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Students Receive Donald W. Banner Corporate Intern Scholarship

Foundation awards two law students \$10,000 scholarships for outstanding performance in a corporate intellectual property law department internship.

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 6, 2006 - Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation today announced the winners of the 2006 Donald W. Banner Corporate Intern Scholarship. Students Nathaniel Lucek and Megan Chorey were selected to receive \$10,000 scholarships in recognition of their outstanding performance during a corporate intellectual property law internship. The students will receive their awards and be recognized for their accomplishments during a luncheon today in Washington, DC.

The mission of the scholarship program is to assist law students pursuing intellectual property law careers with their educational expenses and to encourage law students to seek internships with corporate intellectual property law departments. To increase awareness within the law student community about corporate internship programs, the Foundation publishes a list of companies on its website that offer IP department internships. www.ipo.org/educationfoundation

Lucek performed an internship with Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. and is expected to receive his Juris Doctor degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in May 2007. His exceptional performance during the internship led to a full-time offer with the company after graduation. Lucek said that pursuing intellectual property law enables him to ensure that "technology is protected and utilized to its fullest potential."

Chorey's award is based on her internship with The Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, where she created patent mapping templates and procedures which the patent group continues to use. Earlier she also interned with Procter & Gamble Company. She is expected to receive her Juris Doctor degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. Chorey's interest in innovation was apparent at a young age when she proclaimed she wanted to be an "Idea-Thinker-Upper."

"The IPO Education Foundation is pleased to award Nathaniel Lucek and Megan Chorey the Donald W. Banner Corporate Intern Scholarship," said Harry J. Gwinnell, President of the Foundation. "Their commitment to intellectual property rights is important for future innovation and the national and global economy."

The Foundation Board of Directors established the scholarship this year and named it for Donald W. Banner (1924-2006), a corporate intellectual property counsel, professor, U.S. Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, and co-founder of Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO). Mr. Banner was known worldwide as an advocate for effective intellectual property rights.

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About IPO Education Foundation

Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to educational and charitable activities designed to improve intellectual property rights. IPO Foundation conducts programs to:

- Broaden public understanding of systems for protecting intellectual property;
- Sponsor awards for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievement in the fields of invention, creativity, and IP rights; and
- Publish reports dealing with legal, economic, and other aspects of intellectual property.

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