



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.

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
- First semester law school transcript (to be forwarded by school when available)

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024.

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

Prefix:

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:

Type(s) of Degree Received:

Concentration/Major(s):

Graduate Degree (If Applicable)

College/University:

GPA:

Type(s) of Degree Received:

Concentration/Major(s):



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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Participate in Volunteer Attorney Interviews on January 17th, 2024* for UW students or January 18th, 2024* for MU students.
- Participate in Employer-Student Interviews on week of February 26th, 2024*.
- Attend the Diversity Clerkship Program Workshop on May 16th, 2024*.
- Attend the Diversity Clerkship Summer Reception on July 18th, 2024*.

**While not anticipated, dates are subject to change if need be.*

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 2024 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.

Signature:
(Typed signature acceptable)

Date: