

Applications are open from Thursday, December 1, 2022, to Friday, January 13, 2023, at 5pm PT/8pm ET.

Introduced in 2020, the annual Wilson Sonsini 1L Student Diversity Summit brings together diverse law students from around the country. The event will be held over the course of two days: beginning late afternoon on Thursday, February 23, 2023, and all-day Friday, February 24, 2023, in our Palo Alto, California office.

The purpose of the summit is to provide concrete advice about the legal industry and make the law firm recruitment process more accessible and transparent for diverse law students. During the summit, you will have the opportunity to:



Meet our attorneys



Hear from our clients and lawyers about their different career paths



Learn more about succeeding in big law



Practice the art of networking in a setting where you can be your authentic self

You will also be matched with an attorney mentor and invited to virtual professional development trainings including a resume writing workshop and mock interview program. To provide you with personalized guidance to best prepare for the summer interview season, you will be asked to select an office and up to two practice areas you are interested in learning more about as part of your application. The practice areas you select as part of this application are not tied to any future applications. Learn more in our [Office and Practice Overview](#).

Eligibility:

First-year law student and Class of 2025 JD enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school.

Application:

To apply, please complete the [1L Student Diversity Summit Online Application](#) and upload these required documents.

1. A brief (500 word) personal statement which could highlight one or more of the following:
 - Personal and professional achievements
 - Examples of how you exhibit leadership
 - Your commitment to diversity in your school and/or community
 - How you have overcome adversity
 - Any other aspects of your experience that make you a good candidate for the program

2. Your resume
3. Your first semester/quarter law school transcript as soon as it becomes available. You will receive instructions on how to submit this through a separate link.
4. The completion of an assessment using [Suited](#). In order to provide us with a more holistic view of your candidacy, we invite you to complete an A.I. powered assessment tool that allows us to discover talent on an equitable basis. Please click the link above to get started. The assessment should take no longer than 30 minutes.

Please note that the first portion of the assessment is timed. If you believe you will require a reasonable accommodation to complete the assessment, do not click the link above. Instead, send an email support@wellsuited.com to request the accommodation. Suited will keep your request and any information you provide completely confidential.

Selection Criteria & Timeline:

Applicants will be selected based on demonstrating:

- Your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- How you exhibit leadership
- Your law school academic performance

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February 10, 2023 – Applicants notified and travel arrangements made

February 23 and February 24, 2023 – Wilson Sonsini 1L Student Diversity Summit

Travel and Costs:

Travel and reasonable related expenses including transportation, lodging, and meal costs for the students selected to attend will be covered by Wilson Sonsini in accordance with our travel policies. Currently, any individuals who visit a firm office, or attend firm events must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. You will be asked to attest to your vaccination status if you are selected to participate in the summit, and we encourage anyone who has not already done so to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Learn more about our commitment to [diversity, equity, and inclusion](#). If you have any questions about this program, please contact lawstudents@wsgr.com.