

TWENTY-TWO EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS ENROLL IN FCBA'S 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 – The Tech Bar) announced that its employer lineup for Year Three of the FCBA's Diversity Pipeline Program currently includes 22 organizations (including one sponsored public interest internship and one fall internship). Through this initiative, 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.

In just two years, the Diversity Pipeline Program has helped place 49 diverse first-year law school students from 21 different law schools in TMT internships in DC-based law firms and legal departments.

"The participation of our employers is critical to the tremendous success of the FCBA's Diversity Pipeline Program. We are excited to continue the meaningful impact of the Diversity Pipeline Program and are grateful for our new and continuing employers for their commitment to increasing diverse representation in the Tech Bar" said Barry Ohlson, FCBA President and Diversity Pipeline Program co-chair.

If your employer is interested in being part of this year's program, please contact one of the cochairs listed below or the committee at <u>diversitypipeline@fcba.org</u> at your earliest convenience.

The Diversity Pipeline Program opened its student <u>application portal</u> for 2023 on November 1, 2022, and applications will be accepted through December 1, 2022. All interested first-year law students at ABA-accredited law schools from groups underrepresented in the legal profession are encouraged to apply. For more information, interested students should review the <u>student packet</u>.

The 22 employers participating in the Diversity Pipeline Program's second year include:

- **Eight Law Firms:** Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Hogan Lovells US LLP; HWG LLP; Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick, PLLC; Lerman Senter PLLC; Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. (fall 2023); Wiley Rein LLP; and Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP.
- **Nine Corporations:** AT&T Services, Inc.; BT Americas Inc.; CableLabs; Comcast-NBCUniversal; Cox Enterprises; JSI; T-Mobile US; Tripadvisor; and Verizon Communications.
- Four Trade Associations: ACA Connects—America's Communications Association; CTIA; NCTA–The Internet & Television Association; and USTelecom – The Broadband Association.
- One Non-Profit Association: Future of Privacy Forum (sponsored by Loeb & Loeb LLP).

The 2023 Diversity Pipeline Program will continue to include the TMT Law and Policy Certificate Program, a complementary academic and skills program for students selected for internships and interested program applicants.

Past participants in the Diversity Pipeline Program have found the program inspirational and rewarding and credit the program for facilitating lasting relationships and interest in the Tech Bar. For more information, please email <u>DiversityPipeline@fcba.org</u> or contact any of the co-chairs of the Diversity Pipeline Program Committee:

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