



Apply to the Washington State Judicial Diversity Program!

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law seeks enthusiastic applicants from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds for a pilot Judicial Diversity Program, to launch in October 2011. Applicants should be interested in pursuing a career on the bench in Washington State. Judicial diversity is essential to helping our judiciary deliver equal justice, countering perceptions of systemic bias, and fostering the public's faith in the legal system.

The need for good mentors is important when one enters the legal profession, and it becomes even more important as one seeks a judgeship. The Judicial Diversity Program will pair selected lawyers with an active or retired Washington state judge. Judges will assist mentees in:

1. Demystifying the judicial appointment and election process
2. Providing professional guidance and support
3. Increasing awareness regarding what it is like to serve as a judge
4. Increasing mentee's understanding and knowledge of the judicial system

In addition, throughout the Judicial Diversity Program, quarterly workshops and panels will be organized to enrich participants' understanding of the judicial process.

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, was formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to involve the private bar in providing legal services to address racial discrimination. The principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee is to secure, through the rule of law, equal justice under law.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The ideal candidate will have many of the following professional experiences and personal characteristics:

- Applicants must have at least 4 years of experience as a licensed attorney.
- Display an interest in seeking a career in the judiciary.
- A passionate, demonstrated commitment to civil rights and equal justice.
- An ability to navigate opinions and suggestions with grace and humility.

TO APPLY:

Please send in one mailing: a two-page statement of interest and a résumé. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2011. The program commences on October 1, 2011 and runs through October 2012.

Please send via mail or email to:

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