



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, gender, 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 through November 1, 2017. Awards will be announced in January 2018.

Applicants will submit the following documents for consideration:

- Completed Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship application form
- Resume
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school); law school transcripts will be requested from 1L's in January if selected as a finalist
- 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

Past Recipients

Since 2008, Banner & Witcoff has awarded a total of \$85,000 to recipients of the Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship payable toward their law school tuition. We are proud to continue this tradition.

Recipient	School
LaTasha Mabry	University of Houston Law Center
Megon Walker	Harvard Law School
Stacia Stokes	Emory University School of Law
Benjamin Hong Huh	University of Maryland School of Law
Emmanuel Azih	University of Georgia School of Law
Kimberly A. Lockhart	Vanderbilt Law School
Michelle Pacholec	University of Connecticut School of Law
Veronica Sandoval	Seattle University School of Law
Emily Chen	University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
Han Cheol Choi	Boston University School of Law
Stephanie Chang	Columbus School of Law Catholic University
Joseph Nunez	Wayne State University Law School
Holly Victorson	University of Michigan Law School
Alan Fu	Duke University School of Law
Kimberly Soto	University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
Moriah Smoot	University of Alabama Law School



Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Completed application materials should be submitted to:

Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship

c/o Christopher Hummel
Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.
1100 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

Please visit <https://bannerwitcoff.com/about-us/commitment-to-diversity/> for more information about this scholarship, Donald W. Banner, and Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.