FRANCHISE LAW DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Sponsored by the IFA Educational Foundation and DLA Piper US LLP

The IFA Educational Foundation and DLA Piper US LLP have teamed up to sponsor the ***Franchise Law Diversity Scholarship Award***. The goal of this program is to recognize and support academic achievement among diverse law students. Additionally, the program seeks to encourage diverse law students to enroll in courses that are oriented towards franchising.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for the scholarship award, students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school. Applicants must have 2L or 3L status during the period of the scholarship, and they must be enrolled in at least one course oriented towards franchise law (e.g., Torts, Unfair Trade Practices, Trade Secrets, Antitrust, Trademarks, Contracts, Agency, Securities). Applicants must be considered a member of a diverse group (African American, American Indian, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Gay/Lesbian).

What Does the Award Offer?

One award, **in the amount of $4,000**, will be presented annually. The award will be issued to the law school to reduce the amount of tuition. This scholarship may not be used by the selected student's law school to reduce the amount of any institutional financial aid.

In addition to the financial award, the selected student will be invited to various functions, such as the IFA Annual Convention or other meetings, sponsored by DLA Piper US LLP. This will give the student an opportunity to get involved with the franchise law community and meet several franchise lawyers.

How Do You Get Started?

Students should complete the application form and submit it to the IFA Educational Foundation, along with a certified copy of their academic transcript, and a typed essay explaining their interest in franchise law. Students should also submit two letters of recommendation from professors, school advisors, or other individuals who can attest to the applicant's interest in franchise law. Applicants must describe their current academic course(s) in the space provided on the application form.

Application Deadline

All scholarship applications and materials must be postmarked no later than December 31 **to be considered for the Fall scholarship award.**

Application Procedure

Send the application and supporting materials in a single packet to: Miriam L. Brewer, Director of Education & Diversity, IFA Educational Foundation, 1501 K Street, N.W., Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20005.

APPLICATION FORM
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Minimum Qualifications:

1) Students must be enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school, and must have 2L or 3L status during the period of the scholarship.
2) Applicants must be enrolled in at least one course oriented toward franchise law.
3) Applicants must be considered a member of a diverse group – African American, American Indian, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Gay/Lesbian.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Law School: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Academic Advisor/Contact: _____

GPA: 1L _____ 2L _____

Please attach the following and submit with application:

- ✓ Certified academic transcript
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Typed essay
- ✓ Two letters of personal recommendation
- ✓ Copy of a photo ID (driver's license, etc.)

Please specify and describe your current academic course(s) oriented towards franchise law:

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Please mail to: Miriam L. Brewer, Director of Diversity, IFA Educational Foundation, 1501 K Street, N.W., Suite 350, Washington, D.C. 20005. **Application Deadline – December 31**