



# Archer Continues Annual Diversity Summer Associate Program Into 2019 With Support From Panasonic & The Hershey Company

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As part of the firm's commitment to diversity and inclusion and in collaboration with local affinity bar associations and corporate partners, Archer & Greiner is pleased to announce the continuation of its Diversity Summer Associate Program through 2019. With continued support from Panasonic Corporation of North America, and The Hershey Company as a new and welcomed partner, the program will provide two law students with financial support, ongoing mentoring, and offer students a rare glimpse into the day-to-day realities of legal work in private practice for a law firm and in-house in a legal department setting.

Archer & Greiner partner, Lloyd Freeman, who spearheads the program and was recently named Archer's first Chief Diversity Officer said, "I was the beneficiary of Archer's diversity scholarship when I was a law student, and I am proof that diversity programs do work. The exposure is unique, and part of our commitment to diversity at Archer is fostering the development of deserving law students who reflect a diverse workforce. This program does just that."

The Diversity Program was formed to identify, support and train exceptionally qualified diverse law students who demonstrate the characteristics required to become future leaders in the legal profession. One program participant will earn a 2019 summer associate position to be split between one of Archer's offices in New Jersey (Hackensack or Haddonfield) and Panasonic's legal department in Newark, New Jersey. Another participant will earn a 2019 summer associate position to be split between Archer's office in Haddonfield and The Hershey Company's legal department in Hershey, PA. Candidates should demonstrate outstanding academic achievements, exceptional leadership qualities, and have a connection to, and/or intent to practice law in the tri-state area. The selected program participants will receive a salary and a housing stipend, if appropriate.

“At Panasonic, our core values include diversity, mentorship and giving back to the community. The Diversity Summer Associate Program combines those principles and complements our efforts to find, hire, and retain top diverse talent,” said Jessica Hodkinson, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Panasonic Corporation of North America.

Damien Atkins, Senior Vice President and General Counsel and Secretary of The Hershey Company stated, “Hershey is excited to join Archer and Panasonic in this vital initiative. With a great deficit of women and minorities in the profession at all levels, programs like this are necessary to transform the entire landscape of law and provide opportunities to diverse law students to be at the forefront of this change.”

All application forms must be emailed (in a single PDF attachment) to [lfreeman@archerlaw.com](mailto:lfreeman@archerlaw.com). The deadline to submit is January 18, 2019. Finalists will be notified to arrange for an interview(s). The successful candidates must begin the summer associate program with Archer on May 28, 2019. Any questions should be directed to [lfreeman@archerlaw.com](mailto:lfreeman@archerlaw.com). For more information about eligibility and application instructions, please visit: [www.archerlaw.com/application/2019](http://www.archerlaw.com/application/2019).

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