



## Donald W. Banner Diversity Fellowship for Law Students

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Banner Witcoff's Donald W. Banner Diversity Fellowship Program ("Fellowship") was created to strengthen diversity and inclusion in the field of intellectual property law.

Banner Witcoff will award \$5,000 in law school tuition or other school-related expenses to Fellowship recipients upon completion of their 1L clerkship in the firm's summer program. If a 1L student returns to the firm's summer program for any part of their 2L summer and accepts a full-time position with Banner Witcoff, the student will receive an additional \$5,000 financial award payable toward their law school tuition or other school-related expenses.

The firm will award \$5,000 in tuition or other school-related expenses to 2L Fellowship recipients upon completion of their 2L clerkship in the firm's summer program. If a 2L candidate accepts a full-time position with Banner Witcoff, the candidate will receive an additional \$5,000 award payable toward their law school tuition or other school-related expenses.

### Eligibility

1L and 2L law students who meet the selection criteria and have entered into a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States are eligible to apply for the Donald W. Banner Diversity Fellowship.

Applicants must have a demonstrated record of academic achievement, excellent interpersonal skills, a scientific or engineering degree, and be eligible to take the Patent Bar Exam.

### Selection Criteria

Award is based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit (undergraduate, graduate and law school)
- Commitment to the pursuit of a career in IP law
- Sincere interest in a career at Banner Witcoff
- Identification as a member of a historically underrepresented group in IP law or a demonstrated commitment to strengthening diversity and inclusion in the field of law
- Written communication skills
- Verbal communication skills determined through an interview of the law student
- Leadership qualities and community involvement



## Application Process

Applications will be received through January 10, 2022.

Applicants will submit the following documents for consideration:

- Completed Donald W. Banner Diversity Fellowship application form
- Resume
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school)
- Legal writing sample (5-10 pages)
- One-page statement describing how diversity has influenced the candidate's decision to pursue a legal career or how the candidate will contribute to increasing diversity in the field of intellectual property law

Please send completed application materials in PDF format by email to: [fellowship@bannerwitcoff.com](mailto:fellowship@bannerwitcoff.com) before January 10, 2022.

Visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for more information.



## Donald W. Banner Diversity Fellowship Application

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Please list at least two professional references with contact information:

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