & Title	Email & Phone	Relationship

## Financial Information & Income

If you would like your financial circumstances to be considered, please fill out the chart below and also provide either (1) a copy of your most recent FAFSA form or Student Aid Report, if available, or (2) the cover/summary page for your 2022 or 2021 IRS tax forms (without schedules). Although providing your financial information is optional, financial need is a factor the selection committee will consider.

If you are a dependent of another person, please also include the cover/summary pages for such person(s)' 2022 or 2021 IRS tax form(s). If you are a dependent of someone other than your spouse, please provide the information requested in the chart below for the person who claims you as a dependent.

Which documents are you submitting?  FAFSA/Student Aid Report  IRS Tax Forms  Neither

	Applicant	Spouse / Partner
A. Total income for <i>calendar</i> year 2022 ( <i>not</i> including financial aid)	\$	\$
B. Expected summer 2023 position income (including grant and fellowships)	\$	\$
C. Current value of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts, and other investment securities	\$	\$
D-1. If you own a home, current value of home	\$	\$
D-2. If you own a home, current mortgage balance	\$	\$
E. Total outstanding undergraduate/graduate debt (excluding law school)	\$	\$
Questions below pertain to the 2022–23 <i>academic</i> year (Sept. 2022-May 2023)		
F-1. Total student loans	\$	\$
F-2. Total grants, fellowships, scholarships	\$	\$
F-3. Total financial aid (add F-1 and F-2)	\$	\$
G-1. Total estimated tuition expenses	\$	\$
G-2. Total estimated housing expenses	\$	\$
G-3. Total estimated book and other education-related expenses (explain if over \$1000):	\$	\$
G-4. Total estimated education expenses (add G-1 through G-3)	\$	\$
H-1. Other estimated academic year expenses (e.g. transportation, utilities, etc., but excluding any education expenses already noted above)	\$	\$
Total estimated education and non-education expenses for 2022-23 academic year (add G-4 and H-1)	\$	\$

Please state (yes or no) if you have applied for any other scholarships or grants for the 2023–24 academic

year, and if you have received any award, provide the sponsor and the amount of such award(s):

**Application Documents Checklist** – Please provide the following documents to apply. Your application will be considered incomplete if any of the following are not included.

- 1) This completed application (typed).
- 2) A copy of your resume containing the information specified on page 2 above.
- 3) A copy of your undergraduate and law school transcripts. (Note: Unofficial copies may accompany your application, but **official** copies must be supplied for scholarship finalists prior to interviewing.)
- 4.) A personal statement, not to exceed two pages single-spaced, which describes (1) your interest in pursuing a career in litigation in the Bay Area, (2) how your background brought you to this interest, (3) how you would contribute to the diversity of the legal community, both at law school and in your career, and (4) the difference you believe this scholarship would make to you. You may also include any other circumstances or information you believe the selection committee should know.
- 4.) A signed release allowing your school to confirm your enrollment status and financial aid information directly with KVP. Please contact your school’s financial aid department to obtain the paperwork they require.
- 5.) Optional: If you would like your financial circumstances to be considered, please provide the documents and information requested on page 3. Although providing your financial information is not required, financial need is a factor the selection committee will consider.
- 6.) Optional: You may also submit a statement of economic hardship (up to one page), particularly if your current financial state is not accurately reflected by the financial information provided (e.g., extraordinary debt, recent financial catastrophe, recent bankruptcy, numerous siblings attending private school/college/graduate school, etc.).
- 7.) Optional: Although not required, we welcome letters of recommendation from any of your references.

### **Submission Instructions and Verification**

Applications and questions may be directed to [ScholarshipApplications@keker.com](mailto:ScholarshipApplications@keker.com).

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Additionally, I agree that Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP may publicize my receipt of the scholarship, including my name, photograph, basic biographical information, personal and academic achievements through the press, inclusion in the firm’s website or other written and electronic materials.

Name:

Signature:

Date: