



Keith Wetmore 1L Fellowship for Excellence, Diversity, and Inclusion

Frequently Asked Questions



Do my chances of acceptance increase if I apply to more than one office?

The Wetmore Fellowship Program is designed to recruit high-performing law students who will ultimately become full-time MoFo associates. To that end, you should only apply to the office in the city where you genuinely would like to live and begin your legal career. Candidates should apply to one office only, but may apply for more than one 1L program in that office. For example, if you qualify for both programs, you may apply to both the Wetmore Fellowship and the Two-Summer Patent Program in one office.



My law school grades will not be released by the application deadline. Can I still apply?

You can and should still apply. Please submit all other application materials by the application deadline and follow up with your law school grades as soon as they become available.



How important are law school grades?

As with any competitive process, law school grades are important evaluative factors. However, other factors which allow us to review your candidacy holistically, including a quality personal statement, relevant professional experience, demonstrated leadership roles, and ties to the geographic area to which you are applying, are also weighed.



How important is the personal statement for the Wetmore Fellowship?

The personal statement is an essential component of your application. In addition to demonstrating your writing ability, an effective personal statement provides us with a sense of who you are as an individual and a candidate, and gives us insight into your desire to contribute to the MoFo community as well as the greater community at large.



When can I expect to be informed of the status of my candidacy?

Applications are selected and reviewed on a rolling basis. You should expect to hear from the office to which you applied regarding the status of your candidacy by no later than mid-February.