



Application Instructions

The State Bar's Diversity Clerkship Program is a limited-term, summer employment opportunity that affords first-year Marquette University Law School and University of Wisconsin Law School students with diverse backgrounds the opportunity to build legal practice skills and knowledge. It is an employer-student program where students are assigned to private law firms, corporate legal departments and governmental agencies. Student clerks gain practical legal experience and participating employers obtain valuable legal support.

Eligibility

First-year Marquette University Law School and University of Wisconsin Law School students with diverse backgrounds who are in good standing may apply. Successful applicants demonstrate a commitment to diversity and a record of academic achievement. Prospective employers may request your first semester law school grade transcript during the interview process.

Application

To apply, please submit the following via your law school's Simplicity website:

- The State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity Clerkship Program application form
- Personal statement
- Resume
- A legal writing sample

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2022.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is an extremely important factor in the selection process and should reflect how an applicant has:

- Been affected by diversity,
- Contributed to diversity, and/or
- Hopes to contribute to diversity in the future.

When preparing your personal statement (500 words), consider responding to the following questions:

- What is unique, special, distinctive and/or impressive about you or your life story?
- What particulars in your life (personal or family, people or events) have shaped you or influenced your goals?
- How has your commitment to diversity influenced your decision to attend law school, and how do you think this commitment may influence your career as an attorney?

Legal Writing Sample

The legal writing sample should primarily show an applicant's legal analysis skills. Therefore, limit the statement of facts to 2 pages, and limit the entire legal writing sample to no more than 10 pages.





Application Form

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the following:

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Biographical Information

Note: Provide information below if it is not included in your resume

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Law School: _____

Interested Area of the Law (if known): _____

Current mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Permanent mailing address (if different than above): _____

Undergraduate Degree

College/University: _____

GPA: _____

Concentration/Major(s): _____

Type(s) of Degree Received: _____

Graduate Degree (If Applicable)

College/University: _____

GPA: _____

Concentration/Major(s): _____

Type(s) of Degree Received: _____





STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN
DIVERSITY CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

Commitment to Diversity Clerkship Program

If you are selected and agree to participate in the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Diversity Clerkship Program, you have made a firm commitment to:

- 1) Accept any assigned clerkship. Although there is no guarantee that you will be assigned your top preferences, the Selection Committee will try its best to maximize employer and student preferences.
- 2) Work for your assigned employer in accordance with your assigned employer’s rules and clerk needs. Subject to the employer’s needs, you can expect your clerkship commitment to be 10 weeks—unless the employer agrees to a shorter/longer period of time.
- 3) Attend the Diversity Clerkship Summer Reception.

Diversity Clerkship Program staff may become aware of other clerkship opportunities outside of the Program. In the event you are not selected to participate in the 2022 Diversity Clerkship Program, do you grant permission for program staff to forward your application materials to these organizations?

_____ Yes _____ No

Your signature signifies that you are eligible for the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Diversity Clerkship Program. By signing this application form, you authorize the Selection Committee to obtain your law school records and grades. If selected to participate in the program, you are required to execute Authorization for Release of Information documents.

* Covid-19 note: Last year several employers withdrew from the DCP due to the extraordinary circumstances of Covid-19. While we have taken protective measures this year to prevent a re-occurrence of this situation, we cannot absolutely guarantee that it might not happen again.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Typed signature acceptable)

