1L Diversity Summer Associate – Minneapolis, MN

Taft Stettinius & Hollister is seeking 1L applicants for the 2022 Twin Cities Diversity in Practice 1L Summer Rotation Clerkship. The purpose of the clerkship is to connect Diversity in Practice’s “first-class corporate and law firm members with talented 1L students of color.” Eligible applicants will have completed their first year of law school before the summer of 2022.

The clerk will work as a summer associate at Taft for ten weeks beginning in late May. In addition to receiving projects at the firm like other summer associates, the clerk’s experience also includes a rotation working at the in-house corporate legal department of Xcel Energy, the Firm’s Diversity in Practice corporate partner.

Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship

In addition to offering a 1L Summer Rotation Clerkship, Taft is pleased to offer an academic Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship program for qualifying law school students. Assuming satisfactory performance during the 1L summer, fellows have the option to return as a second-year summer associate. Students selected for the fellowship, and who accept an offer to return to Taft as a second-year summer associate, will be awarded a one-time signing bonus, paid to the student, upon acceptance of the offer.

Additional information about Taft and its summer associate program is available at: https://www.taftlaw.com/careers?tab=law-students

Application Process

Please submit a resume, cover letter, undergraduate transcript, writing sample and law school transcript (if available) to Mackenzie Sauceman, Recruiting and Development Coordinator, at msauceman@taftlaw.com.

Your cover letter must reference the “Twin Cities Diversity in Practice Summer Rotation Clerkship” and explain the following:

a. Why are you interested in the Twin Cities legal market?

b. What do you hope to gain from a summer split between a law firm and corporate legal department?

c. How will you contribute to inclusion and diversity efforts in the Twin Cities legal community?

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so there is an advantage to applying early and to updating us as your grades become available.