



# Intellectual Property Law Section

## State Bar of Texas

### Women and Minority Scholarship Application

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two \$2,500 scholarships, each to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas at the time the application is submitted. Thus, persons who have been accepted to law school but have not yet started classes at the time the application is filed are ineligible. However, persons who have graduated at the time the scholarship is awarded are eligible for the scholarship.

The purpose of this scholarship is to facilitate and encourage women and minorities to enter the practice of intellectual property law in Texas, and to become active members of the State Bar IP Section, by assisting these students with their financial needs. Selection criteria of the scholarships include: merit, scholastic performance, and financial need. Consideration is also given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school.

This application should be completed and returned either by (1) mail to the IP Section's Women and Minority Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o Hope Shimabuku, 2413 Clear Ridge Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028 or (2) email to Hope Shimabuku at hshimabuku@gmail.com (entire applications only (e.g., applications including the recommendations, essays, and transcripts)).

**Applications must be postmarked or time stamped by no later than May 1, 2009.** The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2009 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting.

Please print or type in black ink.

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ETHNIC BACKGROUND:

\_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian American \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

LAW SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: (cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE DEGREES (College, Degree, Date): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please also attach a copy of all college, graduate school (if any) and law school transcripts. If your law school transcript does not yet include your grades for the Spring 2009 semester, please separately provide information on all grades you have received to date and supplement with remaining grades as soon as possible after you receive them.*

LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

## III. RECOMMENDATIONS AND ESSAY

Please attach (1) at least two letters of recommendation and (2) a typewritten essay of no more than two pages addressing the following:

Why you plan to pursue a career in intellectual property law in Texas; and

Any qualifications that you believe are relevant for your consideration for this scholarship.

(Optional) Any issues of financial need that you would like the Committee to consider.

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT: I have reviewed the information listed in this application for omission and errors. To the best of my knowledge the information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that the IP Section's Women and Minority Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to investigate all information stated in this application.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_