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1L CLERKSHIP 2024

For over a 15 years, the TCDIP 1L Clerkship has helped to launch the careers of law students of color in Minneapolis and St. Paul. We strengthen the legal talent pipeline with strategic partnerships between TCDIP Members from law firms and corporate legal departments. Over the summer, clerks gain valuable insights by working alongside in-house and law firm attorneys to develop relationships and sharpen their legal skills.

Clerks also learn about the Twin Cities legal community by participating in mentoring and professional development programs organized by TCDIP. The 1L Clerkship is a great opportunity for law students to gain experience and build relationships!



IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov 15, 2023: Applications open for law students to apply. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Students are advised to apply early!

Spring 2024: Clerks are notified of placements.



Visit our website for a list of participating organizations and application info:

<https://diversityinpractice.org/tcdip-1l-clerkship/>

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Our Mission: To attract, recruit, advance, and retain attorneys of color in the Twin Cities through education and collaboration with member organizations.

Who is eligible for the TCDIP 1L Clerkship?

TCDIP encourages law students from across the country to apply, especially 1L students from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds. Anyone can apply for the positions and there is no prohibition based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and other characteristics.

What is the summer schedule for TCDIP 1L Clerks?

Employers work together to customize a schedule that works best for their organizations and clerks. The goal is for TCDIP 1L Clerks to gain insights about working within a law firm and corporate legal department setting. Most TCDIP 1L Clerks work some portion of the summer in each setting, while other employers may have their clerks based primarily out of the law firm, with regular opportunities to visit and engage with the corporate employers. The TCDIP 1L Clerkship usually lasts for 8-12 weeks.

What will you do as a TCDIP 1L Clerk?

TCDIP asks employers to provide meaningful work assignments designed to build legal skills and educate clerks on the roles and responsibilities of attorneys working within a law firm and in-house legal department setting. Law firm and corporate employers will make sure you have a designated supervisor within each work setting. Supervisors and others will provide timely feedback and evaluation of clerks.

What programming does TCDIP provide for TCDIP 1L Clerks?

Clerks are invited to attend several TCDIP events over the course of the summer, including a kick-off welcome reception, professional development workshop, and a networking brunch with our Emerging Leaders Group. Clerks also had the opportunity to work with a professional coach throughout the summer.