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Pacifica Law Group Welcomes Four Summer Associates

Seattle—Pacifica Law Group is pleased to welcome four summer associates, including a Gregoire Fellowship recipient and a LEAD-WA (Legal Employers Advancing Diversity) fellowship recipient. Collectively, the 2022 Summer Associate class represents the firm's continuing commitment to creating opportunities for law school students.

Each year, Pacifica recruits first year law school students to participate in the Summer Associate Program. Pacifica focuses its program on rising second year law (2L) students, who typically have fewer opportunities to work with a firm during the summer after their first year of law school (1L). The program seeks to provide them with experience and a credential that will advantage them going forward. For a number of years, the firm has reserved these positions for diverse candidates, devoting substantial time to the screening and interviewing processes.

Pacifica Law Group participates in the [Gregoire Fellows](#) program and, for the first time, the [LEAD-WA \(Legal Employers Advancing Diversity\)](#) Summer 1L diversity fellowship program. Recipients of each fellowship split their summer internship, typically spending half their time at a law firm and the other half at a corporation or a government entity.

“The Summer Associate Program is an important component to Pacifica’s commitment to hiring and supporting diverse rising second year law school students and providing the training, mentoring and experience they need to advance their legal careers,” said Gerry Johnson, managing partner at Pacifica.

The Summer Associates who will be joining the firm this year are:

- **Alea Chatman**, Northwestern/Pritzker School of Law.
- **Rama Bankesly**, a member of Seattle University’s cohort of Gregoire Fellows. As part of the Gregoire Fellowship, she will work with Pacifica and Nintendo.
- **Miguel Villasenor**, a LEAD-WA (Legal Employers Advancing Diversity) Summer Fellow studying at Seattle University. As part of the LEAD-WA Fellowship, he will work with Pacifica and Redfin.
- **Aminat Sanusi**, University of Washington School of Law.

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