Diversity is in our DNA. We have a long-standing commitment to diversity and inclusion and we take an aggressive approach in the recruitment of diverse lawyers. Each year we sponsor a number of opportunities for 1L law students, which include fellowships and scholarships, in an effort to attract and support top legal talent from wide-ranging backgrounds.

Not only do our summer associate opportunities reflect our commitment to public service and diversity, they are also a great way for law students to make significant legal service contributions while gaining substantial legal experience. For complete details and FAQs, please visit klgates.com/careers.

**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON LEGAL DIVERSITY (LCLD) 1L SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The LCLD 1L Scholars Program is designed to strengthen the legal pipeline by expanding the number of opportunities for diverse first-year law students. It provides 1L students with professional experiences while introducing them to the value of relationships and building networks with LCLD member organizations. Any of our diverse 1L summer associates are eligible for selection as an LCLD 1L Scholar. In 2021, we hired 1L summer associates in our Boston, Charleston, Charlotte, Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Research Triangle Park, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. offices. For more information about the 1L Scholars Program, please visit lcldnet.org/programs/1l-scholars/.

While working at K&L Gates during the summer, the selected LCLD 1L Scholar will receive real-life experience on a broad range of projects typically seen by junior associates including research and writing assignments, accompanying our lawyers to court appearances, client meetings, and other key events. In addition, the 1L Scholar will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the LCLD 1L Scholars Mentor Program and attend the LCLD 1L Scholars Summit with other 1L Scholars from around the United States.

The Scholar will be awarded a paid 1L summer associate position in one of our offices that will be hiring a 1L. The application period usually begins in December, and decisions are made on a rolling basis. To be considered for our LCLD 1L Scholars Program, please apply on our website.

**K&L GATES: THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP**

Our firm has created the Power of Partnership Program as a way to further the goals of increasing engagement with our clients and offering outstanding learning experiences for law students. This program offers diverse 1L students the unique opportunity to work for part of the summer in a K&L Gates office as a summer associate and part of the summer in-house with the legal team of a corporate client of the firm. In 2021, our Boston, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. offices participated in this program with a variety of global companies. We expect additional U.S. offices to participate in this program in the coming years. Please inquire with the recruitment contact in your desired office location or your school’s Career Services Office with questions.

**1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM—SEATTLE OFFICE**

In 2021, for the 17th year, our Seattle office sponsored the K&L Gates 1L Diversity Fellowship for one first-year law student. The fellowship recipient was awarded a paid 1L summer associate position in our Seattle office, plus a $15,000 academic scholarship. The application period typically begins in December and closes in January. To be considered for our 1L Diversity Fellowship Program, please apply on our website.

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K&L GATES DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW

K&L Gates and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (Pitt Law) have collaborated in the establishment of the K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship. The fellowship provides a full-tuition scholarship to an entering student at Pitt Law for all three years of law school, as well as a paid summer associate position at K&L Gates in the student’s first summer of law school. The K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship, which began with the Fall 2016 entering class, is the first of its kind at Pitt Law; the first such partnership in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania between a law firm and a law school; and one of the very few such partnerships in the entire country. All accepted students at Pitt Law will be invited to apply.

GREGOIRE FELLOWS PROGRAM

Our Seattle office is also a sponsor of the Gregoire Fellows Program, a program through the University of Washington and Seattle University designed to mentor diverse law students throughout their law school career and job search. Each fellow selected in partnership with the university receives a paid summer associate position and a $20,000 stipend.

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For more details about our diversity and inclusion efforts, visit klgates.com/diversity

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