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Dean Harold J. Krent
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Re: **Women's Bar Association of Illinois Scholarships**

Dear Dean Krent:

The Women's Bar Association of Illinois ("WBAI") is excited to announce that it will be awarding two scholarships at this year's Annual Dinner Event on Friday, June 6, 2014. The black-tie optional gala event is being held at Navy Pier to commemorate 100 years of the WBAI.

Cognizant of the growing expense of a law school education, the WBAI will award one \$1000 scholarship in honor of Chief Justice Rita B. Garman of the Illinois Supreme Court and one \$1000 scholarship in honor of Chief Judge Diane Wood of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Through these scholarships, the WBAI seeks to recognize strong academic achievement and a deep and abiding commitment to the WBAI, an organization whose mission is, among other things, to promote, foster, advance and protect the interests and welfare of women lawyers.

The WBAI will provide the funds for the scholarships. A subcommittee will review any applications provided, interview the candidates, and select those who represent the best in academic excellence and community involvement with WBAI.

We will select as potential candidates women from your law school, who meet these criteria:

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- A second year female law student or, if applicable, a third year night student with at least one more year before graduation;
- Present and past extracurricular activities reflecting involvement or participation in WBAI activities;
- Strong academic record;
- Demonstrated financial need; and
- Personal qualities that suggest a future leadership role in the legal community.

The applicants must send PDF versions of her most recent law school transcript and a completed Scholarship Application Form (enclosed) to the email address below. Application for a scholarship must be received no later than April 15, 2014 at the following address:

Karina Zabicki DeHayes
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After considering the applications from all of the Illinois law schools, we will invite a number of them to be interviewed by the subcommittee on a date between May 9 and May 20, 2014. We will notify you if an applicant from your law school is selected for an interview.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Karina Zabicki DeHayes

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS ("WBAI")

2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS

Your provision of the information requested in this application is voluntary. We will make copies of this application for certain current or former members of the WBAI Board of Directors, so please print or type only on the front side. Please confine your answers to the space provided.

Please note that receipt of a scholarship is contingent on applicant's agreement to keep the WBAI advised as to change in the applicant's address and contact information and to serve on at least one WBAI Committee for two years following receipt of scholarship.

PDF versions of the completed application forms and the applicant's most recent law school transcript must be received **no later than April 15, 2014** at the following address:

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Interviews will take place in Chicago, Illinois on a date between May 9 and May 20, 2014. Eligible candidates must attend the interviews in person.

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS ("WBAI")
2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION _____
- a. NAME: _____
- b. DATE OF APPLICATION: _____
- c. LOCAL ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
- d. LOCAL PHONE NUMBER: _____
- e. HOME STATE AND COUNTY*: _____
*County you are from (i.e., county where you were raised or resided before attending law school).
- f. EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
- g. STATE/COUNTY WHERE YOU PLAN TO RESIDE/WORK AFTER GRADUATION:

- h. CIRCLE ONE: 2L 3L
- i. CIRCLE ONE: Day Student Evening Student
- j. NAME OF LAW SCHOOL: _____
- k. CLASS RANK (most recent available): _____
- l. CURRENT GPA OVERALL: _____
- m. HOURS COMPLETED (total hours expected at end of current semester): _____
- n. EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

2. EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR A WBAI SCHOLARSHIP, ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- A second year female law student or, if applicable, a third year night student with at least one more year before graduation;
- Present and past extracurricular activities reflecting involvement or participation in WBAI activities;
- Strong academic record;
- Demonstrated financial need;
- Personal qualities that suggest a future leadership role in the legal community.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Current Academic Year 2012-2013	Next Academic Year 2014-2015
Scholarships	\$ _____	\$ _____
Tuition Waiver	\$ _____	\$ _____
Student Loans	\$ _____	\$ _____
Parental Assistance	\$ _____	\$ _____
GI Bill	\$ _____	\$ _____
Spousal Assistance/Income NOTE: If you list spousal debts below, you must list separate spousal income here.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Student Employment (Work Study)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Graduate Assistantship Stipend	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Assistance (Please specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
On-campus employment (Non-work study)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Your Existing Law Student Debt (include this year of law school)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Your Total (law school & other student debt)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Existing Student Debt	\$ _____	\$ _____
Spouse's Existing Student Debt	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Existing Debt		
House mortgage (per month)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rent (per month)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Car (per month)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Spouse's care debt	\$ _____	\$ _____
Credit Card (total debt)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other: extraordinary expenses e.g., extreme medical	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Other Debts	\$ _____	\$ _____

Use this space, if necessary to explain any of the information supplied above:

5. ARE YOU THE FIRST PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL? COLLEGE?

6. PRESENT OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL MIGHT ASSIST US IN REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION.

Important! Please read!

I do hereby swear that the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I am fully aware that any intentional falsification of information contained herein may result in the denial of the application or loss of any award received. I furthermore realize that this award may be revoked if I fail to meet the designated qualifications. I hereby authorize the release of my academic transcript and financial aid information to the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. **I understand that I must be available for an in-person interview in Chicago on a date between May 9, 2014 and May 20, 2014, and that, as a condition of receiving a scholarship from the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, I will be required to keep the WBAI advised as to changes in my address or contact information and will serve on at least one WBAI committee for two consecutive years following any receipt of a scholarship, so long as I remain an Illinois-area law student or an attorney practicing law in Illinois in good standing.**

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____