



Diversity Scholars Program

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Purpose

Our attorneys, paralegals and staff throughout the world are composed of a rich mixture of men and women of different races, ethnic backgrounds, cultures and primary languages. We are strengthened enormously by this diversity. The Latham Diversity Scholars Program, started in 2005, is designed to increase the number of diverse attorneys who want to pursue careers in global law firms such as Latham & Watkins, which has US offices in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New Jersey, New York, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. This Program is part of our active involvement in the initiatives of bar associations to promote diversity in attorney hiring and advancement. Our targeted and sustained efforts to recruit and hire diverse summer associates and attorneys include sponsorship of and participation in a wide variety of events designed to introduce the firm to recruits and vice versa. As an integral part of our Global Recruiting Committee, we have an active Diversity Hiring Sub-Committee, consisting of attorneys and professional staff, devoted to diversity outreach efforts. For additional information on our commitment to diversity, please visit our Web site at www.lw.com.

Eligibility

To become a Latham Diversity Scholar, you must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school and intend to practice law in a major city of the United States. You must have successfully completed your first year of a full-time JD program, with an expected graduation date of spring 2012, **and you may not be the recipient of a similar scholarship award from another law firm.**

Award

Latham Diversity Scholars will receive a gift of a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship for their third year of law school (2011-2012). This scholarship is *not* contingent upon receiving or accepting an offer of employment at Latham & Watkins. We awarded four scholarships each in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and we anticipate naming four Latham Diversity Scholars in 2011.

Application

To be considered for the Latham Diversity Scholars Program, please complete and submit an application form, resume, unofficial or official law school transcript and personal statement to Latham & Watkins. The application process is open to law students who meet the eligibility requirements stated above. Applications must be received by **September 30, 2010**. A Selection Panel of attorneys will evaluate all applications, considering such factors as academic achievement, work experience and overall commitment to diversity, and announce the scholarship recipients in the early spring of 2011. Late or incomplete applications may be reviewed at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

Latham Diversity Scholars Program Application

Your complete application package must include the following items:

- This Application Form (*signed and dated*)
- Resume
- Unofficial or Official Law School Transcript
- Personal Statement (*no more than 500 words*)

Please keep in mind that this is **not** an application for employment at Latham & Watkins. Accordingly, please refrain from discussing how you would be a great candidate to work at Latham or to contribute to diversity at Latham. Instead, in your personal statement, we request that you discuss how you will contribute to diversity in the legal profession generally, including (to the extent applicable) such factors as:

- Ability and commitment to contribute to the diversity objectives of global law firms
- Life experiences that have shaped your values and that provide you with a unique perspective, including any obstacles or challenges you overcame in choosing or pursuing law as a profession
- Academic and/or leadership achievements
- Desire to practice in a global law firm environment

Name _____

Law School _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Email _____

Self-identification: (*please check all that apply*)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Asian

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender

Black or African American

White

Hispanic or Latino

Other (describe) _____

Middle Eastern

How did you hear about our Diversity Scholars Program? (*please check all that apply*)

E-Mail

Law School Financial Aid Office

Latham & Watkins Web site

Friend/Law School Classmate

Flyer at Law School

Latham & Watkins Employee

Student organization

Article in Legal Publication

Law School Career Services Office

Other (describe) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Your application (this form, resume, transcript and personal statement) should be submitted in one complete package to:

Diversity Scholars Program Selection Panel

ATTN: Heather Sardinha

Latham & Watkins LLP

12636 High Bluff Drive, Suite 400

San Diego, CA 92130

You may also fax your completed application to (858) 523-5450 or email it to heather.sardinha@lw.com. If you have any questions regarding the Latham Diversity Scholars Program, please contact Elizabeth Krichmar, Manager of Attorney Recruiting and Development, at elizabeth.krichmar@lw.com.