February 2010

Dear Scholarship Candidate:

The Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey, Inc. (ABWL-NJ), founded in 1975, is the longest running women’s bar association in New Jersey. As a non-profit and non-partisan organization, ABWL-NJ is dedicated to community involvement, education, diversity in the legal profession, and initiatives designed to encourage greater participation of African-American women in the field of law.

The Bernadine Johnson-Marshall and Martha Bell Williams Scholarships are part of several significant ABWL-NJ annual program activities. Bernadine Johnson-Marshall and Martha Bell Williams were the first two African-American women admitted to the bar in New Jersey. In their honor, ABWL-NJ has awarded over $100,000 in scholarships since 1995. Scholarships in their honor will again be awarded to law students selected by the Scholarship Committee who are either: (1) enrolled at an accredited law school in New Jersey; or (2) New Jersey permanent residents enrolled at an accredited law school outside of New Jersey. The upcoming awards will be presented to the selected law students at the ABWL-NJ Annual Scholarship Jazz Brunch, which will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, Princeton, New Jersey.

Attached is a copy of the scholarship application. It includes a request for a letter of good standing and transcript from your law school registrar. The Scholarship Committee will not consider applications without this documentation. Candidates on academic probation or with other probationary status are not eligible for scholarship consideration.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated community service/civic involvement, personal financial need, academic achievement, a brief writing sample and essay.

Completed applications can be sent via electronic mail to: kcbelinesq@gmail.com or via U.S. Postal Service mail to: ABWL-NJ, ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, c/o 133 High Street, Mt. Holly 08060. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 22, 2010.

Very truly yours,

Kim C. Belin, Esq.
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN LAWYERS OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED
BY MARCH 22, 2010

Please read this application carefully and complete all sections. The application consists of four (4) pages. Missing information could disqualify your application. All information submitted is strictly confidential.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

1. Name of Applicant ____________________________________________

2. Current Mailing Address ________________________________________

3. Permanent Address ____________________________________________

4. Telephone No. Day ___________ Evening ___________ Cell Phone ___________

5. E-mail Address _______________________________________________

6. Have you previously received an ABWL-NJ Scholarship? ________________

7. If so, year received _______________ Amount of Scholarship ________________

8. Identify any member(s) of your family who is a member of ABWL-NJ _______________

9. How did you hear about this scholarship? ____________________________

1. **APPLICANT’S EDUCATION**

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II. TRANSCRIPT

Please submit an official law school transcript with this application.

III. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND PHOTOGRAPH

Please attach to this application a brief (no more than one page) biographical sketch of your achievements and a photograph. If you are selected for a scholarship your biographical sketch and photograph will be placed in the Souvenir Journal to highlight and memorialize your accomplishments.

IV. ACADEMIC HONORS – SCHOLARSHIPS

Please list any academic honors, scholarships, grants, etc. that you have received or for which you are under consideration. List the date of the award, the basis for the award and the amount. You may attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

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V. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY SERVICE

List extracurricular activities and community service programs in which you have participated over the last three (3) years, including dates, position(s) held, nature and frequency of participation. Include the location – address of program activities outside of the law school. You may attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

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VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Include any additional information that will assist the Scholarship Committee in evaluating your application. You may address any exigent circumstances or obstacles you’ve had to overcome to matriculate law school, including personal financial hardship, if applicable. You may attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

VII. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Provide a summary detail sheet of actual expenses for spring 2010.

B. Provide a summary detail sheet of actual income* and sources for spring 2010.

C. Include a copy of your most recent financial aid award letter.
   *Income means earnings, loans, scholarships savings, etc. from whatever source.

VIII. WRITING SAMPLE & ESSAY

A. Provide a legal writing sample on any topic of your choosing. It must be 3-5 pages in length, 12-point font with one inch margins.

B. The United States Supreme Court found in Grutter v. Bollinger that achieving racial diversity in law school classrooms is a compelling state interest sufficient to overcome the Equal Protection Clause’s ban on treating individuals differently because of their race. Please provide a typed essay of 750 to 1000 words that addresses your view on this ruling and your views regarding the importance of diversity and how you hope to contribute toward advancing diversity in the legal profession.

IX. CERTIFICATE – LETTER OF GOOD STANDING

Provide a certificate or letter of good standing with the official seal of the law school from the Dean, Registrar or other official of the law school authorized to issue such letters and certifications of good standing on behalf of currently matriculating law students. Students on academic probation or other probationary or provisional status are not eligible for scholarship consideration.
CERTIFICATION

I, _____________________________________________________, certify that the information provided in this scholarship application, and any supplements attached thereto, is true, accurate and complete. I further agree to submit all official documentation in order to verify the information provided in this scholarship application (including in any supplements attached thereto). I further recognize that honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of a practicing attorney. I am aware that if any statement or information provided by me in the application or any supplement is willfully false, I will be disqualified. I acknowledge that I will be liable and subject to suit, for any sums received based upon willfully false information at such time as it is discovered by ABWL-NJ.

If selected, I give permission to ABWL-NJ to publish my name and likeness in the Souvenir Journal and materials associated with the scholarship brunch and/or the organization’s initiatives.

Print Name _____________________________________________

Signature ________________________________________________

Dated __________________________

Applications and attached materials may be sent via electronic mail to: kcbelinesq@gmail.com or via U. S. postal service mail to the following address:

ABWL-NJ
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
C/O 133 High Street
Mount Holly, NJ 08060