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THE SIDNEY B. WILLIAMS, JR. SCHOLAR PROGRAM

HELPING LAW STUDENTS TO EXPLORE A CAREER IN PATENT LAW

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*OFFERING LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ASSISTANCE FOR STEM-EDUCATED MEMBERS OF
UNDERREPRESENTED RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS AND
CONTINUING PATENT LAW CAREER-READINESS SUPPORT DURING LAW SCHOOL*

The Foundation for Advancement of Diversity in IP Law offers admissions assistance to STEM-educated law school applicants who are interested in exploring a career in patent law. Through its Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Scholar Program, individuals identifying as members of racial or ethnic groups that are underrepresented in the patent law profession can receive both financial and non-financial support throughout the law school admissions process, as well as continuing patent law career-readiness support during law school. **Scholars are eligible for consideration for \$30,000 law school tuition grant awards, payable over the Scholar's 1L-3L years.**

The Program aims to optimally position Scholars during the law school admissions process and covers a Scholar's admissions-related expenses, including LSAT preparation. Once enrolled in law school, Scholars are offered opportunities for mentoring, clerkship/internships, patent bar examination preparation, and patent bar participation that afford avenues for Scholars to further their preparation and readiness for a patent law career. *The Foundation encourages eligible individuals to seek Scholar recognition as early as possible during the law school admissions process. Scholar applications are accepted until April 30 of the year in which the Scholar plans to enroll in law school.*

The Foundation names new Scholars on a rolling basis throughout the year. Online Scholar applications forms are available at diversityiniplaw.org/scholar-application/. A full description of the Scholar Program, including assistance offered to Scholars, appears at diversityiniplaw.org/sidney-b-williams-jr-scholar-program/.

Please help us identify individuals who might benefit from our Scholar Program and encourage them to investigate the Program and consider applying to become Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Scholars. Please consider applying yourself if you believe that you meet the application criteria and would like to explore a patent law career. The Foundation expects to name as many as 25 new Scholars for its 2022 1L class and hopes once again to have the privilege of supporting a diverse class of Scholars who will be enrolling in law schools across the country. Visit our 2020 1L and 2021 1L Scholar Class at diversityiniplaw.org/society-of-sidney-b-williams-jr-scholars.

Questions about the Foundation, its Scholar Program, and the application process are welcome. Please contact Christine Pedraza, Program Manager, FADIPL@DiversityInIPLaw.org.