

Irell & Manella LLP selected its scholar for the 2020 Irell & Manella Diversity Scholarship. The firm created the scholarship to promote diversity in the legal profession and to attract future leaders who are dedicated to creating an environment of inclusion.

About the Diversity Scholarship

The Irell & Manella Diversity Scholarship awards up to two \$15,000 scholarships to highly qualified second-year law students who accept offers to join the Irell & Manella Summer Program. Half of the award is paid in January of the recipients' second year of law school and the other half is paid upon commencement of the third year of law school. To apply, applicants must: 1) successfully complete one year of law school; 2) have stellar academic achievement; 3) demonstrate leadership ability; 4) showcase a dedication to diversity; and 5) possess a commitment to contributing to the legal profession.

About Our Scholar



Jared Looper is a second-year law school student at the University of Michigan Law School and an incoming 2020 summer associate in the Century City office. He graduated *magna cum laude* from The University of Texas at Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Minor in Statistics.

Growing up as a gay man in Texas showed Jared the legal system's power to promote inclusion. After seeing the ability of lawyers to foster inclusion and acceptance, he wanted to join this fight. Since entering the legal profession and seeing the ways in which exclusionary attitudes have held him and his peers back from this central mission, he wants to direct his focus toward the legal profession in addition to society broadly. He has succeeded at this task in his previous managerial experience and through intimate conversations, and believes these experiences have prepared him to improve inclusion both at Irell & Manella and in the legal profession as a whole.