

**DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

**2022 1L Diversity Clerkship Application**

Delaware state and federal courts are among the elite tribunals in the United States for the resolution of complex business disputes. The Court of Chancery and the Complex Commercial Litigation Division of the Superior Court (“CCLD”) are followed by jurists, lawyers and others around the country as arbiters of cutting-edge legal issues, “bet-the-company” litigation. It is no secret that a predominance of public and private companies find their home in Delaware, and when litigation is necessary those entities (and others) have ready access in Delaware to some of the most experienced and sophisticated courts in the United States.

For more information regarding the Court of Chancery: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the CCLD: [click here](#).

The Delaware State Bar Association (“DSBA”) invites you to apply for its 1L Judicial Diversity Clerkship program, sponsored by the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee of the DSBA. To apply for this program, applicants must meet the following criteria: (1) be currently enrolled as a first-year student in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school J.D. program; and (2) be a member of a traditionally underrepresented group in the legal profession (including law students who are women or members of racial/ethnic groups, identify as LGBTQ+ or have disabilities) or otherwise have experienced or overcome a physical, social or economic disadvantage or cultural impediment to becoming a law student; and (3) have an interest in civil law or business litigation. Clerks will be required to be physically present in Delaware for the clerkship.

Law students selected to participate in the program will receive a clerkship in either the Court of Chancery or the CCLD<sup>1</sup> in Wilmington, Delaware, and a stipend of \$6,000 for the eight-week (June 6 to July 29, 2022) clerkship.

Clerks also will have the opportunity to meet and network with members of the Delaware legal community during the clerkship.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to any background check or other requirement that may be applicable in either court.

Applications are to be submitted to [clerkship@DSBA.org](mailto:clerkship@DSBA.org). All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be received no later than **February 1, 2022**. Zoom interviews of selected candidates will be conducted on February 14 and 16 and the selected clerks will be notified the week of February 21, 2022.

The application consists of six primary parts:

1. Completed 2022 Application
2. Resume
3. Two Letters of Recommendation (*at least one must be from a law school professor*)
4. Application Essay
5. Writing Sample from Law School
6. Unofficial undergraduate and law school transcripts (*if you are selected to be interviewed for the Clerkship, you will be required to submit an official copy of each prior to your interview*)

***Please submit the materials (without this cover page) as a single pdf document, in the order listed above.***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Law School/Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any restrictions on your ability to temporarily relocate to Delaware for this clerkship? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank your order of preference for a clerkship in:

\_\_\_ Court of Chancery \_\_\_ Superior Court (CCLD)

## Final Review

I verify that the information I have provided in this application and all other material I have submitted are accurate and complete.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay:** (double spaced in 14 pt. font)

In a short (750 words or less) essay, please discuss why you are interested in DSBA's Diversity Clerkship Program. In your essay, please provide information sufficient for the Committee to be able to determine the following:

1. What do you hope to gain from this program and how would it influence your future professional goals?
2. What is the nature of your interest in civil law or business litigation?
3. Do you have any personal, familial or professional connections to Delaware, and are you open to beginning your professional career in Delaware?
4. How do you meet the criteria of this program as it relates to membership in a traditionally underrepresented group in the legal profession, or experience in having experienced or overcome a physical, social or economic disadvantage or cultural impediment to becoming a law student? Please also feel free to include a description of any activities related to diversity, equity or inclusion in which you have been involved, or a discussion of your interest in or commitment to furthering diversity in the legal profession, as may be applicable.