

2017 First-Year Diversity Fellowship Program

Tonkon Torp LLP is committed to the growth of diversity in our firm and in the local legal community. To that end, we are pleased to offer a student fellowship to a first-year law student who is a person of color or a member of an underrepresented group. The fellowship provides the student selected with a position at Tonkon Torp as a summer associate during the summer immediately following the successful completion of his or her first year of law school. In addition, if the student returns to work at Tonkon Torp during the summer following his or her second year of law school, the student will receive a \$7,500 academic scholarship following the completion of the student's second summer. To qualify for the \$7,500 academic scholarship, the student selected must return to Tonkon Torp for their second year summer if invited.

Internship with Portland General Electric

For a two-week period during the summer, the 1L Diversity Fellow will have an opportunity to work in the legal department of Portland General Electric Company, Oregon's largest electric utility and a client of Tonkon Torp. During this internship period, the 1L Diversity Fellow will get exposure to the day-to-day life of the in-house lawyers at a major utility, work on legal projects, and attend meetings with lawyers and clients.

Selection Criteria

The Tonkon Torp LLP 1L Diversity Fellow will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- The individual must be a first-year law student in good standing for the degree of Juris Doctor at an ABA accredited law school;
- The individual must demonstrate a record of academic achievement that evidences great promise for a successful career during the remainder of law school and in the legal profession;
- The individual must contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the law school student body, and upon entering the legal profession, the legal community;
- The individual must demonstrate a commitment to practice law in Portland, Oregon following graduation from law school;
- While applicants need not disclose their financial circumstances, a demonstrated need for financial assistance may be taken into consideration.

Application Materials

- **Personal statement** describing your contribution to the diversity of the legal community (1-2 pages)
- **Résumé** including relevant legal and other work experience
- **Transcripts** for all undergraduate and graduate school studies (unofficial versions are fine)
- **First semester law school transcript** (if not available by the January 10, 2017 deadline, send when available)

Application materials must be uploaded in PDF format. To submit the requested materials, [click here](#).

Application materials must be received by January 10, 2017. Tonkon Torp LLP will select finalists for interviews in Portland. Travel expenses for finalists will be paid for by Tonkon Torp LLP.

Relevant Dates

December 1, 2016	In accordance with NALP guidelines, applications from first year students will not be accepted before December 1.
January 10, 2017	Submission deadline: Application materials must be <u>received</u> at Tonkon Torp by this date; <i>except that</i> if first semester law school transcripts are not available by January 10, 2017, you may send those transcripts when they are available.
February 2017	Interviews with finalists at Tonkon Torp LLP.
March 2017	Fellowship recipient announced.

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