

Shartsis Friese LLP

2021 Vault Law Firm Diversity Survey



LEADERSHIP

Head of Firm

Name and Title	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Add'l Demo
Arthur J. Shartsis, Co-Founder, Managing Partner	White	Male	

Executive Committee

Total Number of Attorneys on Committee: 9

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	6	3	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	1	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	5	3	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	1	1	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	1	1	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

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DEI Professional

Does the firm have a chief diversity officer, director of diversity, or other professional(s) leading the firm’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives?

No

Name and Title

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DEI Committee

Does the firm have a diversity, equity, and inclusion committee or the equivalent?

No

In what year was the committee formed?

Total Number of Attorneys on DEI Committee: **0**

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native				
Asian				
Black or African-American				
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				
White				
Two or More Races				
Other or Unknown				
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals				
Individuals with Disabilities				

Is the firm women-owned, minority-owned, and/or LGBTQ+-owned? **N/A**

Does the firm have a non-discrimination policy in the employee handbook or elsewhere in firm materials?

Yes

ATTORNEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Attorney Headcount

- 67 Total attorneys in U.S. offices
- 67 Total attorneys worldwide (including all U.S. and global offices)

U.S. Associates

- 11 Total number of U.S.-based associates

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	8	3	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	1	1	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	2	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	4	2	0	0
Two or More Races	1	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

U.S. Equity Partners

43 Total Equity Partners

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	32	11	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	1	0	0
Black or African-American	1	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	31	10	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	1	1	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	1	1	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

U.S. Non-Equity Partners

0 Total Non-Equity Partners

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

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U.S. Counsel / Of Counsel

13 Total Counsel / Of Counsel

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	6	7	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	1	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	6	6	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	1	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	1	0	0

U.S. Non-Partner-Track Attorneys

0 Total Non-Partner-Track Attorneys

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

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U.S. Law Clerks

0 Total Law Clerks

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

U.S. Office Managing Partners

1 Total U.S. Office Managing Partners

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	1	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	1	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

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U.S. Hiring Committee

1 Total U.S. Hiring Committee Attorneys

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	1	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	1	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

The firm does not have a formal hiring committee; instead, the firm has a hiring partner who works closely with the department chairpersons and COO to accomplish the firm's hiring goals.

FORMAL PROCESSES AND GOALS

Metrics

Does the firm provide a formal means for attorneys to voluntarily disclose any of the following?

- Yes Racial/ethnic identity
- Yes Gender identity and gender expression
- Yes Sexual orientation
- Yes Disability

Measurement

Has the firm set formal, measurable targets for increasing diversity in recruitment, retention, promotion, and/or leadership?

No If yes, describe the firm's targets:

Accountability

Has the firm set formal, measurable targets for increasing diversity in recruitment, retention, promotion, and/or leadership?

No

If yes, explain how the firm holds partners accountable for DEI achievements?

DEI Training

Which of the following steps has the firm undertaken to bolster diversity, equity, and inclusion awareness among attorneys and staff

- Yes** Provides annual DEI training that addresses implicit bias for all attorneys
- Yes** Provides annual DEI training that addresses implicit bias for all attorneys and staff
- No** Provides DEI training specifically for firm leadership/managers/department chairs
- No** Includes DEI training in on-boarding process for new associates and/or summer associates
- Yes** Retained a DEI consultant to conduct a

If applicable, describe any other initiatives taken:

RECRUITMENT AND HIRING

HBCUs

Does the firm recruit at law schools of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)?

No

If yes, which HBCUs does the firm hire from?

Law Schools

Does the firm recruit at any other law schools specifically for diversity purposes, such as institutions with significant populations of students of color? (Note that we are looking for intentional recruiting efforts to broaden the pool of applicants and extend more opportunities to diverse students.)

No

If yes, which law schools does the firm recruit at specifically for diversity purposes?

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Scholarships

Does the firm offer scholarships, internships, or fellowships to diverse law students?

Yes

If yes, provide the following:

Description, opportunities available, and link	Number awarded in 2020
Scholarships	

Link:

Internships

Link:

Fellowships

We sponsor a biannual fellowship to place a lawyer with a local not-for-profit legal services organization Link: N/A **1**

Career Fairs

Does the firm participate in legal diversity career fairs?

No

If yes, list the diversity career fairs in which the firm participates

Combating Implicit Bias

What steps has the firm taken to combat implicit bias in recruiting (e.g., interview training, behavioral interview questions, blind resume review, etc.)?

We are in the process of adjusting our recruiting process to ensure blind resume review. We also provided in 2021 Implicit Bias to all of our attorneys.

Summer Associates

In what ways does the firm support diverse summer associates (e.g., mentoring, training, events, etc.)?

N/A

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1L Summer Associates

Does the firm hire 1L summer associates?

No

0 Total 1L summer associates at the firm in 2020

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

Diversity Program Participants

If applicable, how many of the law students who participated in the firm's 1L summer associate program in 2020 were hired through the firm's diversity scholarship/internship/fellowship program?

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2L Summer Associates

Did the firm hold a 2L summer program in 2020? **No**

0 Total 2L Summer Associates at the Firm in 2020

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

2L Summer Associates Who Received Offers

0 Total 2L Summer Associates Received Offers

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

2L Summer Associates Who Accepted Offers

0 Total 2L Summer Associates Received Offers

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

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Diversity Program Participants

How many of the law students who participated in the firm’s 2L summer associate program in 2020 were hired through the firm’s diversity scholarship/internship/fellowship program?

New Attorneys Hired

3 Total 2L Summer Associates Received Offers

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	2	1	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	1	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	2	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

Mandatory Arbitration

No Does the firm require associates to agree to mandatory arbitration as a condition of employment?

N/A Does the requirement also apply to summer associates?

If yes to mandatory arbitration, elaborate on mandatory arbitration provisions:

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Affinity Groups

Does the firm have internal affinity groups or networks?

No

If yes, list the firm's affinity groups:

Affinity Groups Cont'd

What kind of support does the firm provide for its affinity groups or networks?

DEI Events

Does the firm host DE&I retreats or conferences? **No**

Does firm leadership attend these events?

If applicable, provide more detail on the firms DE&I events:

N/A

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Reverse Mentoring

Does the firm offer reverse mentoring, pairing senior attorneys with junior attorneys to help bridge generational or cultural gaps, share perspectives and skills, and foster a more inclusive culture?

No

If applicable, elaborate on the firm's reverse mentoring program:

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Associate Committee

Does the firm have an associate committee that consults with the partnership?

Yes

If applicable, describe how the associate committee engages with the partnership:

The Associate Committee brings issues of importance (usually involving compensation) to the Management Committee's attention for further consideration. In addition, there is one associate who actively serves on the Management Committee. He/she/they are expected to speak up and participate.

Combating Structural Racism

Is the firm a member of the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance (LFAA)? **No**

Cultural Awareness

How does the firm commemorate important dates honoring diversity?

Prior to the designation of Juneteenth as a federal holiday, the firm adopted Juneteenth as a firm holiday. We have also provided information to all firm citizens about the importance and history.

NETWORKING, MENTORING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mentoring & Sponsorship

Does the firm offer a mentorship or sponsorship program that connects diverse attorneys with senior leadership?

No

If applicable, describe the mentoring or sponsorship program

Professional Development

Does the firm offer professional development programs specifically for diverse attorneys?

No

If applicable, elaborate on the professional development programs available to diverse attorneys:

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Work Allocation

Does the firm monitor work distribution to ensure that diverse attorneys have equal access to quality assignments and significant client matters?

Yes

Describe how the firm monitors work distribution

With a small associate population, we are able to monitor work allocation closely for all of our associates.

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External Professional & Business Development Opportunities

Does the firm support associate involvement in external activities related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, such as the following?

- Yes** Pays for associate membership in diversity bar associations or other affinity organizations
- Yes** Sponsors associate participation in diversity, equity, and inclusion conferences
- Yes** Supports associate participation in other external DEI-related activities, events, or organizations (please describe):

PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT

Countering Implicit Bias

Has the firm implemented processes to mitigate implicit bias in work allocation, performance reviews, and/or promotions?

No

If applicable, describe the firm's initiatives to mitigate implicit bias

Upward Reviews

Does the performance review process include the opportunity for associates to provide anonymous upward reviews?

No

If applicable, describe the firm's initiatives to mitigate implicit bias

Diverse Slate of Candidates

Does the firm employ any of the following measures to ensure that a diverse slate of candidates is considered for promotions, leadership roles, or hiring?

- No** The firm is Mansfield Certified
- No** The firm is Mansfield Certified Plus
- No** The firm is currently participating in the Mansfield Rule certification process administered by Diversity Lab
- No** The firm has instituted other formal processes (please describe):

Multi-tier Partnership

Does the firm have a multi-tiered partnership? **No**

Alternatives to Partnership

Does the firm have a multi-tiered partnership? **Yes**

If applicable, describe the alternatives to partnership:

Associates who do not wish to be considered for partnership have the opportunity to move into an Of Counsel position.

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Homegrown Partners

Please provide the percentage of equity partners at the firm as of December 31, 2020 who started as associates at the firm.

900%

Promotions to Partnership

7 Total Number of Attorneys Promoted to Partner in 2020 (includes promotions effective in 2020, not announced in 2020)

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	5	2	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	1	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	5	1	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

BILLABLE HOURS AND COMPENSATION

Credit for DEI Work

Does the firm provide billable credit for work contributing to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts (e.g., with respect to recruiting or business development)? Note that this does not include pro bono projects.

Yes

If so, how many hours can be applied to the firm’s billable hour target?

Billable credit for DEI efforts may fall into various different administrative time “buckets.” How these hours are credited are different based on the attorney’s status (partner, associate, counsel). Generally, no more than 100 administrative hours are considered compensable or bonus-eligible.

Compensation

Are associate salaries lockstep or discretionary?

Lockstep

Bonuses

Are associate bonuses lockstep or discretionary?

Lockstep

If salaries and/or bonuses are discretionary or hybrid: Does the firm publish compensation ranges or actual compensation for each associate?

N/A

Flex-time Policy

Does the firm have a formal flex-time policy?

Yes

Reduced-hours Policy

Does the firm have a formal reduced-hours policy?

Yes

Partnership Eligibility

Do attorneys who take advantage of the firm's reduced-hours or flex-time options remain eligible for partnership?

Yes

Please explain how working an alternative schedule may affect an associate's path to partnership:

There is no negative effect on partnership prospects for associates that work an alternative schedule.

Attorneys Working Reduced Hours

0 Total Number of Attorneys Working Reduced Hours

Attorneys with Reduced-Hours Schedules	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Associates	0	0	0	0
Equity Partners	0	0	0	0
Non-equity Partners	0	0	0	0
Counsel / Of Counsel	0	0	0	0
Non-Partner-Track Attorneys	0	0	0	0

WORKING PARENTS

Family-planning Resources

Does the firm offer any fertility or family-planning benefits, such as in-vitro fertilization, egg freezing, adoption or surrogacy support
No

If applicable, describe the family-planning resources available:

Parental Leave for Adoption

Does the firm offer parental leave for adoption?

Yes

If yes, is the adoption leave gender neutral?

Yes

Primary & Secondary Caregivers

Does the firm offer parental leave for adoption?

Yes

If yes: In what way does the firm's policy distinguish between primary and secondary caregivers?

The primary caregiver is defined as the parent primarily responsible for the care of the child. There is only one primary caregiver per set of parents. A secondary caregiver is a person who has parental responsibility for the child but is not the primary caregiver.

If yes: How much paid leave is available to primary caregivers?

Attorney primary caregivers receive 16 weeks of paid leave; staff receive one week for every year of employment at the Firm, up to 10 weeks.

If yes: How much paid leave is available to secondary caregivers?

Staff and attorney secondary caregivers receive 6 weeks of paid leave.

If no: How much paid leave is available to those taking parental leave?

N/A

Parental Leave Policy

Describe the firm's parental leave policy.

Employees may take a leave of absence for the birth or adoption of a child. The leave will be up to 12 weeks for staff and up to twenty-four weeks for non-partner attorneys. The Firm will continue to pay the staff one week for every year of service up to ten weeks, and for non-partner attorneys up to sixteen weeks of salary. The Firm will continue to pay the staff 12 weeks of continued health insurance premiums and for non-partner attorneys up to twenty-four weeks of continued health insurance premiums.

Support for Parents

What steps has the firm taken to support parents and ensure that their parental status does not adversely affect their opportunities for career advancement?

- Yes** Pro rates billable requirements / credit / bonus targets for parents who take leave
- Yes** Provides resources for nursing mothers, such as private nursing rooms, breast milk storage, or breast milk shipping
- No** Offers child care resources, such as onsite day care, back-up child care, etc.
- No** Provides programs to assist new parents transitioning to leave and/or returning to work after leave (e.g., ramp up/ramp down, flexible hours, Mindful Return)

Feel free to elaborate on the nature of programs and resources the firm makes available to parents.

INCLUSIVENESS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Equity in Benefits

Do the firm's health care benefits, family leave, and bereavement leave include same-sex spouses and domestic partners?

Yes

LGBTQ+ Inclusivity

What steps has the firm taken to create an inclusive environment for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals?

- No** Provides gender-neutral restrooms/facilities
- Yes** Offers health insurance plans that provide equitable benefits for transgender employees and dependents
- Yes** Provides an opportunity for employees to share preferred pronouns
- Yes** Uses gender-neutral pronouns in its policies and materials
- Yes** Non-discrimination policy explicitly includes "gender identity and expression" as a protected category
- No** Other (please elaborate):

Accessibility

What steps has the firm taken to create an inclusive environment for attorneys with disabilities?

- Yes** Has evaluated and addressed issues of accessibility in firm buildings, workspaces, and parking facilities
- Yes** Has a clear and well-communicated process for attorneys to request accommodations or raise other workplace concerns
- Yes** Non-discrimination policy explicitly includes "disability" as a protected category
- No** Other (please elaborate):

ATTRITION

Departures among U.S. Associates

0 Total Number of Departures among Associates in 2020:

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

Departures among U.S. Partners

1 Total Number of Departures among U.S. Partners in 2020:

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	1	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	1	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

One partner withdrew from the partnership and became Of Counsel.

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Departures among U.S. Counsel / Of Counsel and Non-Partner-Track Attorneys

0 Total Number of Departures among U.S. Counsel and Non-Partner-Track Attorneys in 2020

Demographics	Men	Women	Nonbinary	Unknown
Race / Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0
Black or African-American	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latinx	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	0	0	0	0
Other or Unknown	0	0	0	0
Additional Demographics	0	0	0	0
LGBTQ+ Individuals	0	0	0	0
Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	0	0

SUCCESSES AND PRIORITIES

Top Three Accomplishments

What are the firm's top three accomplishments or areas in which the firm has had its greatest success with respect to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within the firm?

#1

The Firm is committed to diversity and inclusion for all attorneys and staff. Everyone at the firm is respected and included irrespective of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin or disability. Our diversity and inclusiveness makes us a strong firm.

Top Three Accomplishments

What are the firm's top three accomplishments or areas in which the firm has had its greatest success with respect to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within the firm?

#2

The Firm is committed to ensuring that women and diverse lawyers are part of the fabric of the firm. Our Management Committee has always had a strong gender balance, and a number of women are in departmental or committee leadership positions. We will not rest on past accomplishments and recognize that there is always more that can be done to improve DEI efforts.

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Top Three Accomplishments

What are the firm's top three accomplishments or areas in which the firm has had its greatest success with respect to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within the firm?

#3

The Firm is strongly committed to the professional development of its associates. We are committed to ensuring career advancement for our diverse and women associates. They receive significant responsibility on cases and transactions, work directly with the partners, and have significant client contact. The Firm also supports their involvement on Firm Committees (including the Management Committee) and involvement in charitable, civic, legal and business organizations.

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Top Three Priorities

What are the firm's top three priorities for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the firm moving forward?

#1

Expand recruiting efforts to ensure that we are identifying diverse candidates for open attorney positions.

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Top Three Priorities

What are the firm's top three priorities for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the firm moving forward?

#2

Provide additional training to all firm personnel on DEI concepts practices.

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Top Three Priorities

What are the firm's top three priorities for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion within the firm moving forward?

#3

Continue to foster a historically congenial environment where respect for our diverse population remains a top priority of the Firm.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

Advice

What advice do you have for candidates who are looking for a diverse and inclusive work environment? What questions should they ask when interviewing to help them assess the extent of a firm's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion?

Candidates should focus on how much value a firm places on individual attorney input, ideas, initiative, and willingness to become involved in firm leadership.