

## 2013 Law Student Diversity Scholarship Application

### Submission Deadline: April 19, 2013

#### Scholarship Requirements

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DRI announces its annual Law Student Diversity Scholarship program open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student. Evening students also qualify for consideration who have completed one-third or more of the total credit hours required for a degree by the applicant's law school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. See page three of this application for the DRI Diversity Statement.

Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Service to the profession
- Service to the community
- Service to the cause of diversity

***Applications must include three recommendations, one each from the following individuals:***

- A) The Dean or an Associate Dean of the student's law school
- B) A current or past law professor
- C) An individual who is personally acquainted with the applicant, but who is not related by blood line or adoption.

Additionally, each applicant must include a cover letter with their application. In that cover letter each applicant should identify his or her academic, personal and/or professional accomplishments and how those accomplishments qualify him or her for DRI's Law Student Diversity Scholarship award.

## Essay Requirements

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In addition to submitting the attached application and required recommendations, applicants must complete an essay of no more than 1,000 words based upon the following question:

*The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUS) has adopted a final version of a proposed Uniform Asset-Freezing Orders Act (attached), and it has made its way onto the early 2013 legislative agendas in several states. The NCCUS anticipates introducing the bill in more jurisdictions during the year. The act will apparently apply to most actions where monetary damages are sought, including tort litigation. The only exemptions identified in the act are cases involving consumer debt and actions that arise under a state's family or domestic relations law. Parties must promptly comply with an asset freezing order once served, taking into account the manner, time, and place of service and other factors that reasonably affect the party's ability to comply. Under this proposal, a party in litigation would effectively be operating as if it were a debtor in possession in a bankruptcy reorganization for the duration of the litigation, required to obtain advance approval even for normal operating expenses and the like.*

*Please discuss the pros and cons of the passage of the act with regard to its effect on defendant businesses in civil litigation, commenting on those provisions that will have the most dramatic effect on business and indicating why. In your commentary also please address at least two provisions of the act that could be revised to accomplish the goal of giving civil plaintiffs security that any judgment they obtain will be satisfied. Finally, please discuss a possible statutory provision that might be superior to the act in striking a balance between plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases.*

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Applications and all other requested materials must be **received by April 19, 2013**. Scholarship winners will be notified in advance and officially announced at the DRI Diversity for Success Seminar May 30-31, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois.

***Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.***

**All applications, essays and required materials must be submitted in hard copy format to:**

Tim Kolly, Director of Communications  
DRI – *The Voice of the Defense Bar*  
55 West Monroe Street, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60603

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**SECTION ONE: Personal Information**

**Full Name:**

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*Last*

*First*

*M.I.*

**Current Mailing Address:**

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*Street Address*

*Apt/Unit #*

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*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

**Permanent Mailing Address:**

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*Street Address*

*Apt/Unit #*

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*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DRI Diversity Statement**

DRI is the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation.

Diversity is a core value at DRI. Indeed, diversity is fundamental to the success of the organization, and we seek out and embrace the innumerable benefits and contributions that the perspectives, backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences a diverse membership provides.

Inclusiveness is the chief means to increase the diversity of DRI's membership and leadership positions. DRI's members and potential leaders are often also members and leaders of other defense organizations. Accordingly, DRI encourages all national, state, and local defense organizations to promote diversity and inclusion in their membership and leadership.

## SECTION TWO: Academic Information

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors, Awards or Other Special Recognition:

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Extracurricular Activities:

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**SECTION TWO: Academic Information (continued)**

**Graduate Institution Name (other than law school):**

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Earned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors, Awards or Other Special Recognition:**

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**Extracurricular Activities:**

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**Law School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated date of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grading Scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION TWO: Academic Information (continued)**

*Law School Information (Continued)*

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors, Awards or Other Special Recognition:**

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**Extracurricular Activities:**

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**Have you previously attended any other law school? If so, please explain.**

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### SECTION THREE: Community Service Information

Describe any community service activities.

Dates	Organization/Activity	Role/Position
_____	_____	_____
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### SECTION FOUR: Work Experience

Describe any relevant work experience (attach resume if necessary).

Dates	Company/Organization	Position/Title
_____	_____	_____
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### SECTION FIVE: Other Information

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime, other than a moving traffic violation? If so, please describe below and/or attach a detailed description.

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## SECTION FIVE: Other Information (continued)

What are your career goals?

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## SECTION SIX: Applicant's Certification

- 1) I am currently registered as a full-time, incoming second-year or incoming third-year law student at an ABA accredited law school identified in this application, or I am an evening student who has completed one-third or more of the total credit hours required for a degree from the law school I now attend.
- 2) I am not a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), a Law School or Law Student Member of AAJ, or otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ.
- 3) I am eligible to apply for this scholarship under the criteria.
- 4) All information contained in this application is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_