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**THE SIDNEY B. WILLIAMS, JR.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SCHOLARSHIP**

**STUDENT APPLICATION
FOR FALL 2016 LAW SCHOOL YEAR**

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I. Purpose

This scholarship addresses the need of intellectual property groups in law firms and intellectual property law departments in corporations to improve their diversity profiles by increasing the number of minority candidates.

II. Sidney B. Williams, Jr.

Sidney B. Williams, Jr., a corporate and law firm intellectual property attorney for over 30 years, was the first African American attorney to chair a committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). In addition, Mr. Williams was the first minority attorney to become a member of the Board of Directors of the AIPLA (1982-1987), serve as Secretary of the AIPLA (1982-1983), Chair the National Council of Intellectual Property Law Associations (1988-1989), to serve as a council member and financial officer of the American Bar Association (ABA) Patent, Trademark and Copyright (PTC) section (now the Intellectual Property (IP) section), and chair the ABA/PTC Plant Variety Protection Committee. While on the AIPLA Board of Directors, Mr. Williams involved the AIPLA in various programs at historically Black colleges and universities in an effort to encourage minority science and engineering students, as well as minority law student, to seek careers in intellectual property law. He has been a friend and mentor to many other minority attorneys who are currently active members of the AIPLA.

III. General Scholarship Parameters

- \$10,000 per school year (two semesters, excluding summer school semesters and intersession) beginning with the fall semester.
- Renewable, upon reapplication by the student, for up to three academic years (totaling six semesters for full-time or part-time enrollment, excluding summer school semesters and inter-sessions). **IMPORTANT NOTE, EXISTING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH YEAR.**
- Scholarship money can be applied to the verifiable costs associated with normal tuition and usual fees relating to full time and part time enrollment status (such as, but not limited to, student activity fees, law school or university fees, administrative fees) and is paid directly to and administered through the law school the recipient is attending, in accordance with the policies of the school for the use and application of scholarship funds.

IV. Application Timelines

- A complete application (including renewal applications) must be received by March 15, 2016 to be considered for a fall semester scholarship award.

V. Selection Criteria

- Scholarships intended for Students entering or attending Law School Fall 2016.
- A demonstrated commitment to developing a career in intellectual property law.
- Academic performance at the undergraduate, graduate and law school levels (if applicable).
- Financial need.
- General factors such as leadership skills, community activities or special accomplishments.

VI. Requirements

- Completed scholarship application form.
- FAFSA form (or similar form) and any supporting documentation required thereby. The FAFSA is available in paper and electronic formats. You can get the paper version from the financial aid office at any college or university, the public library, or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID. If you prefer, you can fill out a web-based version of the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> (step-by-step instructions are provided on this site).
- Undergraduate transcript and graduate and law transcripts (if applicable).
- Two letters of recommendation from, but not limited to, former teachers, college administrators, community leaders or other similar persons concerning the academic ability, character, reputation or professional aptitude of the applicant.
- Membership in an underrepresented minority group.
- Currently enrolled in or have been accepted to an ABA accredited law school. The devotion of the law school to intellectual property curricula shall not be considered in awarding scholarships.
- Demonstrated intent to engage in the full-time practice of intellectual property law.
- US citizenship.
- A personal or telephonic interview.
- Note that any student who receives a scholarship is required to attend law school, day or evening, on either a full-time or part-time enrollment basis, and to maintain a grade point average of "C" (2.00) or better.
- Also note that scholarship recipients are required to join and maintain membership in AIPLA.
- Applicants related to a trustee of AIPLEF, a council member of the ABA-IPL Section, Officer or member of the Board of Directors of the AIPLA, or a member of the AIPLEF Scholarship Committee are ineligible to receive a scholarship.
- Applicants resume.

VII. How To Apply

The Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Intellectual Property Law Scholarship is administered by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Completed applications may be submitted by mail and/or electronically to **Deshuandra Walker** at the address shown below. (Please indicate on e-mail when and how the required attachments will be sent separately).

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VIII. Questions

Questions about this application or the scholarship should be directed to:

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2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

(Please type or print)

General Information: (please print or type)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Name of College or University: _____

Undergraduate- _____ GPA: _____

Year of Graduation _____ Degree Received _____

Graduate- _____ GPA: _____

Year of Graduation _____ Degree Received _____

Law School- _____ GPA: _____

Major/Anticipated area of study: _____

Date of enrollment: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

LSAT Scores: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? YES / NO (please circle) Ethnic Origin: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male or Female (please circle)

Student Contact Information

Student's Address (campus):

Street Address: _____ Apt#/POB: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Student's Address (permanent):

Street Address: _____ Apt#/POB: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Street Address: (if different from above) _____ Apt#/POB: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Phone: _____

Financial Information

I have attached a completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, along with the supporting documentation (required).

If you are considered a dependent student, please indicate the approximate annual income of your family:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or less | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$40,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 - \$50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 - \$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 or more |

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach **at least two letters of recommendation** from, but not limited to, former teachers, college administrators, community leaders or other similar persons concerning the academic ability, character, reputation or professional aptitude of the applicant.

Resume

Please attach an updated resume with your application. (please include information on honors/awards you've received, school or volunteer activities, and hobbies and interest)

ESSAY AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

(Attach essay on separate page)

I intend to engage in the full time practice of intellectual property law.

In 250 words or more, please explain how an award from the American Intellectual Property Law Association's Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Intellectual Property Law Scholarship/Thurgood Marshall College Fund will help make a difference in meeting your goal of engaging in the full time practice of Intellectual Property Law.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Completed Scholarship Application Form

FAFSA Form and any supporting documentation

Undergraduate, Graduate and Law (if applicable) Transcripts

Two letters of recommendation from, but not limited to, former teachers, college administrators, community leaders or other similar persons concerning the academic ability, character, reputation or professional aptitude of the applicant.

Current Resume

Essay and Statement of Intent

I understand and agree that the information provided in this Application and any other information provided in connection with this Application ("Application information") will be used by the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation ("AIPLEF") to determine my eligibility for the Sidney B. Williams Jr. scholarship program, to select recipients of any AIPLEF scholarships awarded, and for other AIPLEF scholarship-related purposes.

I further understand and agree that the Application information may be shared with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund for the limited purpose of assisting AIPLEF in the selection process.

Scholarship applicants who are interested in sharing their contact and employment information with third party law firms, corporations and other entities that may have internships and other employment opportunities, may do so by providing a copy of their resume along with the scholarship application form. Applicants who submit a resume to AIPLEF or TMCF are thereby consenting to the sharing of their resumes with such third parties.

AIPLEF does not otherwise intend to share the resume or application information with third parties for any other purposes.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

I certify that the statements and information provided in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I am not related to a trustee of AIPLEF, a council member of the ABA-IPL Section, Officer or member of the Board of Directors of the AIPLA, or a member of the AIPLEF Scholarship Committee.

Print Applicant's Name

Applicant Signature

Date