



2008 OLIVER L. JOHNSON LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The Homer S. Brown Law Association will award a \$1000 scholarship to a local Black or African American law school student

Any Black or African American law school student interested in applying for the scholarship should submit the following:

- 1) A resume; and
- 2) An essay (**not to exceed 500 words***) that answers the following question:

On August 16, 2007, Pittsburgh commenced its inaugural annual DiverseCity Festival to showcase the ethnic and cultural diversity within the Pittsburgh region. The four-day event featured a variety of educational events and exhibits in an effort to spotlight the Pittsburgh area's Black, Hispanic and Asian communities. One of the city's latest efforts to embrace racial, ethnic and cultural diversity, the DiverseCity Festival was instrumental in continuing to cultivate a national reputation for Pittsburgh as a supporter of diversity. Also recognizing the importance of a diverse region and workforce, the Allegheny County Bar Association ("ACBA") has amplified its own efforts to promote racial, ethnic, cultural and gender diversity within Pittsburgh's legal community. In 2007, the ACBA established the Minority Collaborative Program Committee – a joint committee comprised of representatives from each minority bar association – to focus on issues unique to minority attorneys and to create programming addressing the same. To date, the Minority Collaborative Program Committee's efforts have been well received. The ACBA has additionally partnered with the various minority bar associations, offering both financial and staff support, and created an ad-hoc committee within the organization's Young Lawyer's Division.

RECOGNIZING THAT DIVERSITY IS KEY IN ATTRACTING TALENTED MINORITIES TO PITTSBURGH, ELABORATE ON HOW PITTSBURGH MIGHT CONTINUE TO FOSTER DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION SO AS TO ATTRACT MORE MINORITY LAW STUDENTS AND LAWYERS AND THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU ENVISION YOURSELF, AS A BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ATTORNEY, CONTRIBUTING TO SUCH EFFORTS.

The recipient of the 2008 Oliver L. Johnson Scholarship must attend the Homer S. Brown Law Association Black History Month Celebration. The recipient will be notified of the time and location of this event.

The resume and essay should be sent to Kathy Bronder at kbronder@thorpreed.com. The subject line of the email should be titled, "Homer S. Brown Law Association Scholarship Competition."

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008

All questions should be directed to Kristi L. Johnson, Esq. At (412) 394-2469 or kljohnson@thorpreed.com.

***ANY APPLICATION NOT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**