



## MBA Bar Fellows Program Key Information for Law Schools

The MBA Bar Fellows Program is a highly selective program designed to address the key goal of diversifying the Oregon bar by recruiting and supporting diverse law students who have a strong commitment to practice law in Oregon. The program provides a first-summer paid internship, substantial scholarships throughout law school, multiple networking opportunities, judicial mentorship, and other resources designed to support the Fellows' success in law school and in their Oregon legal careers. As it grows, this program will support many Oregon law students in their legal education and legal careers, and will make a meaningful improvement in the diversity of our bar.

The participating law schools—the University of Oregon and Lewis & Clark—support the program in the following ways:

- Administer an application process for Bar Fellows. Bar Fellows must apply for the program. To be competitive for the program, applicants must (1) demonstrate outstanding potential for success in the legal profession, (2) demonstrate a strong commitment to or interest in practicing law in Oregon, and (3) contribute to the diversity of the Oregon State Bar. "Diversity" is broadly defined, and participating law schools will consider various ways in which interested law students have the capacity to diversify the bar.
- Provide a minimum \$20,000 scholarship/year applied to tuition for each year of a three-year program for each Bar Fellow.
- Host a meet-and-greet in the fall for new first-year Bar Fellows, as well as second- and third-year Bar Fellows. Law school leaders, including the Dean if scheduling permits, should also attend.
- Provide interviewing support for first-year Bar Fellows before the interview event in January where the Bar Fellows and summer sponsors have an opportunity to meet.
- Invite and/or host other opportunities for Bar Fellows as appropriate.
- Participate on the MBA Bar Fellows Committee upon request to provide input and perspective from law schools.