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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 Fellow Program member and a LEAD-WA (Legal Employers Advancing Diversity) fellowship recipient. Collectively, the 2023 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.

Pacifica Law Group participates in the [Gregoire Fellows](#) program and 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.

"Pacifica's Summer Associate Program is an important component to our firm's ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We prioritize recruiting and supporting law school students from underrepresented communities and backgrounds, and providing them with training, mentoring and experience to advance their legal careers," said Denise Stiffarm, Managing Partner at Pacifica. "This year's class brings a variety of experiences to their positions as summer associates. They have worked in commercial, legal, government or volunteer positions prior to attending law school. We're excited to have them on board," she added.

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

- **Ariel Archie**, Seattle University School of Law
- **Jonathan Ng**, a member of the University of Washington Gregoire Fellows Program; as a Fellow, he will work with Pacifica and Weyerhaeuser.
- **Ariana Nilchian**, a member of the University of Washington LEAD-WA Program, (Legal Employers Advancing Diversity); as a member of LEAD-WA, she will work with Pacifica and Sound Transit.
- **Molly Quillin**, University of Oregon School of Law

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