



Sidley Austin LLP invites current 1L students who identify as racially or ethnically diverse, and/or LGBTQ, and/or have a disability and who will be working in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. during the summer of 2019 to apply to participate in the Ninth Annual Sidley 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program. The program is a formal mentoring program that aims to promote diverse law students' interest in joining Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. law firms after graduation.

Program Details

The program will run in June and July of 2019. Through the program, students will be matched with Sidley lawyer-mentors to advise students on career development strategies and professional opportunities. Sidley mentors will address subjects, such as:

- Best practices for applying to law firms, interviewing, and capitalizing on the summer associate experience;
- Understanding the variety and nature of practice in the local market (Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New York, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C.);
- Advancing professional skills through pro bono service and clerkships; and
- Cultivating role models, mentors, and professional networks as a diverse lawyer.

During the program, students will meet with their mentors at formal and informal events, ranging from a kick-off reception, to afternoon coffee breaks, and brown bag lunches. Mentors will also regularly correspond by email with mentees. The program will provide a resume and interview workshop, as well as other opportunities to meet Sidley lawyers and to learn about law firm practice. The majority of formal program events will be scheduled after 5:30 p.m. to accommodate work schedules.

Application Requirements

Program space is limited and participants will be selected on a competitive basis. Diverse law students who plan to be in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. for summer clerkships in the private or public sectors are encouraged to apply. To be considered as a mentee for the 2019 program, a student must:

- Be a current 1L student who will be living and working in the Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. area for at least seven weeks in June and July of 2019;
- Demonstrate interest in practicing at a law firm in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. after graduation; and
- Have a schedule that permits attending events held after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

How to Apply

- If you are applying to the **Boston, New York or Washington, D.C.** office, email all materials to: Rosevelie Márquez Morales, East Coast Diversity Director at rmarquezmorales@sidley.com
- If you are applying to the **Chicago** office, email all materials to: Merisa Lima, Diversity Specialist at ILDiversityMentorship-Chicago@sidley.com
- If you are applying to the **Dallas** office, email all materials to: Lauren Lundeen, Legal Recruiting Coordinator at llundeen@sidley.com
- If you are applying to the **Houston** office, email all materials to: Jameson Miller, Associate at jameson.miller@sidley.com
- If you are applying to the **Los Angeles, Palo Alto or San Francisco** offices, email all materials to: Jennifer Ganesh, West Coast Diversity Director at jganesh@sidley.com

Email Subject: 2019 Sidley 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program

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Participants in the 1L Diversity Mentorship Program are not employees of the Firm. While the Firm is pleased to provide you information about this program, it is not part of, or a requirement of employment. Although we encourage participants in the Sidley 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program to consider Sidley Austin LLP when considering law firm employment, being a participant does not obligate one to apply for a summer clerkship or permanent position with any Sidley office, nor is Sidley obligated to interview or hire any program applicant.

If you wish to participate in this program, you acknowledge and understand that your participation is purely voluntary and is entirely at your own risk, and the Firm shall not be liable in any way for any injuries or damages that you may incur in connection with this program. The Firm may terminate the program at anytime in its sole discretion.