

**2016 DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Sunday, March 27, 2016**

The Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association (“LA IPLA”) announces its 2016 Diversity Fellowship that is open to law students meeting at least the following criteria:

- Expected to graduate from law school in **2017 or 2018**;
- Have an interest in practicing intellectual property (“IP”) law in the Los Angeles area (involving copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and/or patents);
- Are from a “diverse background,” which is defined broadly as those who are underrepresented in the IP bar and includes, but is not limited to, women, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as LGBT, and those who are differently abled;
- Possess “potential to succeed” as an IP attorney, which is defined broadly to include, but is not limited to, history of leadership, previous work experience, experience in overcoming difficulties, etc.

For 2016, LA IPLA is proud to announce that there will be two Diversity Fellows selected. This year, the Diversity Fellowship is graciously sponsored by SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP and LEWIS ROCA ROTHGERBER CHRISTIE LLP (“Sponsors”). The Diversity Fellowship will be hosted by **Edwards Lifesciences Corporation** in Irvine, California and **Harman International Industries, Inc.** in Northridge, California (“Hosts”).

Each selected recipient of the Diversity Fellowship (“Fellow”) will receive a stipend of \$5,000, which is graciously awarded by the Sponsors. **Receipt of stipend is conditioned upon serving as a law clerk at one of the Hosts for no more than 40 hours per week for 10 weeks.** Please see the following page for additional information on the Fellowship requirements and guidelines.

**Completed applications must be received by Sunday, March 27, 2016.** Please email completed applications to Jennifer So at [jennifer\\_so@hpt.honda.com](mailto:jennifer_so@hpt.honda.com).

Should you have any questions, please contact the below:

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Thank you.

## **LAIPLA FELLOWSHIP**

As one of the two LAIPLA Diversity Fellows, you will have the unique opportunity to work with one of the Hosts for the summer:

- **Edwards Lifesciences Corporation** is a global company in the science of heart valves and hemodynamic monitoring. The company partners with clinicians to develop innovative technologies in the areas of structural heart disease and critical care monitoring that enable them to save and enhance lives. Their corporate headquarters are located in Irvine, California, and they supply products and technologies to clinicians in nearly 100 countries around the world. We manufacture our products in several global locations including the United States, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Switzerland and Singapore.
- **Harman International Industries, Incorporated** designs and engineers connected products and solutions for automakers, consumers, and enterprises worldwide, including connected car systems, audio and visual products, enterprise automation solutions; and connected services. Our major brands include JBL, Harman Kardon, AKG, Lexicon and Infinity. Our team handles the global design patent, trademark and marketing matters globally including anti-counterfeiting, domains and enforcement matters. Working at Harman will allow you to work with our global engineers, designers, and business and marketing teams around the world and provide insight into the production of world class audio, video and software products and systems, as well as the development of technology and marketing campaigns. You will work with a team of 4 attorneys, 2 paralegals and 1 IP Specialist at this location, and the global legal team based in the US, China, Russia, India, and Europe.

### **Requirements and Guidelines:**

1. Each Fellow will be expected to work during regular workday hours at the respective Host. The work schedule will not exceed 40 hours a week for 10 weeks. The \$5,000 stipend will be issued by LAIPLA to each Fellow as follows: \$2,500 at the beginning of the Fellowship, and \$2,500 around halfway through the completion of the Fellowship.
2. The Fellowship is a distinct and unique opportunity. It cannot be used to satisfy school credit or any other program or project.
3. Once applications have been reviewed, representatives from LAIPLA will contact potential candidates for an interview. For finalists, an in-person interview may be required. These interviews will take place within the next few weeks after the deadline of March 27, 2016. Once the Fellows are selected, each successful candidate will be contacted by LAIPLA representatives about one week after the interviews are completed.
4. LAIPLA will make the final selection. The selection process will include input from representatives from the Sponsors, LAIPLA Board members, and members of the Hosts.
5. In the event that either selected Fellow is unable to begin his/her fellowship, other applicants may be subsequently contacted to fulfill the Diversity Fellowship.

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Please provide the following information as accurately and completely as possible. If you need additional space, please attach a separate page.

1. Name (last, first): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Email: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Academic Background:

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DEGREE <u>and</u> DATE CONFERRED <u>or</u> EXPECTED YEAR OF COMPLETION</b>

7. Law School Record: GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Standing (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Note: **Applicants are requested to attach a copy of their law school transcript.**

8. Academic honors and awards received in law school:
9. Professional memberships while in law school:
10. Past and Present Community Activities:

11. Other Languages (if any):

LANGUAGE	Please indicate: Native Professional Conversational Beginner	ORAL	READING	WRITING

12. Work History (from most current employment):

Dates	Employer	Address	Duties	Hours per Week	Compensation (Paid/Unpaid)

13. Statements (Confining your complete answer to no more than two pages total, please respond to each of the following):

- Please describe your strategy for finding success in your career and your interest in intellectual property law.
- Please describe your present and future goals for contributing to the Los Angeles intellectual property community.
- With the understanding that the term “diversity” is broadly defined, please describe how your background and character traits qualify you for this Diversity Fellowship.
- Why do you want to be a Diversity Fellow?

14. Please indicate your preferred Host by assigning each Host a number, with a “1” for most preferred and “2” for next preferred:

- ☐ **Edwards Lifesciences Corporation** in Irvine, California
- ☐ **Harman International Industries, Inc.** in Northridge, California

I certify that the information provided in this Diversity Fellowship Application is true and correct.

Dated:

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Signature