



## THE ZELLE LLP 2021 DIVERSITY IN LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Zelle LLP is committed to increasing diversity in the legal profession. To that end, Zelle is pleased to offer this Diversity in Law Scholarship again in 2021. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and assist students from diverse backgrounds and with diverse perspectives, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle, please visit [www.zelle.com](http://www.zelle.com).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must either be: (1) first-year law students pursuing their Juris Doctor degree who are **currently enrolled** full-time at an ABA-accredited law school and who have completed at least one semester of law school; or (2) be part-time (four-year program) or joint-degree students **currently enrolled** in their second year of law school at an ABA-accredited law school.<sup>1</sup> Applicants also must either (1) be a member of a population or group whose background and perspectives are historically underrepresented in the private practice of law; or (2) demonstrate a long-standing commitment to diversity that will be furthered by award of the scholarship. Selection considerations will include but not be limited to: academic performance, writing skills, demonstrated leadership skills, an interest in litigation (including antitrust and insurance litigation), financial need, and a desire to practice in one of the cities where Zelle maintains an office.<sup>2</sup> Applicants are required to have a 2.8 cumulative law school GPA (or its equivalent).

**FINANCIAL AWARD:** The Scholarship awards the selected recipient a total of **\$15,000.00** to be applied towards the selected recipient's law school tuition, fees, and text books, with one half of the scholarship paid for the student's second year of law school and one half of the scholarship paid for the student's third year of law school subject to the following: To receive the second installment of the scholarship, the recipient must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA (or its equivalent) through the student's second year of law school.

**POTENTIAL SUMMER CLERKSHIP:** The Scholarship recipient will be offered and is encouraged to accept a paid summer clerkship at one of the firm's offices for the summer following the student's first year of law school. The specific location of the clerkship will be decided by the firm in consultation with the recipient and will be based upon both the

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<sup>1</sup> Students who intend to begin law school in the 2021-2022 academic year are not eligible to apply. Current undergraduate and LLM students are not eligible to apply.

<sup>2</sup> Zelle expressly reserves the right not to award a scholarship in any given year if, at the firm's discretion, the pool of candidates is too small or no applicants are deemed to have met the firm's scholarship selection guidelines.

recipient's interest and the firm's need. Zelle LLP reserves the right to offer the clerkship on a remote basis only.

**APPLICATION:** To be considered for the Zelle LLP Diversity in Law Scholarship, students should complete and submit the attached application and required documents to Zelle LLP by **March 29, 2021 at noon EST**. Completed applications may be submitted by electronic mail to: **DIVERSITY@ZELLE.COM**



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**APPLICATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAW SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAW SCHOOL G.P.A.** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE/MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERGRADUATE G.P.A. (MAJOR/CUMULATIVE):** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER DEGREES/EDUCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE YOU ALREADY ACCEPTED AN INTERNSHIP OR CLERKSHIP FOR THE SUMMER OF 2021?**

**YES**    **NO**

**PLEASE IDENTIFY THE ZELLE LLP OFFICE(S) IN WHICH YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CLERKSHIP OPPORTUNITY, IF OFFERED:**

- ATLANTA**
- BOSTON**
- DALLAS**
- MIAMI**
- MINNEAPOLIS**
- NEW YORK CITY**
- PHILADELPHIA**
- SAN FRANCISCO**
- WASHINGTON, D.C.**

IF MORE THAN ONE, PLEASE RANK YOUR PREFERENCES. (PLEASE NOTE: OFFICE LOCATION WILL BE BASED ON THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S INTEREST AND FIRM NEED. ZELLE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO OFFER THE CLERKSHIP EXCLUSIVELY ON A REMOTE BASIS. IF AN IN-PERSON CLERKSHIP IS OFFERED, THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MAY ELECT TO ACCEPT THE CLERKSHIP ON A REMOTE BASIS. )

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IN .PDF FORMAT ALONG WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:**

- RESUME
- COVER LETTER
- UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT(S)\*
- LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS\*
- GRADUATE SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS (IF APPLICABLE)\*
- LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE
- TWO REFERENCES (ONLY CONTACT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED, BUT LETTERS OF REFERENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED)
- PERSONAL ESSAY OF NO MORE THAN 750-1000 WORDS (EXPLAINING YOUR INTEREST IN THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, HOW DIVERSITY HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE AND HOW IT IMPACTS THE LEGAL PROFESSION)

\*FOR PURPOSES OF THIS APPLICATION, UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS ARE ACCEPTABLE; HOWEVER, APPLICANTS MAY BE ASKED TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AT ZELLE LLP'S REQUEST.

### **VERIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION**

**I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISREPRESENTATION OF ANY INFORMATION AS PART OF MY APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL OF MY APPLICATION FROM CONSIDERATION, CANCELING OF MY SCHOLARSHIP, AND/OR TERMINATION OF ANY OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT, OR TERMINATION OF ANY EMPLOYMENT.**

**ADDITIONALLY, BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE ZELLE LLP TO OBTAIN FROM MY LAW SCHOOL THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CONFIRM MY FINANCIAL NEED. I FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE AND/OR INDIVIDUAL AT MY LAW SCHOOL TO CONFIRM SUCH FINANCIAL NEED AT THE REQUEST OF ZELLE LLP.**

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Signature of Applicant

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Date