

K&L GATES LLP AND UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP



Global law firm K&L Gates LLP, in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, has established the K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship. This Fellowship is the first partnership of its kind in Pennsylvania between a law firm and a law school and one of the few such partnerships in the country. **We think you should consider applying, and here's why:**

WHY PITT LAW?

Full tuition scholarship. Law students often worry about incurring additional student loans and debt. Considering that the average law school tuition ranges between \$25,000 and \$60,000 per year, we understand that concern. The Fellowship addresses this by providing a full three-year tuition scholarship so that you can leave law school with as little debt as possible.

A strong education. Pitt Law turns out practice-ready lawyers by providing students with traditional law school classroom experiences and experiential learning opportunities in one of the law school's seven clinics. Known and respected globally for its scholarship, Pitt Law offers quality academics, a world-class faculty, endless opportunities for hands-on learning, and exceptional career preparation and placement. The law school's curriculum is strong on fundamentals and embraces innovation, focusing on issues ranging from commercializing new technologies to conflict resolution to cyber security.

Career opportunities. Pitt Law students have some of the highest bar passage rates and excellent post-employment success. Even in a challenging legal market, Pitt Law and its dedicated professional development department prepare students for real career opportunities after law school in private law firms, public interest organizations, government agencies, corporate and business environments, judicial clerkships, academia, and nontraditional careers.



Past Fellowship Recipient Alexandre LeBlanc

WHY K&L GATES?

Guaranteed summer employment at a global law firm. Many individuals applying to law school don't yet understand how critical it is to find high-quality summer positions during their two summers in law school. Some summer internships are paid; others are not. Some summer positions have the potential to have a full-time postgraduate employment offer; others do not.

As part of the Fellowship, you would have a guaranteed and paid summer position after your first year of law school at the global law firm of K&L Gates in its Pittsburgh office. This is a highly paid position with the opportunity to receive an offer to return for a second paid summer position and potentially a full-time position upon graduation. Often, income from summer associate positions helps students completely pay off college loans and save money for the future. Beyond that, the summer experience is a grand entrance to a future legal career at a prestigious global law firm.

Foundational training and experience. K&L Gates provides practical foundational training for its summer and full-time associates. Summer associates are assigned mentors to assist them in working on projects in their areas of interest; the firm provides writing and oral advocacy workshops; summer associates participate in real-life simulations; and summer associates get the opportunity to shadow seasoned lawyers during negotiations, trials, client meetings, and other key events. Not only that, but the summer is filled with fun activities, such as outings to Pirates baseball games and amusement parks, cooking classes, and casual dinners and lunches.

Exposure to a diversity of practices. K&L Gates is one of the largest law firms in the world, with over 2,000 lawyers practicing in fully integrated offices located on five continents and who represent a broad array of corporations in nearly every major industry. Your summer experience will include exposure to multiple practices and lawyers across many of the firm's offices.

Mentoring from lawyers who have been in your shoes. As part of the Fellowship, K&L lawyers mentor you during law school. Many of these mentors are Pitt Law alumni who can provide career guidance and practical advice about Pitt Law to help you do well in law school.





WHY PITTSBURGH?

A vibrant, growing city. If you're not from Pittsburgh (or you only know about it from its championship sports teams!), the opportunity to go to school and work in Pittsburgh is exciting. Pittsburgh consistently ranks at the top of many "best city" lists. It's been rated as the "most livable city" multiple times, one of the "safest" cities, one of the "best cities for 20-somethings," the "No. 1 food city" in America, the city with the "best view" (Mount Washington); and the list goes on and on. For more of the city's recent rankings and general information on Pittsburgh, check out visitpittsburgh.com.

HOW TO APPLY

If interested in the Fellowship, apply to Pitt Law for law school. All prospective students who apply to Pitt Law will be invited to apply for the Fellowship following admission, and those Fellowship applicants who submit a response to Question 3 under Section 12 ("Optional Information") of the Pitt Law application will be given priority consideration for the Fellowship. If you need more information or would like to express an interest in the Fellowship, you can do so by emailing admitlaw@pitt.edu.



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