

In furtherance of the goal of promoting diversity in intellectual property law, McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd. is proud to announce its 2015 Diversity in Patent Law Fellowship Program. This prestigious fellowship is a key component of McAndrews' recruiting program.

“Our most important asset is our people. Our firm and our clients benefit from a diverse talent base, and we recognize that all people – regardless of race, gender or ethnicity – have unique and valuable perspectives that enhance our profession. With this fellowship, we seek to continue our commitment to fostering diversity at McAndrews and in the field of intellectual property law.”

– John J. Held, a McAndrews founder and hiring partner

ELIGIBILITY

Candidate must (a) be a first-year law student at an ABA-accredited law school with a diverse background that, in the firm's view, would help to improve diversity in the field of intellectual property law; (b) have a degree in science or engineering; and (c) intend to practice patent law in Chicago, Illinois.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The firm intends to award a paid summer associate (clerkship) position for a period of 10 to 12 weeks following the recipient's completion of his/her first year of law school. The position is part of McAndrews' Summer Clerkship program, which annually attracts some of the most promising IP-focused law students in the nation.

The firm intends to award a \$5,000 fellowship on or about September 1, 2015, at the completion of the clerkship.

As a summer associate at the McAndrews office in Chicago, the Diversity Fellow will gain experience in a wide range of intellectual property law and will be eligible to receive an offer to return for a second summer. To facilitate the Diversity Fellow's professional growth and learning, a member of the McAndrews Diversity Committee will serve as a mentor and resource. Given the collegial culture at McAndrews, the Diversity Fellow will also establish rewarding relationships with other attorneys.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted December 1, 2014, through January 15, 2015. In-person interviews with finalists will be conducted on a rolling basis.

Applications must include the following components:

- Resume, including description of science or engineering educational credentials;
- Undergraduate transcript (with GPA); and
- 500-word personal statement explaining why you wish to pursue a career in patent law, why you are interested in the McAndrews firm as a place to work, and how your background and/or life experiences would improve diversity in the field of intellectual property law.

