

MINORITY CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

The Columbus Bar Association's Minority Clerkship Program (MCP) was established in 1987 and is a collaboration of the CBA, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and Capital University Law School.

STUDENT INFORMATION

The program's immediate goal is to provide legal experience and education for law students who are underrepresented in the legal community through summer placement at local law firms, government agencies and corporate offices. Some examples of underrepresented groups include but are not limited to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, individuals from the LGBTQIA+ community, individuals who are first generation higher education students, and individuals who grew up in geographically disadvantaged communities or regions. This opportunity is open to all regardless of race or ethnicity. The program focuses on arranging clerkship positions for first- and second-year students.

To participate in the clerkship program, first- and second-year students from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and Capital University Law School are evaluated by potential employers on the basis of their writing, interview skills, and academic profile.



Clerkships typically begin late May and early June and end by mid-August.



All MCP clerkships are paid positions. Payment arrangements and salary are all handled by the participating employers.



While some MCP clerks are asked to return or interview for the following summer, the MCP relationship only extends through the summer clerkship period.



Clerkships range from 4-11+ weeks and may include virtual components or remote placements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Mandatory attendance at annual information meeting
- Applicants indicate their preference of employers for interviews
- Application includes biographical information, personal statement, writing assignment, and resume
- Interviews by prospective employers
- Public and private sector positions are available
- Applicants for MCP attend a mandatory orientation program in preparation for the interviews. Students receive training on law firm etiquette, legal research and writing, and expected professional dress and mentoring by the sponsoring Columbus Bar Minorities in the Law Practice Group.
- Open to 1L and 2L students from Capital University Law School and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

IMPORTANT DATES

Mandatory Information Session

Monday, October 28, 2024 (12-1pm on Zoom)

Mandatory Information Session

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 (5-6pm on Zoom)

Application Live

Monday, November 11, 2024

Student Applications Due

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 by 11:59 pm

Mandatory Skills Workshop and Orientation

Saturday, January 25, 2025
(9am - 3pm @ CBA)

Receive Interview Assignments

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Interviews Day 1-2

February 13-14, 2025 (3-6pm)

Employer Offer Period Begins

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Employer/Student Mixer

April 2025 (date, time and location TBD)

STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 8, 2025