

# Diversity Fellowships

Diversity and inclusion are two of the core values which guide all that we do at Vinson & Elkins. Since our success ultimately depends on developing exceptional legal talent, Vinson & Elkins is committed to attracting and retaining the finest lawyers from all backgrounds and perspectives. To that end, Vinson & Elkins is pleased to continue offering its Diversity Fellowship. The fellowship provides \$7,000, in two \$3,500 installments, paid at the beginning of the second and third years of law school, to four first-year law students from historically underrepresented groups in the legal profession. In addition, the Diversity Fellows will be considered for the V&E summer associate program in the Austin, Dallas, or Houston office during the summer after the recipients' first year of law school.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

To be eligible to become a Vinson & Elkins Diversity Fellow, students must attend and be in good standing at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Only law students with an anticipated graduation year of 2011 and joint degree candidates who will receive their degrees in 2012 may apply. Eligible students must (i) be a member of a racial/ethnic group which has been historically underrepresented in the legal profession (i.e. Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Multiracial, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander), (ii) have a strong undergraduate and law school record, (iii) possess excellent writing skills, and (iv) demonstrate interest in working in a law firm setting. Applications will be accepted from December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009. A selection panel will evaluate all completed applications, conduct interviews, and announce the fellowship recipients in February 2009.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address; \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (optional):  Female  Male

Race/Ethnicity (optional):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                  | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial            | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |

Are you a U.S. citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the United States?  Yes  No

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the office(s) in which you are interested in working:

- Austin  Dallas  Houston

How did you hear about this fellowship?

- Asian Law Students Association  
 Latino Law Students Association  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- Black Law Students Association  
 South Asian Law Students Association

Application requirements:

- Completed application form
- Current resume
- Official or unofficial undergraduate transcript
- Current official or unofficial law school transcript (Law school grades should be forwarded once received.)
- Writing sample (This can be a legal writing sample or a personal statement.)

Completed applications should be submitted in hard copy format. No applications will be accepted by email or fax. Please mail submissions to:

V&E Diversity Fellowship  
c/o Beth Greaney, Attorney Initiatives Assistant  
Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.  
1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2500  
Houston, TX 77002-6760

**Completed applications must be received on or before January 31, 2009.**

*By signing this application, I hereby certify that the above and enclosed statements and information are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to notify Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. within 5 days of any change in the above information. I understand that any false or misleading statements and/or information given by me in connection with this application may disqualify me for consideration for the Vinson & Elkins Diversity Fellowship.*

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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