

Anderson & Kreiger LLP Announces 2023 Legal Diversity Fund Awardees

Anderson & Kreiger LLP is pleased to announce the awardees of the 2023 Legal Diversity Fund. The fund awards financial stipends to aspiring lawyers who demonstrate financial need and who identify as part of a racial or ethnic group that is underrepresented in the legal profession. One \$50,000 stipend was awarded to a current law school student and five \$5,000 stipends to college students with an interest in pursuing a legal career. All college students who receive a stipend will also be eligible for free or discounted LSAT tutoring services or other services to aid college students in applying for law school.

This year's law student awardee is **Hector Pagan**, who is in his third year at Suffolk University Law School. In 2022, he served as a judicial intern for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He will be returning to the First Circuit as a term judicial clerk in the fall of 2024, after he graduates from law school.

The five college student awardees are:

- **Harrielle Bernard**, Boston College
- **Ishaan Kaushal**, Boston College
- **Jonathan Mora**, Boston College
- **Efe Oboh-Idahosa**, UMass Dartmouth
- **Haeun Park**, Tufts University

The stipends are intended to help address the challenges faced by students who lack the financial capital to focus exclusively on schooling like some of their peers and whose financial situation may limit their range of legal career options. The program also aims to address systematic weaknesses in connecting these students with other members of the legal community, potential employers, mentors and clients, which is a strong predictor of success in the legal profession.

Thank You to the Selection Committee and Baystate Financial

A&K wishes to thank the 2023 Selection Committee that included **Alexandra Blackmore**, Deputy General Counsel – NE, National Grid; **Joseph Kaigler**, Associate Chief Counsel – Litigation, Massachusetts Port Authority; and **Priya Lane**, BizGrow Director, Lawyers for Civil Rights. These individuals and their organizations contributed significant time and support to the selection process.

We also wish to thank **Baystate Financial** for contributing financial advising services to support the law student recipient.