STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN
DIVERSITY CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

# 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 from all 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 from all 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 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2027**

**Personal Statement**

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

- Demonstrated through experiences how you add a unique perspective

Your personal statement should not contain any private and confidential information that you would not want revealed. 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?
- How are you or how is your life story reflected in the legal field?
- How your life experiences influenced your decision to attend law school, and how do you think this may influence your career as an attorney?
- Is it important that legal professionals come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences? Why?

**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.

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# 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: _____

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## 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 2025 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: _____ Date: _____

(Typed signature acceptable)