

Diversity Fellowships



Diversity and inclusion are two 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, we are pleased to continue offering our 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 offices 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 2014 and joint degree candidates who will receive their degrees in 2015 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, 2011 through January 31, 2012. A selection panel will evaluate all completed applications, conduct interviews, and announce the fellowship recipients in February 2012.

Full Name: _____

Law School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Gender (optional): Female Male

Race/Ethnicity (optional):

Asian

Black/African American

Multiracial

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Hispanic/Latino

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
 Talent Management
 Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.
 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 2500
 Houston, TX 77002-6760

Completed applications must be received on or before January 31, 2012.

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.

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Printed Name

Date

For nearly a century, Vinson and Elkins' has provided smart legal counsel to corporate clients in a multitude of industries. With more than 780 lawyers in 15 offices in financial centers, energy hubs, and political capitals across the globe, V&E's vast resources are mobilized rapidly and efficiently to solve our clients' most challenging matters. Clients include public and private companies, financial institutions, municipalities, governments of sovereign nations, entrepreneurs, families, and individuals.

Vinson & Elkins is recognized as a national, top-tier law firm in the 2010 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firm" rankings. In addition, V&E was named among the 2011 "The 20 Best Law Firms for Diversity" on Vault's annual list, among the 2011 "Top 50 Best Law Firms for Women," according to NAFE/Working Mother Magazine, and among the top 100 law firms for diversity, according to both the Multicultural Law and Minority Law Journal.