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PRIMARY PRACTICE AREAS:	# Ptrs/Mbrs	# Assoc & Oth. Lawy.
Commercial Transactions	12	6
Mergers & Acquisitions	4	0
Securities	3	0
Business and Commercial Litigation	5	8
Labor & Employment	0	2
Real Estate	1	1
Energy	3	0
Governmental Affairs	2	0
Healthcare	1	1

**COMPENSATION & EMPLOYMENT DATA:**

	2007		BEGAN WORK IN		EXPECTED
	Compensation		2005	2006	2007
Lateral			3 ( )	3 ( )	TBD
Post-clerkship			( )	( )	
Entry-level	80,000 /yr		2 ( 2 )	3 ( 2 )	4
LLMs (US)			( )	( )	
LLMs (non-US)			( )	( )	
Summer					
Post-3Ls		\$/wk	( )	( )	TBD
2Ls	TBD	\$/wk	3 ( )	4 ( )	2
1Ls	TBD	\$/wk			0

# 2006 summer 2Ls considered for associate offers: 4 # offers made: 3

Hire school term clerks? N

1Ls hired? Y When after 12/1 should 1Ls apply? December 1

Split summers allowed? Y If yes, minimum weeks: 7

Comments: First seven weeks spent with our firm.

Accept applications for 2008 summer program from:

Joint degree students graduating in 2010? Y

Evening students graduating in 2010? N

Judicial clerks? N Students at non-US law schools? N

Hiring Criteria: Analytical skills, leadership ability, interpersonal skills, writing and communication skills, and a commitment to excellence.

**CLERKSHIP/CREDIT/SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION:**

Judicial clerkship bonus? Y

Comp./prog. credit for judicial clerkship? Y

Comp./prog. credit for other adv. degrees? CBC

Other compensation comments: \$5,000 study stipend upon graduation; bonus program; ability to progress in compensation and towards partnership based on skills and performance, not merely tenure.

PARTNERSHIP DATA: Two or more tiers? Y Partnership track (years):

Additional partnership prog. info: Four-level system; associates progress toward partnership based on skills and performance, not years. Average time to partnership 6-1/2 years, less for exceptional associates.

**WORK/LIFE INFORMATION:**

Part-time allowed? Y Part-time avail. to entry-level? N

# p-t assoc. (m) 1 (w) ptrs/mbrs. (m) (w) oth. lawy. (m) 1 (w)

Elig. for alt. work sched. determined by: Policy, case by case

Paid non-medical parental leave? Y

Comments: Maternity leave policy; parental leave policy and adoption leave policy in accordance with FMLA policy.

**TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Coaching/mentoring program? Y

Evaluations: Semi-Annual Upward reviews? Y

Professional development staff? Y Billable hours credit for training time? N

Rotation for jr. associates between departments/practice groups? N

Is rotation mandatory? N

BENEFITS: see www.nalpdirectory.com

**BLACKWELL SANDERS**

Total # offices: 8 Firm size range: 251-500  
 NALP member? Y Office size range: 26-50  
 Total attys in this office: 37

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - CURRENT YEAR 2007**

As of Feb. 1, 2007	Ptrs/Mbrs	Assoc.	All Oth. Lawy	Summ. Assoc.
Men	17	7	1	0
Women	3	6	3	4
TOTALS	20	13	4	4
Black				
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	2
Hispanic				
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	0
Amer. Ind./ Alaskan				
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	0
Asian & Pac. Isl.				
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	0
Multi-racial				
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	0
Disabled				
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	0
Openly GLBT				
Men	0	0	0	0
Women	0	0	0	0

(See www.nalpdirectory.com for historical comparisons.)

**DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT & RETENTION EFFORTS:**

Activities to increase the presence and retention of under-represented groups:

- Minority job fairs
- Outreach to law student groups
- Directed mentoring efforts
- Bar sponsored programs
- Firm diversity committee
- Rec. at schools w/large min. pop.

Comments: Please see our website at www.blackwellsanders.com for complete information on our diversity initiatives and INROADS program.

**CAMPUS INTERVIEWS for past year (see full list online):**

# schools visited in 2006: 17 # job fairs/consortia attended in 2006: 2

**BILLABLE HOURS:**

2005 2006

Avg. annual assoc. hrs worked: 2100 2100

Avg. annual assoc. billable hrs: 1900 1900

Is there a minimum billable hours expectation? N If yes, number:

Hours policy details: Associates have target billable hours of 1900. Up to 120 pro bono hours considered for bonus.

Is billable hour credit given for pro bono work? N

Is there a maximum that will be credited? N If yes, what?

For bonus consideration, is a pro bono hour equivalent to a billable hour? Y

**PRO BONO INFORMATION:**

Firm-wide  Office specific

% firm billable hours: 3  avg. hrs. per attorney:

Participation: % assoc. % ptrs/mbrs % other lawyers

**PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS (see www.pslawnet.org for more information):**

Sponsor split pub int. summer and/or post-graduate fellowship? N

Comments: None.

**NARRATIVE:** Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP is a dynamic law firm with a practice well balanced between litigation and business law. The firm's growing client base has provided a platform for stable growth.

The firm has made a unique commitment to the professional and career development of its associates. Lockstep progression toward partnership has been replaced with a four-level process, in which associates advance in compensation and toward partnership based upon their growth in skills and performance, instead of years at the firm. Thus, while the average length of time to partnership eligibility has remained the same, associates with exceptional skills and performance are eligible for partnership sooner.

The firm provides associates with career development training, mentoring, semiannual reviews and early, meaningful responsibility. Associates are given opportunities to manage litigation, negotiate transactions, and work directly with our clients, which include Aquila, Inc., West Corporation, First Data Corp., Gallup, Inc., First National Bank of Omaha, Government Properties Trust, Inc., Goldman's, Robert's Dairy, Solutia, Inc., and Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc.

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