

2019 Diversity Scholarship

Vedder Price recognizes the importance of diversity and inclusion at our firm. Our Diversity Committee ensures that efforts to promote and enhance diversity and a culture of inclusiveness at Vedder Price are a top priority. We established the Vedder Price Diversity Scholarship in 2005 to further our commitment to recruiting talented diverse students. This Scholarship provides a \$7,500 monetary award for law school-related expenses and a guaranteed summer associate position in our Summer Associate Program after the scholarship recipient's first year of law school. To receive the scholarship, the recipient must join the 2019 Summer Associate Program and the monetary award will be paid at the start of the program.

The **Chicago Scholarship** recipient will join the 2019 Chicago Summer Associate Program and work in the Corporate, Litigation and Labor & Employment practice areas. The **New York Scholarship recipient** will join the 2019 New York Summer Associate Program and work in the Corporate practice area, with a focus in Global Transportation Finance.

To be eligible, you must be a first-year law student who is a student of color, LGBT, a person with a disability or a person whose background or experience would otherwise contribute to the diversity of Vedder Price and the legal profession.

Applications must be submitted via email and will first be accepted in December 2018. Interviews will be held in February 2019 and the Scholarship recipients will be announced in March 2019. For more information, please visit <http://vedderprice.com/diversity>. We look forward to meeting this year's applicants!

Applicants must be enrolled in one of the following law schools:

Boston University
Columbia
Cornell
Duke
Emory
George Washington
Georgetown
Harvard
Northwestern
Notre Dame
NYU
Stanford
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota
University of Pennsylvania
University of Southern California
University of Texas-Austin
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale

2019 Summer Associate Program

The Diversity Scholars will participate in the 2019 Summer Associate Program. As a summer associate at Vedder Price, you can expect rapid integration into our firm's practice through substantive work assignments, observation opportunities and training sessions. Our summer associates work alongside senior associates and shareholders, and are quickly immersed in active matters and client meetings. We are looking for students with executive presence and maturity who are ready to jump in!

With a variety of activities, ranging from office-wide events to small-group outings planned by associates, there are plenty of opportunities to get you out of the office and enjoying your summer.



"The experiences offered through Vedder Price's Diversity Scholarship program are invaluable. As a 1L summer associate, I was able to work on a range of projects in various practice areas. Not only did that help me crystallize the concepts I learned throughout my 1L year, but it also allowed me to get a better idea of the substantive content of each department's work. Thanks to my experience at Vedder, I now know which practice area I want to specialize in in the future.

More importantly, as a law student from a diverse background, one of the biggest things I look for in a firm is an open and encouraging atmosphere so that I can improve and grow my legal skillset without feeling encumbered by a need to "win over" a group. The main reason I am returning to Vedder for my 2L summer is because the partners and associates truly project an environment of friendliness, openness and mentorship. With so many summer associate events planned throughout the summer, meeting and building relationships with your colleagues is easy and enjoyable, which makes working and learning from them all the better."

— **Nicholas Vera**, 2017 Diversity Scholar, University of Chicago Law School, Class of 2019



"Vedder Price is committed to promoting a culture of inclusiveness and advancing opportunities for all of our lawyers. This includes our summer associates. Our summer program is typically open to second-year law students only. The Diversity Scholarship is unique because it provides opportunities for talented and academically qualified first-year law students of all races, ethnicities, religions, genders or sexual orientation to participate in our Summer Associate Program. We welcome all diverse first-year law students to apply for a chance to change your future and come join our fantastic program."

— **Jeanah Park**, Vedder Price Shareholder and Diversity Committee Chair

As part of our efforts to promote diversity in the legal profession, we have proudly supported the following organizations:

- Apna Ghar
- Asian American Bar Association
- Association of Corporate Counsel Foundation
- Big Careers Little Kids
- Chicago Committee
- Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law
- Cook County Bar Association
- Equality Illinois
- Gotham Cares
- Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Fund of Illinois
- Illinois Diversity Council
- International Aviation Women's Association
- Lambda Legal
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
- Licensing Executives Society (LES)
- Women in Licensing Committee
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Northwestern Women's Leadership Coalition
- Project Fierce
- South Asian Bar Association of Chicago
- South Asian Bar Association of North America
- University of Illinois Black Law Students Association
- University of Illinois Latino/Latina Law Students Association
- Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois
- YMCA of San Francisco

Additionally, **WAVES: Women at Vedder Empowering Success** promotes the recruitment, retention and advancement of the firm's women attorneys through discussions, events, networking opportunities and business development trainings.