

Irell & Manella LLP is pleased to announce the recipient of its **2023 Irell & Manella Diversity Scholarship**. Now in its 10th year, the Irell & Manella Diversity Scholarship is designed to promote diversity in the legal profession and attract future leaders who are dedicated to creating an environment of inclusion.

About the Diversity Scholarship

The Irell & Manella Diversity Scholarship awards \$20,000 scholarships to highly qualified second-year law students who accept offers to join the Irell & Manella Summer Program for 10 weeks. Half of the award is paid in 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



Taylor Hatridge is a second-year student at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Taylor graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and earned a Master of Science degree in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

As a queer woman with a STEM background, Taylor's identity is unique and intersectional. Taylor wants to support the advancement of other attorneys with intersectional identities and strives to join a firm that understands the value of cultivating an inclusive environment. As such, Taylor has chosen to join Irell & Manella as a summer associate in the Washington, D.C. office.

Throughout Taylor's graduate career, Taylor took on leadership roles to promote diversity and inclusion in STEM by becoming involved with the Student Recruitment Committee, which allowed Taylor to encourage admitted students from underrepresented groups to attend the graduate program, and hear those students' potential concerns regarding environment and culture. After hearing those concerns, Taylor was elected president of the Association of Chemical Engineering Graduate Students, and implemented policies to improve diversity and inclusion within the graduate program. This leadership experience culminated with Taylor's role as the DEI chair for the Student Leadership Committee of an interdisciplinary, interinstitutional research consortium funded by the National Science Foundation, where Taylor organized roundtable discussions about unconscious biases in STEM.

Taylor is excited to be part of a professional community that is kind and respectful, representative of diverse backgrounds, and passionate about the law.