

# DIVERSITY AT MOFO

A Long-standing core value

**MORRISON  
FOERSTER**

## Firm and Practice Leadership



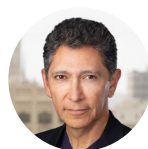
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## A Historic Commitment

**1980**

MoFo helps found the ABA's Minority Demonstration Counsel Program

**1984**

Sexual orientation is added to the firm's nondiscrimination policy.

**1986**

The Morrison & Foerster Foundation sponsors its first diversity scholarship program.

**1989**

The firm plays a leading role in developing the Bar Association of San Francisco's Goals and Timetables for Minority Hiring and Advancement.

**1992**

MoFo launches firmwide diversity program.

**1993**

MoFo becomes one of the first law firms to expand benefits to include same-sex partners. MoFo is the first law firm to ever receive the Catalyst Award.

**2001**

MoFo becomes the first major law firm to have an openly gay chair.

**2003**

MoFo establishes the Diversity Strategy Committee.

**2007**

MoFo establishes the Attorneys of Color Advisory Committee.

**2008**

The firm launches its affinity groups program.

**2012**

The firm establishes the Morrison & Foerster 1L Diversity Fellowship Program, now the Wetmore Fellowship.

**2014**

MoFo participates in the Power of Diversity Program initiated by London's lord mayor.

**2015**

MoFo launches the Diversity Mentoring Program.

**2017**

MoFo creates Department of Diversity and Inclusion.

**2018**

MoFo launches its Gender-Inclusive Employment Policy.

**2020**

MoFo appoints its first Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.

**2021**

MoFo launches the Allies Network.

**2022**

A lawyer of Asian heritage is elected firm chair.

# Building the Foundation for the Future

## Mansfield Certification Plus

MoFo is among a select number of firms that has achieved “Mansfield Certification Plus” every year since Diversity Lab’s launch of the Mansfield Rule in 2017. Certification Plus means we have at least 30% women, minority, LGBTQ+, and lawyers with disabilities within the partnership and lateral hires, as well as in the talent pools for leadership and lateral recruiting opportunities. This designation is reserved for firms that voluntarily measured the outcomes of their inclusive processes.

## Change from the Top

Change from the Top invites CEOs and general counsel from organizations across various industries to join MoFo partners in sharing best practices around diversity and inclusion. The program is designed to provide a unique opportunity for leaders across industries to discuss some of the biggest diversity, LGBTQ+, and women-related challenges they currently face, in the hopes of helping organizations create and sustain more inclusive work environments.

## Affinity Mentoring Programs

We offer associates the opportunity to join mentoring circles through the firm’s Affinity Program. Each mentoring circle is made up of attorneys from different offices, practices, and levels of seniority in order to foster traditional, peer, and reverse mentoring. Our Affinity Mentoring Programs help support the unique development needs of our attorneys.

## Pipelines Initiatives

**162** fellowships have been awarded through the Keith Wetmore Fellowship for Excellence, Diversity, and Inclusion program to students from leading U.S. law schools.

**\$50K** awarded to each Wetmore Diversity Fellow in two installments.

**72** pre-law interns have been sponsored by the firm through the Sponsors for Educational Opportunity program.



To learn more about MoFo’s diversity initiatives, contact [Natalie Kernisant](mailto:nkernisant@mofo.com), Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, [nkernisant@mofo.com](mailto:nkernisant@mofo.com).

## Numerous

diverse lawyers have been ranked as leaders in their respective practices in *Best Lawyers*, *Chambers*, *IFLR1000*, and *Legal 500* based on client feedback

**64%** of U.S. Partnership Review Committee members are nonwhite, women, LGBTQ+, veteran, and/or disabled

**50%** of 2024 U.S. Partner Promotions were people of color, women, LGBTQ+, veteran, and/or disabled

**64%** of U.S. lawyers on the Board of Directors are nonwhite, women, LGBTQ+, veteran, and/or disabled

**30+** Affinity Groups for Diverse Lawyers



Named “Outstanding Firm for Diversity & Inclusion” as part of the *Chambers* Diversity & Inclusion Awards: USA 2023.

**14x** *The American Lawyer* has ranked MoFo as a top 10 firm on its Diversity Scorecard for 14 years in a row.

**#1** Ranked first overall among firms with 601+ lawyers in *Law360*’s 2024 Diversity Snapshot for the fourth year in a row. MoFo also topped *Law360*’s list of the biggest law firms with the most diverse equity partners.

**20x** The firm has received a 100% rating on the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index for 20 years in a row.