

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee 2024 1L and 2L Judicial Clerkship Application

Delaware state and federal courts are among the elite tribunals in the United States for the resolution of complex business and other disputes. The Supreme Court (highest state appellate court), Court of Chancery, Superior Court (state trial court), and the Complex Commercial Litigation Division of the Superior Court (“CCLD”), together with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, are followed by jurists, lawyers and others around the country as arbiters of cutting-edge legal issues, “bet-the-company” litigation and complex disputes. It is no secret that a predominance of public and private companies find their home in Delaware, and when litigation is necessary those entities (and others) have ready access in Delaware to some of the most experienced business courts in the United States.

For more information regarding the Delaware Supreme Court: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the Court of Chancery: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the Delaware Superior Court: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the CCLD: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the Delaware Family Court: [click here](#).

For more information regarding the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware: [click here](#).

The Delaware State Bar Association (“DSBA”) invites you to apply for its 1L and 2L Judicial Clerkship program, sponsored by the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee of the DSBA. To apply for this program, applicants must meet the following criteria: (1) be currently enrolled as a first- or second-year student in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school J.D. program; (2) be able to bring a different perspective as a result of your life experiences, cultural fluency or experience in overcoming a physical, social or economic disadvantage or cultural impediment to becoming a law student, or support the DSBA’s goal to address traditional underrepresentation in the legal profession; and (3) have an interest in bankruptcy law, civil litigation, or business litigation and be open to begin your legal career in Delaware. Clerks will be required to be physically present in Delaware for the clerkship.

Law students selected to participate in the program will receive a clerkship¹ in Wilmington, Delaware, and a stipend of \$6,000 for the eight-week clerkship (expected to run between June 3 through July 26, 2024) in one of the following Courts:

- Delaware Supreme Court
- Court of Chancery
- Delaware Superior Court Civil Division
- CCLD
- Delaware Family Court
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware (additional criteria for this position is the completion of at least one course in bankruptcy, creditors' rights, or other insolvency-related course)

Clerks also will have the opportunity to meet and network with other members of the Delaware legal community.

Applications are to be submitted to clerkship@DSBA.org. All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be received no later than **February 2, 2024**. Zoom interviews of selected candidates will be conducted beginning the week of February 12, 2024 and the selected clerks will be notified beginning the week of February 26, 2024.

The application consists of six primary parts:

1. Completed 2024 Application
2. Resume
3. Two Letters of Recommendation (*at least one must be from a law school professor*)
4. Application Essay
5. Writing Sample from Law School
6. Unofficial undergraduate and law school transcripts (*if you are selected to be interviewed for the Clerkship, you will be required to submit an official copy of each prior to your interview*)

Please submit the materials (without this cover page) as a single pdf document, in the order listed above.

¹ Subject to any background check or other requirement that may be applicable in any court.

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Name: _____
First Last

Law School: _____

Year in Law School/Expected Graduation Date: _____

Undergraduate School(s): _____

Current address: _____
Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State Zip Code

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Are there any restrictions on your ability to temporarily relocate to Delaware for this clerkship? _____

Please rank your order of preference for a clerkship in:

___ Supreme Court ___ Bankruptcy Court ___ Superior Court
___ Court of Chancery ___ Superior Court (CCLD) ___ Family Court

Final Review

I verify that the information I have provided in this application and all other materials I have submitted are accurate and complete.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Essay: (double spaced in 14 pt. font)

In a short (750 words or less) essay, please discuss why you are interested in DSBA's DEI Committee Judicial Clerkship Program. In your essay, please provide information sufficient for the Committee to be able to determine the following:

1. What do you hope to gain from this program and how would it influence your future professional goals?
2. What is the nature of your interest in bankruptcy, civil law or business litigation?
3. Do you have any personal, familial or professional connections to Delaware, and are you open to beginning your professional career in Delaware?
4. How do you otherwise meet the criteria of this program?