

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee 2022 2L 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 Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, together with our Supreme Court (highest state appellate court) and Superior Court (state trial court), are followed by jurists, lawyers and others around the country as arbiters of cutting-edge legal issues, “bet-the-company” litigation and complex disputes. 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 business courts in the United States.

For more information regarding the Delaware Supreme Court: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the Delaware Superior Court: [click here](#).

The Delaware State Bar Association (“DSBA”) invites you to apply for its 2L 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 second-year student in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school J.D. program; (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 bankruptcy law, civil litigation, 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 clerkship¹ in Wilmington, Delaware, and a stipend of \$6,000 for the six or eight-week clerkship in one of the following Courts:

¹ Subject to any background check or other requirement that may be applicable in any court.

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware (additional criteria for this position is the completion of at least one course in bankruptcy, creditors' rights, or other insolvency-related course) (June 6 through July 15, 2022)
- Delaware Supreme Court: (June 6 through July 29, 2022)
- Delaware Superior Court Civil Division (June 6 through July 29, 2022)

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

Applications are to be submitted to clerkship@DSBA.org. All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be received no later than January 21, 2022. Zoom interviews of selected candidates will be conducted February 7, 8 and 9, 2022 and the selected clerks will be notified the week of February 14, 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.

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 bankruptcy, 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.