



## **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.

### **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.

### **Application Process**

Applications will be accepted August 3, 2009 through October 9, 2009. Awards will be announced in March 2010.

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) (a legal writing sample is requested, if available)
- Contact information for three references
- One page statement describing how diversity has impacted the candidate



## Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship Application

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Washington, DC 20005

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