

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Announces 2020 Fellows and Regional Meeting Pilot

Landmark LCLD Fellows Program adds regional meetings to leadership- and relationship-building curriculum

RICHMOND, Va. (PRWEB) February 20, 2020 -- The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) is proud to announce that 361 attorneys have been selected as 2020 LCLD Fellows, participants in one of most comprehensive legal talent development programs in the country. Launched in 2011, the LCLD Fellows Program is an ambitious, highly structured initiative built to increase diversity at the leadership levels of the nation's law firms and corporate legal departments, and the program has grown in size every year.

Responding to the rapid growth of LCLD Membership and demand for the Fellows Program, LCLD will pilot a new regional meeting component to the program this summer. Hosted by DLA Piper US LLP in Chicago, IL; Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in San Francisco, CA; and Sullivan & Worcester LLP in Washington, D.C., these smaller, day-long meetings will provide additional professional-development programming and further strengthen the relationship-building aspect of the Fellows Program that participants and organizations value so much. The regional meetings will provide a strategic opportunity to build relationships between the Fellows' three full-class meetings.

"Our Fellows Program is a unique learning experience designed to empower a new generation of lawyers," said Ellen Dwyer, LCLD Chair and Chair of the Executive Committee at Crowell & Moring LLP. "These talented individuals have been singled out for leadership by their organizations, and represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds as diverse as the country they serve."

Over the course of the year-long program, participants will be challenged to improve their professional brand, build relationships that enhance professional development, and sharpen stewardship and leadership skills. In addition to the new, smaller regional meetings, Fellows will also have the opportunity to attend learning experiences hosted by LCLD Member corporations Adtalem Global Education, Allstate Insurance Company, Coinbase Global, Inc., The Coca-Cola Company, Fannie Mae, PPL Corporation, Starbucks Coffee Company, and T-Mobile USA.

"Already recognized as high achievers within their own organizations, the Fellows will experience a year of multifaceted professional development," said Robert Grey, LCLD President. "Our Fellows Program is unique in the nation, as it focuses on equipping participants with the advanced skills they need to play larger and more responsible roles in our Member organizations."

Upon completion of their Fellows year, the class of 2020 will become part of a community of more than 2,300 Fellows Alumni who mentor younger diverse attorneys, continue with their own career training, and maintain a dynamic national network.

"We're lucky to have an extraordinarily focused and committed membership, and the Fellows invariably reflect that," said Grey. "All of us are eager for results and will persist until we see real changes in the makeup of the leadership of the profession."



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