

Basic Information

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Compensation & Benefits

2023 compensation for entry-level lawyers (\$/year) 215,000

Summer Compensation

2023 compensation for Post-3Ls (\$/week) 4,135

2023 compensation for 2Ls (\$/week) 4,135

2023 compensation for 1Ls(\$/week) 4,135

Partnership & Advancement

Does the firm have two or more tiers of partner? No

If no, how many years is the partnership track? 8-9

Lawyer Demographics

		Partner/Member	Associates	Counsel	Non-traditional Track/Staff Attorneys	Summer Associates
	Men	64	50	12	15	5
	Women	24	56	12	13	11
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	88	106	24	28	16
Latinx	Men	1	1	0	2	0
	Women	0	2	1	1	1
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
White	Men	53	36	9	11	3
	Women	20	38	6	9	3
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American	Men	1	3	1	0	1
	Women	2	6	3	0	2
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	0	0	0
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	Men	6	3	1	1	1
	Women	2	6	1	2	3
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	1	0	0	0	0
	Women	0	0	1	1	0
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
2 or More Races	Men	1	5	0	0	0
	Women	0	4	0	0	1
	Non-binary	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
LGBTQ	Men	1	6	1	0	0
	Women	1	5	0	1	3
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Veteran	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
	Non-binary	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC

Pro Bono/Public Interest

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Is the pro bono information indicated here firm-wide or specific to one office?

Firm-wide

% Firm Billable Hours last year

6%

Average Hours per Attorney last year

89

Percent of associates participating last year

93%

Percent of partners participating last year

75%

Percent of other lawyers participating last year

78%

Professional Development

Evaluations

Annual

Does your organization use upward reviews to evaluate and provide feedback to supervising lawyers?

No

Rotation for junior associates between departments/practice groups?

No

Is rotation mandatory?

No

Does your organization have a dedicated professional development staff?

Yes

Does your organization have a coaching/mentoring program

Yes

Does your organization give billable hours credit for training time?

No

HIRING & RECRUITMENT

LAWYERS	Began Work In				Expected
	2021	Prior Summer Associates	2022	Prior Summer Associates	2023
Entry-level	10	9	14	14	10
Entry-level (non-traditional track)	0	0	0	0	0
Lateral Partners	3	0	6	0	
Lateral Associates	8	0	16	0	
All Other Laterals (non-traditional track)	1	0	0	0	
Post-Clerkship	1	1	1	1	
LL.M.s (U.S.)	0	0	0	0	
LL.M.s (non-U.S.)	0	0	0	0	
SUMMER					
Post-3Ls	0	0	0	0	0
2Ls	18	7	14	1	15
1Ls	7	0	9	0	7

Number of 2022 15

Summer 2Ls
considered for
associate offers

Number of offers made 15
to summer 2L
associates

General Hiring Criteria We select our participants each year from among many highly qualified candidates. High academic achievement, extra-curricular activities (Law Review, Moot Court, other journals), initiative and strong motivation are the criteria we consider. We also look for other indicators of likely success such as demonstrated leadership skills, strong interpersonal skills, good judgment, willingness to assume responsibility, maturity, non-academic experience, and the ability to work well with others.

General Practice Areas

GENERAL PRACTICE AREAS	EMPLOYER'S PRACTICE GROUP NAME	NO. OF PARTNERS/MEMBERS	NO. OF COUNSEL	NO. OF ASSOCIATES	NO. OF ENTRY-LEVEL PLACEMENTS IN THIS PRACTICE AREA LAST YEAR	NO. OF NON-TRADITIONAL TRACK/STAFF ATTORNEYS
Government, Regulatory, Administrative	Communications	3	1	4	1	0

Business, Corporate	Corporate	2	10	2	1	0
Government, Regulatory, Administrative	Environment, Natural Resources & Land	3	0	2	1	1
Banking, Finance Bankruptcy	Financial Restructuring	2	1	5	0	0
Government, Regulatory, Administrative	Government Contracts	4	0	5	0	0
Government, Regulatory, Administrative	Health	3	2	9	1	0
Intellectual Property	Intellectual Property	6	1	2	0	0
Government, Regulatory, Administrative	International Trade	17	2	29	4	1
Banking, Finance Business, Corporate	Investment Funds	5	2	4	1	2
Labor and Employment	Labor	5	1	7	1	0
Litigation	Litigation	13	1	19	4	1
Government, Regulatory, Administrative	Public Law & Policy	17	6	4	1	22
Tax	Tax	1	3	1	0	1
Government, Regulatory, Administrative	Antitrust & International Competition	2	2	5	0	0

Diversity & Inclusion

Diversity Contact: Mr. Nimesh Patel

Diversity Website/URL: <http://www.akingump.com/en/our-firm/diversity/index.html>

Organization Narrative

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP is a leading global law firm with over 15 offices and more than 900 lawyers and advisors in the United States, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Our legal work is varied and interesting and offers exciting and challenging opportunities to practice law in one of the world's largest law firms. Our firm was founded in Dallas in 1945 by Richard A. Gump and Robert S. Strauss and is defined by five core values: future-focused, diversity-minded, dedicated to excellence, service-oriented, and collaborative. These values characterize the qualities we seek in attorneys and the philosophy of Akin as a whole.

In the spirit of Akin innovation, the firm created industry-first virtual reality tours to show what it's really like to work here. In these tours, we seek to provide realistic, firsthand insight into who we are as a firm. Each tour highlights various aspects of the firm as a whole and features lawyers describing some of the firm's programs and initiatives. To get started, please visit: <https://www.youvisit.com/tour/akingump/>

Established in 1971, Akin's Washington, D.C. office, the firm's largest, has grown to over 200 attorneys. The office includes each of Akin's nationally-recognized practice areas, including our multi-disciplinary corporate, litigation and regulatory practices, as well as the firm's Supreme Court and appellate, financial restructuring, international trade, labor and employment and public law and policy practices. Our lawyers routinely collaborate with Akin's other U.S. and international offices on behalf of our clients and on complex matters within and outside the United States.

Our summer program introduces summer associates to the diversity of work and resources at the firm, as well as a sense of law practice and life in Washington, D.C. Summer associates work on challenging assignments available from all of our practice groups, comparable to projects the firm's associates perform. We design assignments to maximize front-line responsibility, offering appropriate supervision and constructive feedback, as well as a sense of the interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to our practice. We offer special opportunities for summer associates to attend congressional hearings, depositions, witness interviews, and client meetings, as well as professional and networking events throughout the city during the summer. Essential to the summer experience is our Summer Associate Academy, designed both as a training module for writing and other practical legal skills and a discussion forum regarding clerkships, client secondments and other legal sector experiences. Through individual and team-based assignments, summer associates also participate in a variety of matters within the firm's extensive pro bono practice.

We provide summer associates with many training and development opportunities during the summer through our Summer Associate Academy, which offers programs such as legal writing, pro bono training, presentation skills, law firm economics and a judicial clerkship advice panel. In an effort to provide both a realistic and rewarding experience, summer associates are given many opportunities to get to know our lawyers through mentoring, assignments and training, as well as through a variety of social events. Our hope is to give summer associates a true sense of our office culture while showcasing the vibrant and rich culture that makes Washington such a great place to live.

Our continuing goal is to make an offer of employment to each summer associate who demonstrates the ability to practice law at the level required by our practice. We are pleased that so many of our associates, counsel and partners are former Akin summer associates.

Akin is dedicated to the professional growth and development of its attorneys. The firm has instituted a firmwide compensation and bonus structure that is an integral part of Akin's strategy to recruit, develop, support and recognize the hard work of our associates and counsel. This structure includes our counsel position, which recognizes the increased responsibility that our associates take on at their sixth year of practice.

It is part of our established culture at Akin that attorneys are involved in firm life. Associates and counsel participate in firm committees in each of our offices, including associates committees, diversity & inclusion councils, firm resource (affinity) groups, hiring committees and pro bono committees. In addition, a group of associates and counsel representing all offices and associate class years serves on the firmwide Chairperson's Associates Committee. This group meets twice per year with the firm's chairperson to discuss relevant issues and participate in setting firm policies. We believe that the active involvement of our associates and counsel in so many areas fosters a deep commitment and connection to the firm and its members.

At Akin we believe that the very best training is imparted when our lawyers handle actual matters. Ideally, all of our associates will learn best by working closely with more-senior lawyers on projects that are crucial to our clients. We also work to ensure that our lawyers are allowed to stretch their abilities in their assignments as early as possible.

Akin offers a comprehensive formal training program carefully calibrated to each associate's stage of development and area of practice. Our formal training complements the firm's competency framework and includes a core curriculum of skills and practice-specific training. We offer courses on a wide variety of subject matters, including, among others, legal writing, corporate drafting, finance and accounting, oral communication and leadership, business development and management skills training. In addition, we offer a comprehensive advocacy curriculum complete with workshops on deposition skills, motions practice and trial advocacy. Corporate courses include programs on structuring transactions, filings, debt tender offers and corporate negotiation skills. The firm also offers four academies strategically designed to guide important transitions in a lawyer's career. These programs include the Summer Program Academy, Fall Associate Academy, Mid-Level Associate Academy (4th year associates) and New Counsel Academy.

Since its founding, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has been committed to ensuring meaningful diversity at every level of the firm and creating a culture of inclusiveness. We believe that the various perspectives and experiences of our lawyers and business services professionals help us achieve exceptional results for our clients and brings important insights into all aspects of the firm. We are committed to recruiting talented law students, lawyers, and business services professionals, investing in career development, and partnering with clients and others to advance diversity and inclusion within the firm and across the legal profession. In order to best support our diversity and inclusion efforts, we believe that leadership commitment is essential. In addition to having Kim Koopersmith as our Chairperson, one of very few women leading a major, global law firm, the partners-in-charge of the firm's Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Singapore offices are women. The partner in charge of one of our largest offices, Washington, DC, is African-American. The partner-in-charge of our Philadelphia office is Hispanic, and the partner-in-charge of our Irvine office is Asian-American. Two thirds of the 15 attorneys promoted to partner in January 2023 are women. To ensure that Akin's diversity and inclusion initiatives continue to thrive and expand, a dedicated and active group of attorneys lead and participate in our firmwide and local diversity and inclusion councils, as well as our formal Firmwide Resource Groups ("FRGs") which are intended to compliment the firm's efforts related to recruiting, professional development, and fostering inclusive workplaces. Current FRGs include those focused on women, working parents and caregivers, people with disabilities, and those who identify as Black, Latinx, Asian and/or LGBTQ+, and their allies.

All levels of management champion the firm's commitment and policy of encouraging associates and counsel to participate in pro bono practice as part of their on-going workload. Akin's pro bono practice is led by Pro Bono Partner Steven Schulman. We recognize that attorneys, especially those less experienced, more junior lawyers, obtain valuable experience on pro bono matters. Under the firm's competency-based approach to professional development, pro bono plays an important role in further enhancing associate and counsel professional development, and the firm works to ensure that our pro bono program provides opportunities consistent with the competency model.

Akin is proud of its history and growth, but above all we are proud of the professionals and business services staff who have made the firm such an incredible place to practice law. To learn more, please visit our website at www.akingump.com.

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