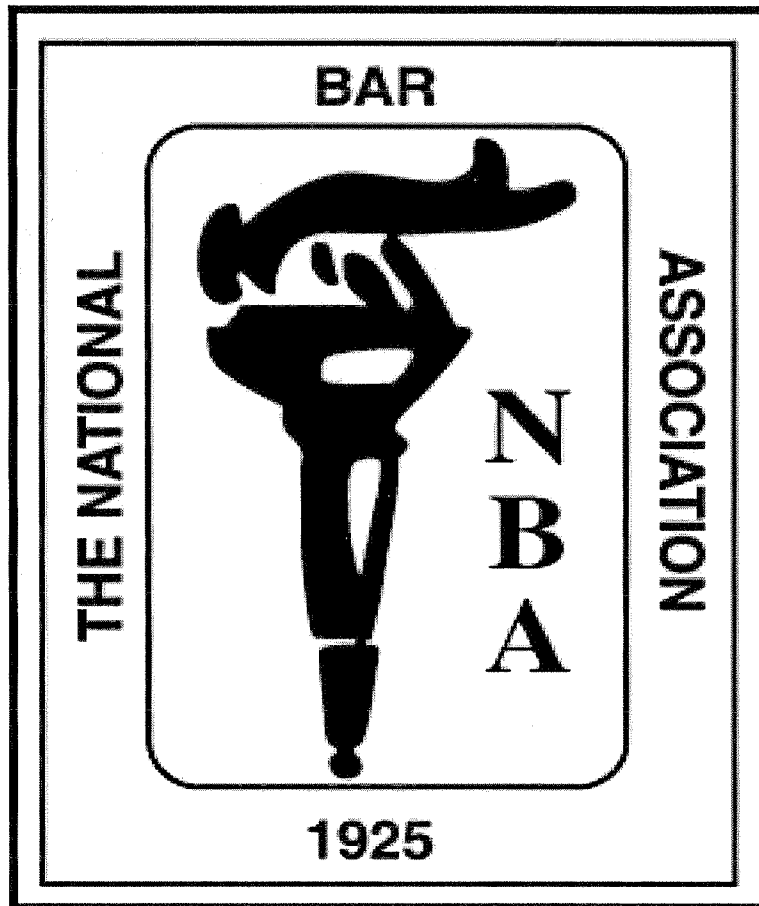


NBA COMMERCIAL LAW SECTION



**DIVERSITY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM
2011-2012**



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NBA Commercial Law Section

NBA Commercial Law Section History

The Commercial Law Section is one of twenty-one sections of the National Bar Association ("NBA-CLS"). For eight of the last ten years, the Commercial Law Section has been named the NBA's "Section of the Year." Among other things, the Section is committed to bringing its diverse members together with in-house counsel at major corporations who seek to increase the diversity of their outside counsel ranks. The Section's commitment to this diversity began more than twenty-five years ago with the creation of the NBA Corporate Counsel Conference. Throughout the years, the Corporate Counsel Conference has continued to grow in size, visibility and influence. Over the years, it is estimated that thousands of NBA Commercial Law section members have connected with hundreds of different corporations and their representatives through the Corporate Counsel Conference. Many have formed long-standing, mutually beneficial attorney-client relationships. The Corporate Counsel Conference has also served as a model for similar programs that have subsequently been created by other organizations.

The NBA Commercial Law Section Executive Committee

The NBA Commercial Law Section Executive Committee has twenty accomplished attorneys elected annually. The Executive Committee is a volunteer organization and its specific goals are accomplished through the hard work of these dedicated attorneys.

Scholarship Award Objectives

The "Diversity Empowerment Scholarship Award" fulfills the NBA-CLS's mission of strengthening the pipeline for minority law students and also encourages involvement in the NBA-CLS by familiarizing students with the NBA-CLS activities. Additionally, this scholarship serves to facilitate and encourage minorities to enter the legal profession by assisting minority law students to meet the challenges and financial burdens of law school. Therefore, the NBA-CLS has partnered with the National Black Law Students Association to identify deserving candidates to receive the "Diversity Empowerment Award." This year the Award will be given to three diverse law students in the Florida area in celebration of the NBA-CLS's 25th Anniversary Conference.

Scholarship Criteria and Eligibility

The Scholarship will be awarded to three diverse first, second or third year law school students and will be considered based on their economic need, involvement in the community and diversity related student organizations (i.e. BLSA), leadership abilities and academic achievement. The recipient must either be attending or have been admitted to an accredited Florida law school. Selection criteria will include: financial need, merit, and scholastic performance. Consideration will also be given to extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school.

An application may be downloaded from the NBA-CLS's website (www.nbacls.com). Applications may also be obtained at the law school career services/financial aid office or by sending an e-mail or calling the number below:

NBA Commercial Law Section:
Dawn Tezino, Chair
Chair@nbacls.com
(404) 358-0404

TO APPLY:

Email in .pdf a completed application to:
NBA Commercial Law Section
Dawn Tezino, Chair@nbacls.com

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2011.
(We will not accept any applications emailed after November 30th.)



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This application should be completed and returned to NBA Commercial Law Section, in .pdf format via e-mail only to Dawn Tezino, Chair@nbacls.com. **Applications must be emailed no later than November 30, 2011. Incomplete applications and or applications emailed after the deadline will not be considered.** This scholarship will be awarded on Friday, February 24, 2012 during the NBA-CLS Conference in Miami, Florida.

Please print or type in black ink.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ D.O.B. _____ SEX: _____

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND: (Check the appropriate designation)

_____ African American _____ Asian American _____ Hispanic _____ Caucasian

_____ Native American _____ Other (please specify)

MARITAL STATUS: _____ Single _____ Married NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: _____

II. LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION

LAW SCHOOL NAME: _____

CLASSIFICATION (i.e. First, Second, Third year): _____ GPA: (cumulative) _____

CLASS RANKING: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

III. REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ESSAY

Please attach (1) at least two letters of recommendation prepared for the NBA-CLS Scholarship; (2) Certified Law School Transcript and (3) prepare a two-page typewritten essay on one of the following questions:

1. What role(s) should the minority attorney play in the community and profession? Please reference your previous activities and how they will serve as a foundation for your own contributions to the profession.
2. The legal profession is often criticized and perceived as being self-serving and non-responsive to the needs of the public. As a future member of this profession, what role do you think an attorney, specifically a minority attorney, should play in improving its image? Please state your personal experience as an example.

IV. EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL STATUS

Please provide an employment record for the past two (2) years.

Employer	City, State	Dates Employed	Position	Salary

Spouse's Employer: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____ Salary: \$ _____

Last Year's Annual Income: \$ _____ Last Year's Expenses: \$ _____
(including spouse's)

Current Income: \$ _____

Present/Anticipated Expenses for 12 months: (please itemize): _____

% Education Personally Financed: _____ % Living Expenses Personally Financed: _____

Financial Support Expected from Other Sources for 12 months: _____ Amount \$ _____
(please list sources of financial awards, grants, fellowships, scholarships, gifts, and contributions that you currently receive or anticipate receiving, you may add another page if necessary)

Are you or do you anticipate living with your parents while enrolled in law school? _____ NO _____ YES

Military Experience: _____ NO _____ YES If yes, please complete the following:

Branch: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Are You Eligible for G.I. Bill Assistance? _____ Amount \$ _____

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 NBA-CLS reserves the right to investigate all information in this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____