



THE HONORABLE WALTER R. STONE 2L EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIP

Summer 2027





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Award and Summer Associate Offer

As part of our ongoing commitment to celebrate excellence and resilience within the legal profession, we are proud to offer **The Honorable Walter R. Stone Excellence 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 2027. The \$10,000 scholarship will be paid upon successful completion of the Summer Associate Program at AP&S. A 2L 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, Equity and Inclusion (“DEI”) Committee and a champion of promoting inclusion for all.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for the 2027 2L Excellence 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 2028. 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:

- 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, relevant life experiences, resilience in overcoming obstacles, and proven leadership.

- Vision of contributions to the profession and community after graduation

Selection Criteria

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

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

General Application Requirements

The deadline to apply for the 2027 2L Excellence Fellowship is **October 30, 2026**. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Hamza Chaudary and will be accepted until **November 6, 2026**.

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.
- Photo ID (i.e. driver's license, etc.).
- A signed statement that you are a U.S. Citizen, Green Card holder and/or authorized to work in the United States.
- 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. These letters can be sent directly to Hamza Chaudary and will be accepted until November 6, 2026.
- 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 AP&S' practice and culture, and what you believe demonstrates your qualification for the 2L Excellence

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 DEI 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 **October 30, 2026**. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to Hamza Chaudary and will be accepted until **November 6, 2026**. Application materials should be sent to:

Hamza Chaudary, Esq.
Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Committee
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.
100 Westminster Street, 16th Floor
Providence, RI 02903
hchaudary@apslaw.com
(Fax) 401.351.4607

For more information, call 401.274.7200 or visit 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 #: _____

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.: _____

- List and briefly describe three non-academic activities which have been important to you:

- Describe where you worked during the summer after your first-year of law school: _____

FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION

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

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

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

- 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 AP&S' practice and culture, and what you believe demonstrates your qualification for the 2L Excellence 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. 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 by October 30, 2026 to:

**Hamza Chaudary, Esq.
Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**

**Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.
100 Westminster Street, 16th Floor**

**Providence, RI 02903
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.
- Photo ID (i.e. driver's license, etc.).
- A signed statement that you are a U.S. Citizen, Green Card holder and/or authorized to work in the United States.
- 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 **November 6, 2026**.

Note: After the above referenced due dates, please inform the firm of any supplemental information you receive.