Akin Gump/Robert Strauss
Diversity Scholarship

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Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP is proud of its steadfast commitment to diversity and inclusion, and in particular, to advancing the recruitment, development and retention of diverse attorneys at the firm. In furtherance of this commitment, the firm is pleased to offer the **Akin Gump/Robert Strauss Diversity Scholarship** (the "Strauss Scholarship"). Akin Gump and the firm's founding partner, Robert Strauss, recognize that a workforce comprised of employees from diverse racial, ethnic, gender, economic and cultural backgrounds is an important component to providing outstanding client service.

The Strauss Scholarship provides a $ 25,000 scholarship to five (5) outstanding second year (2L) law students at accredited law schools in the United States to offset expenses for their third year of law school. Other components of the scholarship include a paid second year (2L) summer associate position at the firm, along with a dedicated attorney mentor. Office locations include Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C. The scholarships will be awarded to those students who demonstrate significant academic, leadership and/or professional accomplishments, and a commitment to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must have excellent undergraduate and law school academic performance and evidence of leadership abilities, personal and professional accomplishments, and a demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity. Akin Gump seeks candidates who will thrive in meeting the firm's core competencies: Ownership, Professional Excellence, Service and Teamwork and Client Focus; and who have demonstrated evidence of the firm's core values: Collegiality, Commitment, Excellence, Integrity and Intensity.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to be considered for the Strauss Scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in and in good standing at an ABA accredited law school with an anticipated graduation date of 2020 at the time of application. In order to receive the scholarship, recipients must participate in and complete the firm's summer associate program following their second year of law school. Applicants may not be the recipient of a similar diversity award from another law firm. The first half of the scholarship will be paid upon successful completion of the firm's summer associate program. The second half of the scholarship will be paid prior to the second semester of the student's third year of law school, provided that they have received and accepted an offer to join the firm as an associate following the completion of their legal education.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the program will be accepted, and considered on a rolling basis, between July 2, 2018 and September 28, 2018. Law students interested in the Strauss Scholarship must submit the following materials in order to be considered:

1. A completed application form (stating office preference), current resume and law school transcript
2. A personal statement (no more than 750 words) describing the applicant's demonstrated academic and leadership achievements and commitment to diversity
3. A legal writing sample
4. Contact information for three academic or professional references

Applications must be submitted through our online application system. Please visit: http://www.akingump.com/en/careers/students/recruiting-process/submit-a-resume.html and click to apply under **Akin Gump/Robert Strauss Diversity Scholars.** You will need to upload the above listed required documents at the end of the application process.

Candidates may apply to, and be considered by, **only one Akin Gump office.**

QUESTIONS

Questions about the Akin Gump/Robert Strauss Diversity Scholarship should be directed to:

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