

{ What students are saying... }

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“I gained an incredible network of people and the chance to get exposure to different areas of law.”

Dean Demartinis - Temple University Beasley School of Law

“The program exposed me to the countless advantages of practicing law in Chester County.”

Jeffrey Jarel Johnson - Villanova Law School

“The connections I’ve made through this program have been invaluable and I really felt welcome in Chester County.”

Raven Trueheart - Widener University School of Law

“The practical experience that I never would have experienced in the classroom was invaluable.”

Isaac Jonathan Jean-Pierre - Temple University Beasley School of Law

“The attorneys and judges were all collegial and always available for any questions I had.”

Brittany Deitch - University of Tulsa School of Law

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1L / 2L DIVERSE LAW STUDENT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



ELIGIBILITY:

Our 1L / 2L Diverse Law Student Summer Internship Program is designed to afford first and second-year law students who self-identify with those groups historically discriminated against on the basis of disability, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression or who otherwise come from a disadvantaged background the opportunity for summer employment.

The goal of our 1L / 2L Diverse Law Student Summer Internship Program is to achieve greater diversity in the Chester County legal community.

Additional criteria include academic record, leadership, written and oral communications, research, analytical and organizational skills, sensitivity to professional ethical concerns, initiative, professionalism, judgment, integrity and commitment to the practice of law.

As the goal of our Diversity Program is to increase the diversity of those practicing law in Chester County, in order to be eligible to participate in the program, students must have the citizenship or residency status to practice law here long term without needing to go through additional immigration proceedings.



OBJECTIVE:

Established in 2015, the Chester County Bar Association's 1L / 2L Diverse Law Student Summer Internship Program offers diverse first and second-year law students a path to summer employment at outstanding law firms in Chester County. The program was modeled after the successful PDLG (Philadelphia Diversity Law Group) Fellows Program.

In addition to gaining valuable law firm experience, students also participate in a series of programs, seminars and events designed to enhance their skills and increase their knowledge of the Chester County legal community.

DIVERSITY

PARTICIPATING LAW FIRMS:

Fox Rothschild LLP
Gawthrop Greenwood, PC
Legal Aid of SE Pennsylvania
Lamb McErlane PC
MacElree Harvey, Ltd.
Rubin Fortunato
Siana Bellwoar
Unruh Turner Burke & Frees PC

SCHEDULE:

- Week #1: Orientation Lunch with Diversity Committee
- Week #2: Attend Young Lawyers' Division (YLD) Happy Hour Lunch with Federal and Superior Court Judges
- Week #3: Lunch with the Chester County District Attorneys
Attend Chester County Bar Foundation Board Meeting
- Week #4: Lunch with YLD Officers
Attend Chester County Bar Association Board Meeting
- Week #5: Lunch with Chester County Common Pleas Judges
- Week #6: Lunch at CCBA with guest speaker
- Week #7: YLD Sponsored Networking Happy Hour with all CCBA Members
- Week #8: Closing Reception with CCBA members (Judges and attorneys)



PLACEMENT PROCESS:

- # Applications @ www.chescobar.org
- # 1L Application deadline: February 1
- # 2L Application deadline: November 15
- # Interviews scheduled week following deadline
- # 8-week program runs June 1 through July 31