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21 Employers to Participate in 2021 FCBA Diversity Pipeline Program

100 First-Year Law Students Representing 28 Law Schools Applied for Paid Summer Legal Internships

The Internet Association and Tripadvisor are now among the ranks of 21 organizations to participate in the newly launched FCBA Diversity Pipeline Program, rounding out the inaugural class of leading tech, media, and telecom (TMT) law firms, companies, and trade associations to provide paid internship opportunities to law students from historically underrepresented and disadvantaged groups, particularly racial and ethnic minorities, for summer 2021. See full listing of Diversity Pipeline Employers below.

“21 employers and 100 student applications for the inaugural year is reflective of our strong commitment to bring greater diversity to the tech bar and industry,” said **FCBA Executive Committee Member Rudy Brioché, Vice President and Policy Counsel, Comcast NBCUniversal, and FCBA Member Celia Lewis, Co-Chair, Diversity Pipeline Program Committee**. “The outpouring of support from the organizations in the tech bar has been incredible, and the level of student interest has been inspiring. This illustrates the need and desire for this groundbreaking program.”

One hundred first year law students from over two dozen law schools throughout the U.S submitted applications for 21 legal private sector internships. “While a majority of applications were from students attending Washington, D.C. metro area law schools, we received and reviewed applications from accomplished students attending 28 different law schools across the country,” said **FCBA Assistant Secretary Barry Ohlson, Vice President, Cox Enterprises**.

In addition to matching talented, diverse law students with leading TMT organizations, the Pipeline Program Committee is developing the [TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program](#), covering a range of substantive areas of law, including administrative law, telecom and broadband, privacy and cybersecurity, wireless and spectrum policy, and technology and antitrust law. The six-week program will be held throughout the spring for applicants who advance to the second round of the Pipeline Program and are eligible to interview with the employer participants. These students will also receive FCBA mentorship support and skills training in areas such as interviewing, workplace engagement, and time management.

The 21 Employers of the 2021 Diversity Pipeline Program are:

Ten Law Firms

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP

Hogan Lovells

Kellogg Hansen Todd Figel & Frederick PLLC

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

Lerman Senter PLLC

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo, P.C

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Wiley Rein LLP

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Six Companies

AT&T Services, Inc

Charter Communications

Comcast NBCUniversal

T-Mobile

Tripadvisor

Verizon

Five Trade Associations

ACA Connects

CTIA

Internet Association

NCTA – the Internet & Television Association

USTelecom – The Broadband Association

Diversity in the American legal profession has been a concern for decades. Minority groups continue to be grossly underrepresented in legal organizations, particularly among the leadership ranks of law firms, legal departments of major U.S. companies, and the federal government. The FCBA believes it is imperative that the legal profession, and specifically the Tech Bar, reflects the full spectrum of talent, perspectives, and experiences represented in the broader population.

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