

# K&L GATES LLP AND UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Global law firm K&L Gates LLP, in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh School of Law or “Pitt Law,” have jointly established the K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship. This Fellowship is the first partnership of its kind in Pennsylvania between a law firm and a law school and one of the very few such partnerships in the entire country. We think you should consider applying, and here’s why:

## WHY PITT LAW?

- **Full tuition scholarship.** We know that law students are oftentimes worried about incurring additional student loans and debt. Considering that the average law school tuition ranges between \$25,890 and \$45,467 per year, we understand that concern. The Fellowship addresses that concern, by providing a full three-year tuition scholarship, so that you can leave law school with as little debt as possible.
- **A strong education.** Pitt Law turns out practice-ready lawyers by providing students with both traditional law school classroom experiences and experiential learning opportunities in one of the law school’s six clinics. Known and respected globally for its scholarship, Pitt Law offers quality academics, a world-class faculty, endless opportunities for hands-on learning, and exceptional career preparation and placement. The law school’s curriculum is strong on fundamentals and embraces innovation, focusing on issues ranging from commercialization of new technologies to conflict resolution to cyber security.
- **Career opportunities.** Pitt Law students have some of the highest bar passage rates, as well as excellent post-employment success in a wide array of fields. Even in a more challenging legal market, Pitt Law and its dedicated career services department prepares its students for real career opportunities after law school in private law firms, public interest organizations, government agencies, corporate and business environments, judicial clerkships, academia, and nontraditional careers.

## WHY K&L GATES?

- **Guaranteed summer employment at a global law firm.** Many individuals applying to law school don’t yet understand how critical it is to find high quality summer positions during their two summers in law school. Some summer internships are paid; others are not. Some summer positions come with a potential to have a full-time postgraduate employment offer; others do not.  
  
As part of the Fellowship, you would have a guaranteed and paid summer position after your first year of law school at the global law firm of K&L Gates in its Pittsburgh office. This is a highly paid position and comes with the opportunity to receive an offer to return for a second paid summer position and potentially for a full-time position upon graduation. Oftentimes, income from summer associate positions helps students completely pay off college loans and even save money for the future. Beyond that, the summer experience is a great entrance to a future legal career at a prestigious global law firm.
- **Foundational training and experience.** K&L Gates provides practical foundational training for its summer and full-time associates. For example, during the summer program, summer associates are assigned mentors to assist them in working on projects in their areas of interest; the firm provides writing and oral advocacy workshops; summer associates participate in real-life simulations (a mock trial program for future trial lawyers and a corporate M&A workshop for future transactional attorneys); and summer associates get the opportunity to shadow seasoned lawyers during negotiations, trials, client meetings, and other key events. Not only that, but the summer is filled with fun activities, such as outings to Pirates baseball games and amusement parks, cooking classes, beer and wine-tasting, and casual dinners and lunches.
- **Exposure to a diversity of practices.** K&L Gates is one of the largest law firms in the world, with approximately 2,000 lawyers who practice in fully integrated offices located on five continents and who represent a broad array of corporations in nearly every major industry. Your summer experience will include exposure to multiple practices and lawyers from across many of the firm’s offices.
- **Mentoring from lawyers that have been in your shoes.** As part of the Fellowship, K&L lawyers serve as mentors for you during law school. Many of these mentors are Pitt Law alumni and can not only provide you career guidance but also practical advice about Pitt Law to help you do well in law school.

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## WHY PITTSBURGH?

**A vibrant growing city.** If you're not from Pittsburgh (or you only know about it from its championship sports teams!), the opportunity to go to school and work in Pittsburgh is an exciting one. Pittsburgh consistently ranks at the top of many of the "best city" lists. It's been rated as the "most livable city" multiple times; one of the "safest" cities; one of the "best cities for 20-somethings"; the "No. 1 food city" in America; the city with the "best view" (Mount Washington); and the list goes on and on. For a list of more of the city's recent rankings, and more information generally on Pittsburgh, please visit: <http://www.visitpittsburgh.com>.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

If you're interested in the Fellowship, simply apply to Pitt Law for law school. All prospective students who apply to Pitt Law are automatically considered for the Fellowship upon admission. If you need more information or would like to express an interest in the Fellowship, you can do so by e-mailing [admitlaw@pitt.edu](mailto:admitlaw@pitt.edu).



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