



## **Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for Law Students**

Banner & Witcoff is proud to offer the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds.

### **Eligibility**

Law students who meet the selection criteria and have entered into a JD program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States are eligible to apply for the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship. Applicants may not be a current or past employee of Banner & Witcoff, or directly related to a current employee of Banner & Witcoff.

### **Selection Criteria**

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship review board based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit (undergraduate, graduate and law school)
- Commitment to the pursuit of a career in IP law
- Member of a historically under represented group in IP law (including race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability)
- Written communication skills
- Oral communication skills determined through an interview of the law student
- Leadership qualities and community involvement

### **Financial Award**

Recipients of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third year of law school.

Recipients of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship who accept and successfully complete the firm's Summer Associate Program may receive an additional \$5,000 payable for a subsequent semester of law school.

### **Application Process**

Applications will be accepted August 1, 2008 through October 10, 2008. Awards will be announced in March 2009.

Applicants will submit the following documents for consideration:

- Completed Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship application form
- Resume
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school)
- Writing sample (5-10 pages) (legal, if available)
- Three references including contact information
- One page statement describing how diversity has impacted the candidate



## Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly explain under what historically under-represented category in IP law the applicant falls within (e.g., ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, etc.):

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application materials should be submitted to:

**Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship**  
c/o Christopher Hummel  
Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.  
1100 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005

Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com) for more information about Donald W. Banner and Banner & Witcoff.