Diversity Scholarship

At Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C. (Porzio), we believe that diversity contributes to the quality of the legal profession and enables us to best serve our communities and our clients. As part of our continuing commitment to an inclusive legal community, we have created the Porzio Diversity Scholarship.

The Porzio Diversity Scholarship supports the development of a first-year law student who embodies elevated values and demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence, leadership, community service and the advancement of diversity in the legal profession. The recipient will receive a one-year $5,000 scholarship and a paid Summer Associate position for the summer of 2013 with Porzio.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a Porzio Diversity Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a student who entered his/her first year of law school at an ABA accredited Law School in Fall 2012.
- The applicant must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 at his/her undergraduate institution.
- The applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America as well as a New Jersey resident.
- The applicant must not be the recipient of a similar scholarship award from another law firm.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria to be considered will include:

- Academic achievement
- Demonstrated leadership potential
- Participation in community service
- Commitment to advancing diversity
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS – APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 31, 2012

Applicants must complete and submit this application form in hard copy format along with each of the following supplemental items:

- Undergraduate transcript;
- Law School transcript;
- Current resume; and
- A typed essay of 750 words or less outlining your motivation for attending law school, your plans upon graduation from law school and the ways in which this scholarship will assist you in furthering your goals. Essay must also address your views on the importance of diversity and the contribution you hope to make to the advancement of diversity in the legal profession. Optional: In addition to the above criteria, you may also address exigent circumstances or obstacles you have overcome in pursuit of your legal career, including personal financial hardship, if applicable.
Part 1 – APPLICANT DATA

Please type or print clearly to provide the following information. All questions require answers except the optional disclosure of race/ethnicity or other minority status. However, Porzio requests that you voluntarily disclose this information solely for our own internal recordkeeping.

Gender:  
- Female  
- Male

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):  

U.S. Citizen:  
- Yes  
- No

Race/Ethnicity (optional)  
- Black/African American  
- Asian American or Pacific Islander  
- Hispanic American/Latino(a)  
- Arab American  
- Native American/Indian or Alaskan Native  
- White/Caucasian (not Hispanic)  
- Mixed Race  
- Other:  

Other Minority (optional)  
- LGBT  
- Person with Disability

Name: ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________

- Last  
- First  
- MI

Mailing Address:  

Number  

Street  

Apt #  

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City  

State  

Zip Code  

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Telephone #

Email: ____________________________________________

Part II – ACADEMIC DATA

Law School: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________

- Street  
- City  
- State  
- Zip
Part III – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT BACKGROUND, ACADEMIC HONORS, ACHIEVEMENTS, SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Please provide the following additional information.

List any extracurricular activities, law societies, fraternities, associations, clubs or similar groups in which you participated. Include any office(s) held:

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List any academic honors, awards or other distinctions earned in your undergraduate institution(s):

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List all community service activities, pro bono work and volunteerism including dates of participation:

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Part IV – PERSONAL ESSAY

☐ Check here to indicate that you have attached the required essay to this application form:

A typed essay (750 words or less) outlining your plans upon graduation from law school and the ways in which this scholarship will assist you in furthering your goals. Essay must also address your views on the importance of diversity and the contribution you hope to make to the advancement of diversity in the legal profession.

Optional: In addition to the above, you may also address exigent circumstances or obstacles you have overcome in pursuit of your legal career, including personal financial hardship, if applicable.
Part V – CERTIFICATION AND CONSENT

The information provided in this form and any supplementary materials submitted by the applicant will be disclosed only to representatives of Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C. (Porzio) and the applicant’s law school and undergraduate institution, as required to determine his/her eligibility for the scholarship, the accuracy of any information and the selection of a winner.

ATTEST
I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information provided in this application, including all supplementary materials, is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application. I also give my consent to Porzio and my law school to verify any facts stated in my application for this scholarship and to contact my undergraduate institution to receive/confirm copies of relevant records and transcripts, or to confirm information stated herein or provided as part of this application process.

X
Applicant Signature

Date

Clearly Print Name: ________________________________

Your application materials must be received on or before December 31, 2012.

Submit application materials to:
Renée L. Davis
Diversity Manager
Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.
100 Southgate Parkway
P.O. Box 1997
Morristown, NJ 07962-1997

Applications will be accepted in hard copy only by mail or courier.
No applications will be accepted by fax or email.
Unsigned or incomplete applications will be discarded.

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Student Name

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Law School

Application Materials Checklist:
☐ A completed and signed application form (3 pages) ☐ Official or Unofficial Undergraduate Transcript
☐ Personal Essay (limit: 750 words) ☐ Official or Unofficial Law School Transcript