



**THE HONORABLE WALTER R. STONE 2L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP**

**Summer 2022**





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### **Award and Summer Associate Offer**

As part of our ongoing commitment to promote inclusion and diversity within the legal profession, we are proud to offer **The Honorable Walter R. Stone Diversity Fellowship** to an outstanding second-year law school student. The Fellowship awards a second-year law school student a scholarship of \$10,000 and a Summer Associate position at Adler Pollock and Sheehan P.C. (“AP&S”) during the summer of 2022. The \$10,000 scholarship will be paid upon successful completion of the Summer Associate Program at AP&S. A 2L Diversity Fellow will also receive valuable networking, training and mentoring opportunities.

### **About the Fellowship**

The Fellowship is named in Honor of the late Judge Walter R. Stone. Judge Stone was the first African-American attorney in the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office, the first African-American Shareholder at AP&S, a member of the AP&S Diversity Committee and a champion of promoting inclusion for all.

### **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible to apply for the 2022 2L Diversity Fellowship, you must meet the qualifications set forth below and receive an offer to join as a Summer Associate at one of the Firm's offices. Submission of this application will also constitute your application for a Summer Associate Position. You must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school and seek to practice law in Rhode Island or Massachusetts after graduation. You must have successfully completed your first year of a full-time, ABA-accredited JD program by the application deadline, with an expected graduation date of spring 2023. The AP&S scholarship is to be used exclusively for law school tuition and related expenses. Recipients will provide an accounting of the use of the scholarship proceeds on or before December 31st of the year that the scholarship was awarded. You must not be the recipient of a similar fellowship or scholarship award from another law firm. You must also meet the following requirements:

- Member of a diverse group: for example, African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Latino, LGBTQIA+, Middle Eastern or other diverse group
- Residency in Massachusetts or Rhode Island and/or a strong commitment to reside in either state upon graduation
- Strong academic achievement
- Financial need

- Demonstrated commitment to the community
- Vision of contributions to the profession and community after graduation

### **Selection Criteria**

The AP&S Diversity Committee will evaluate all applications, considering the factors below:

- Demonstrated commitment to promoting inclusion and diversity in the legal profession.
- Academic and leadership achievements.
- Obstacles, challenges or other factors (financial or otherwise) encountered in advancing career objectives.
- Life experiences that have shaped values and professional goals.
- Long-term interest in practicing law in one of our offices.
- An interview with the Diversity Committee.

### **General Application Requirements**

The deadline to apply for the 2022 2L Diversity Fellowship is **December 15, 2021**. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Hamza Chaudary and will be accepted until **December 17, 2021**.

A complete application package must include the following items.

- A completed AP&S Fellowship Application Form (typed).
- A certified copy of your college transcript.
- A certified law school transcript (including your complete grades for the 1L year and the first semester of 2L year. If your complete grades are not available when you apply, you can supplement your application with an updated transcript when it becomes available).
- A copy of your FAFSA [required for scholarship consideration] and any other financial aid application, as well as any financial aid you have been offered by your law school and by any other source.
- Copies of your and your parents'/legal guardian's federal and state tax returns filed in the most recent year.<sup>1</sup>
- Photo ID (i.e. driver's license, etc.).
- Proof of Legal Residency in U.S. (i.e. birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, etc.).
- Curriculum Vitae
- Legal Writing Sample (Ex. Previously drafted Motion/Memorandum of Law, Article, etc.).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from persons who are not related to you and who are familiar with your academic achievements, character and commitment to the community.

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<sup>1</sup> If you are able to submit a written statement, under oath, that you are (1) financially independent from your parents/legal guardians and (2) have not received any financial assistance from your parents/legal guardians since you began law school, you are not required to produce your parents'/legal guardian's federal and state tax returns.

- A one to two page personal statement addressing: a) your reasons for studying law and your plans and goals upon graduation from law school; b) your professional goals including how you intend to contribute to the community; c) a statement addressing how you have demonstrated resilience and tenacity that will contribute to the diversity of experience across AP&S' practice and culture, and what you believe demonstrates your qualification for the 2L Diversity Fellowship including, but not limited to, a description of your academic and leadership achievements; noteworthy contributions to the community or otherwise; and/or how you overcame adversity.

### **Award**

- Fellowship applicants may be interviewed by the AP&S Diversity Committee in order to make final determination on the Fellowship award.
- The possibility of a job offer upon graduation will be considered after the completion of the summer internship.

### **Deadline**

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **December 15, 2021**. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Hamza Chaudary and will be accepted until December 17, 2021. Application materials should be sent to:

**Hamza Chaudary, Esq.**  
**Chair, Diversity Committee**  
**Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.**  
**One Citizens Plaza, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Providence, RI 02903**  
[hchaudary@apslaw.com](mailto:hchaudary@apslaw.com)  
**(Fax) 401.351.4607**

**For more information, call 401.274.7200 or visit [www.apslaw.com](http://www.apslaw.com).**



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**APPLICATION FORM**

**(PLEASE TYPE APPLICATION FORM)**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Present Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. #

City State Zip Code

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt. #

City State Zip Code

After what date should the permanent address be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell Other

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify diverse group of which you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date residency in MA or RI began: \_\_\_\_\_.

Addresses where you have resided in Massachusetts or Rhode Island (Proof of legal residency in U.S. to be submitted with application):

Address	Dates

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

High School	Address	Date of Graduation

College, University and/or Professional School	Address	Dates	Degree and Date of Graduation	Major

- List scholastic or academic honors including Scholarships, Fellowships, Prizes, Honor Societies, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- List and briefly describe three non-academic activities which have been important to you:  
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- Describe where you worked during the summer after your first-year of law school: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION**

- Identify all Financial Aid, Grants, Scholarships, Gifts and other Financial Awards you have or will receive to attend Law School: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

- Identify all Financial Aid, Grants, Scholarships, Gifts and other Financial Awards you received for Undergraduate Studies:

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- Explain any special circumstances that might warrant a need for this Fellowship that are not contained in your prior responses:

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- Name and addresses of your parents:

Father		Mother	
Name		Name	
Street		Street	
City		City	
State/Zip		State/Zip	
Telephone		Telephone	
E-mail		E-mail	

- Were you employed during your academic years as an undergraduate? \_\_\_\_\_
- Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_
- No. of hours per week: Fr. Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Soph. Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

- Were you employed during your first-year of law school?

\_\_\_\_\_

- Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_
- No. of hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- State your last four positions of full-time employment:

Date	Employer	Position	Reason for Leaving

- Has your academic career been interrupted for one or more terms? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- In an academic setting, have you been subject to disciplinary sanctions or are charges pending?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## **ESSAY**

Please submit a one to two-page typed essay describing : a) your reasons for studying law and your plans and goals upon graduation from law school; b) your professional goals including how you intend to contribute to the community; c) a statement addressing how you have demonstrated resilience and tenacity that will contribute to the diversity of experience across AP&S' practice and culture, and what you believe demonstrates your qualification for the 2L Diversity Fellowship including, but not limited to, a description of your academic and leadership achievements; noteworthy contributions to the community or otherwise; and/or how you overcame adversity.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted with this application. List the names of the two people submitting recommendations:

Name		Name	
Street		Street	
City		City	
State/Zip		State/Zip	
Telephone		Telephone	
E-mail		E-mail	

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this Application Form and in any attached materials is true and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Return completed application and requisite materials by December 15, 2021 to:**

**Hamza Chaudary, Esq.  
Chair, Diversity Committee  
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.  
One Citizens Plaza, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Providence, RI 02903  
[hchaudary@apslaw.com](mailto:hchaudary@apslaw.com) or FAX: 401.351.4607**

**Please include the following to complete your application:**

- One to two page personal statement.
- Legal Writing Sample.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Certified copy of college and law school transcripts.
- Copy of FAFSA [required] and any other financial aid form.
- Copies of your and your parents' federal and state tax returns filed in the most recent year.<sup>2</sup>
- Photo ID (i.e. driver's license, etc.).
- Proof of legal residency in the United States (i.e. birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, etc.).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from people not related to applicant and who are familiar with your academic achievements, character and commitment to the community. The letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Hamza Chaudary and will be accepted until December 17, 2021.

***Note:*** This application and supporting material must be received by **December 15, 2021**. After the due date, please inform the firm of any supplemental information you receive.

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