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21 EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS ANCHOR SECOND YEAR OF FCBA DIVERSITY PIPELINE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Tech Bar Pipeline Program Pairs First-Year Law Students with Leading TMT Organizations for Critical Internship Experiences and Related Academic Enrichment, Skills Development, and Mentoring

Today, the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) announced the names of the first 21 employer participant organizations (including one sponsored internship) to commit to the second year of the Diversity Pipeline Program. Through the Diversity Pipeline Program, the FCBA directly facilitates internship placements, academic enrichment, and mentoring for diverse law students with leading law firms, companies, trade associations, and non-profit organizations in the technology, media, and telecom (TMT) sector.

“While FCBA members may have divergent views on many aspects of tech policy, agreement is universal about our industry’s significant influence to promote meaningful diversity, inclusion, and equity,” said **FCBA President Megan Anne Stull**, Senior Counsel at Google. “For too long a lack of diversity has been endemic in tech law and policy at all levels. But our organization’s position at the intersection of law, public policy, and tech uniquely situates the FCBA to attract and develop diverse law students for long, successful careers in this space. Indeed, we have a responsibility to do so.”

Former FCC Chairman Michael Powell, the CEO of NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, emphasized that placing interns with employers is only one element of the Diversity Pipeline Program. “Students are going to need a lot more than a job,” he said. “They’re going to need nurturing, they’re going to need support, they’re going to need experiential-based advice. The hiring is a small part of what it takes to truly produce transformation. And we should be in the transformation business, not just the diversifying business.”

The 21 employers committed to this mission as anchor organizations for the summer 2022 Diversity Pipeline Program include:

- **Nine Law Firms:** Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP; Hogan Lovells US LLP; Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick, PLLC; Latham & Watkins, LLP; Lerman Senter PLLC; Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. (fall 2022); Wiley Rein LLP; and Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP.
- **Six Companies:** AT&T Services, Inc.; Comcast NBCUniversal; Cox Enterprises; T-Mobile US; Tripadvisor; and Verizon Communications.
- **Five Trade Associations:** ACA Connects—America's Communications Association; CTIA—The Wireless Association; Internet Association; NCTA—The Internet & Television Association; and USTelecom – The Broadband Association.
- **One Sponsored Internship:** Future of Privacy Forum (sponsored by Loeb & Loeb LLP).

Through November 5, 2021, we are seeking additional companies, associations, and firms to join the Diversity Pipeline Program as employer participants or as funders of non-profit placements. Participation in the Program for summer 2022 is capped at 30 employers to maximize the quality of the student and employer experience. To sign up, please visit the FCBA Diversity Pipeline [Employer Participants website](#).

The Diversity Pipeline Program will launch its student application portal for 2022 on November 1, 2021, and the portal will remain open through December 1, 2021; all interested 1st year law students at ABA-accredited law schools from groups underrepresented in the legal profession are encouraged to apply.

We are eager to make the Diversity Pipeline Program's second year even more impactful than the foundational steps of our inaugural year. For more information, please email DiversityPipeline@fcba.org, or contact any of the co-chairs of the Diversity Pipeline Program Committee:

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