

PRESS RELEASE

Baker Donelson Announces 2019 Diversity Scholarship Program Recipients

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Baker Donelson has named the 2019 recipients of the annual Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship: Tenia Clayton and Savita Sivakumar.

Ms. Clayton, a graduate of Emory University, is in her second year at Belmont University College of Law and will be a summer associate in the Firm's Nashville office.

Ms. Sivakumar is in her second year at Emory University School of Law and will be a summer associate in the Firm's Houston office. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also holds a master's degree from Drexel University.

The two recipients were selected from 99 applicants attending 49 law schools across the country, including American University, Washington College of Law, Emory University School of Law, Howard University School of Law, Tulane Law School, University of Alabama School of Law, University of Georgia School of Law, University of Tennessee College of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, and Washington University School of Law, St. Louis.

"Savita and Tenia exemplify the type of candidates that we see every year: driven, motivated and engaged law school students who we believe represent the future of a more diverse and inclusive legal profession," said [Mark A. Baugh](#), chair of Baker Donelson's [Diversity](#) Committee. "Achieving true diversity in our profession remains a challenge, but we're proud of the small part this scholarship program plays in giving diverse law students greater opportunities to pursue a career in law. We look forward to welcoming Savita and Tenia as part of this program."

Established in 2008, the [Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship Program](#) awards scholarships annually to diverse law school students who have completed their first year of law school. Each recipient receives a salaried second year summer associate position in one of the Firm's 22 offices. Upon completion of the summer associate position, the Firm also awards each recipient a \$10,000 scholarship during the student's third year of law school.