Frank H. Lang Merit Scholarship

Lang, Richert & Patch is happy to announce the establishment of the Frank H. Lang Merit Scholarship. Awarded annually, the Scholarship is a grant of $1,000.00 towards payment of law school tuition. Application for the Scholarship is open to a person who is in his or her first year at a law school or who is applying to law school. The Scholarship will be awarded only to persons who graduated from a high school in the Central Valley of California. Application terms and an application form are set forth below.

**Eligibility:** Open to persons presently in first year at law school or applying for admission to law school. The successful applicant must have graduated from a high school in one of the following California counties: Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, or Calaveras.

**Application Documentation:** The applicant should complete the application form, a copy of which accompanies this announcement. The application form should be submitted along with the following documents:

1. A resume of the applicant’s accomplishments;
2. A college transcript;
3. The applicant’s LSAT scores (supplies by the testing agency, transcript, or contained in a copy of the law school application).
4. A statement explaining why the applicant has decided to attend law school;
5. A list of three references, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers, the firm can contact to discuss the applicant’s qualifications for the Scholarship.

Applicants are encouraged to provide other documents in support of their application. Examples might include a copy of the applicant’s law school application, any publications of the applicant, or other materials demonstrating merit for the Scholarship. Mail application documentation to Lang, Richert & Patch, Attention Jay M. Kelly, P.O. Box 40012, Fresno California 93755-0012.

**Filing Date:** Applications must be postmarked by May 27, 2011, to be considered.
Award Announcement: The award of the Scholarship will be announced on June 24, 2011.

Qualification for the Scholarship: The Scholarship is awarded solely on merit and not on need. The firm’s published philosophy, adopted over ten years ago, states, “We place the interests of our clients before our own, represent clients within the law, and avoid even the appearance of impropriety in every engagement.” The firm’s training of new attorneys always includes a segment on ethics, and the firm pays for attendance at courses on ethics. The staff is frequently reminded of ethical obligations, and attorneys are encouraged to consult with others in the firm as well as with the State Bar on any matters involving ethical concerns. Frank H. Lang, in whose name the Scholarship is made, embodied this philosophy and added significant luster to the practice of law in the Central Valley.

The firm will review the applications. The Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant most likely to achieve the same high standards of the Scholarship’s namesake.