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Zelle LLP Announces Call for Applications for 2025 Diversity in Law Scholarship and Paid 1L Summer Clerkship

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Zelle LLP is committed to increasing diversity in the legal profession. To that end, Zelle is pleased to offer this Diversity in Law Scholarship again in 2025. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and assist students from diverse backgrounds and with diverse perspectives, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues in pursuing the law as a profession. **Applications are due January 6, 2025, at midnight PT.**

Applicants must either be: (1) first-year law students pursuing their Juris Doctor degree who are **currently enrolled** full-time at an ABA-accredited law school and who have completed at least one semester of law school; or (2) be part-time (four-year program) or joint-degree students **currently enrolled** in their second year of law school at an ABA-accredited law school.

Applicants also must either (1) be a member of a population or group whose background and perspectives are historically underrepresented in the private practice of law; or (2) demonstrate a long-standing commitment to diversity that will be furthered by award of the scholarship.

Selection considerations will include but not be limited to: academic performance, writing skills, demonstrated leadership skills, an interest in litigation (including antitrust and insurance litigation), financial need, and a desire to practice in one of the cities where Zelle maintains an office. Applicants are required to have a 2.8 cumulative law school GPA (or its equivalent).

The Scholarship awards the selected recipient a total of **$15,000.00** to be applied towards the selected recipients law school tuition, fees, and text books, with one half of the scholarship paid for the students second year of law school and one half of the scholarship paid for the students third year of law school subject to the following: To receive the second installment of the scholarship, the recipient must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA (or its equivalent)

through the students second year of law school.

The Scholarship recipient will be offered and must accept a paid summer clerkship at one of the firms offices for the summer following the students first year of law school. The specific location of the clerkship will be decided by the firm in consultation with the recipient and will be based upon both the recipients interest and the firms need. Please note that the Scholarship recipient may elect to split the summer between the Zelle clerkship and an unpaid public sector internship (defined as a nonprofit/public interest organization, government employee, or judicial internship), so long as the Scholarship recipient commits to a minimum of five weeks at Zelle.

Additional details and the 2025 application can be downloaded here.

Completed applications may be submitted by electronic mail to: diversity@zellelaw.com

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