

FROM MILITARY SERVICE TO THE CIVILIAN LEGAL FIELD

BRAVO: Building Relationships to Advance Veterans' Opportunities

The Goal

DLA Piper is seeking Veterans wishing to pursue a career in the legal profession. We believe that Veterans have what it takes to succeed in law school and as lawyers – focus, drive, ambition, grit, and a team mindset. The firm's goal is to support the next generation of successful lawyers and provide opportunities to Veterans who might otherwise not have considered a career in law. Through Building Relationships to Advance Veterans' Opportunities (BRAVO), DLA Piper is helping Veterans transition from military service to the civilian legal field.

The Program

Each year, DLA Piper will select Veterans who are interested in attending law school. The Veterans selected for BRAVO will receive ready access to top legal professionals who can advise on career paths and opportunities to forge connections with legal mentors.

The Scholarship

Scholarship recipients will receive $6,000 to use towards law school expenses including LSAT prep-course, application fees and tuition. The first payment of $1,000 will be given at the start of the program and the second payment of $5,000 will be given once enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school.

The Application

Candidates will complete an online application that includes a personal statement, academic transcript and an online recommendation.

Applicants will be subject to background checks.

Applications will be accepted from September 8 to November 30, 2026.

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Program Details

Mentoring

- Regular contact with associate mentors and senior partners from DLA Piper
- Career discussion with Global Chair Frank Ryan
- Access to DLA Piper Professional Development, Career Opportunities, and Recruiting Teams to assist with:
  - Law school personal statements
  - Application assistance
  - Resume building

Virtual programming

- Artificial Intelligence and the future of law
- Pro Bono and how to help your communities
- What employers are looking for and how to brand yourself
- Navigating summer employment opportunities

Commitment

- One year commitment
- Minimum three mentor calls a year
- Program does not guarantee a position at DLA Piper

Eligibility

- Be 18 years old or the age of majority in their state of residence (whichever is greater)
- Be enrolled or have graduated from an accredited United States college or university
- Have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Plan to enroll in an LSAT prep course or submit applications to ABA-accredited law schools within one year of finishing the scholarship program
- Have served in the United States military, this includes the Reserves and National Guard, and be honorably discharged (no longer drilling or serving) veterans who have received a Certificate of Eligibility from the Department of Veterans Affairs or DD214 or another document of service stating "Honorable Discharged" by the program start date.

To apply

To recommend a US veteran for BRAVO, or to apply directly, please email ashleyhughes.austin@us.dlapiper.com, or go to https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/dlapiper/.

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