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George W. Crawford Black Bar Association

March 15, 2016

Dear Members and Friends:

The George W. Crawford Black Bar Association (“Crawford”) is pleased to announce Crawford’s 2016 Priscilla Green Scholarship Award application. A one-time one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarship will be awarded to a minority law student based on his/her academic and extracurricular achievement, an essay of one thousand (1,000) words or less and a one page personal statement demonstrating both his/her commitment to practicing law in Connecticut and current societal contributions in furtherance of Crawford’s mission. To the extent that we find that there is more than one exemplary application, Crawford may award additional one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships.

The award(s) will be presented at Crawford’s Annual Dinner, which will be held at The Marriott, located at 200 Columbus Blvd in Hartford, Connecticut on May 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The award recipient will be notified in advance and will be expected to attend the dinner.

Enclosed please find the scholarship application form. We kindly ask that you forward the application to eligible law students. Completed applications should be emailed to Tsmith@ghla.org or stephaniea.johnson@thehartford.com and can also be faxed to Attn: Tamar Esperance-Smith at 860.541.5050 no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tamar Esperance-Smith at Tsmith@ghla.org or Stephanie Johnson at stephaniea.johnson@thehartford.com.

Sincerely,

Thamar Esperance-Smith

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2016 Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

cc. Genea O. Bell, Esq., President
Noel Bishop, Esq., Vice President and Chair of Annual Dinner Committee

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Eligibility: Scholarship applicants must be minority students at accredited law schools who demonstrate a commitment to both practicing law in the State of Connecticut and furthering Crawford’s mission.

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Please Print or Type

Name: _____ **Law School:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____

I. Resume

Please attach an updated resume which includes your year of matriculation, expected year of graduation, grade point average, all secondary and professional schools attended and degrees received, honors and awards received and extracurricular activities. Your resume may include additional information to be considered in the evaluation of your application but should not exceed two pages.

II. Essay

Throughout the country, college campuses have seen a surge in student activism amid escalating tensions over hostile racial climates on campus. Student groups nationwide have issued demands and participated in protests and marches aimed at improving campus climate, enhancing student and faculty diversity, and ensuring a better support system on campus for students of color. There have been instances of backlash against protestors, and some students are concerned about possible repercussions to their career prospects for speaking out. Meanwhile, some students question whether college administrators will respond to these issues with constructive plans for change, ignore these demands or merely provide what some may call putting a bandage on the issues presented in order to placate the protestors.

How should colleges and universities across the country address what has been framed as tension between movements by students of color to improve campus climate and the rights of others to engage in free speech under the First Amendment? What suggestions do you have for students who want to advocate for change on law school campuses?

III. Personal Statement

In a one page, double-spaced, please explain how your past or current societal contributions have been in furtherance of Crawford's mission and discuss your commitment to practicing law in Connecticut. Crawford's mission reads as follows:

Crawford seeks to work aggressively for the enhancement of the role of Black people in the legal profession and to increase their numbers in the state of Connecticut; to focus on legal issues which affect members of the Black community and address those issues as a unified body; to provide a vehicle for interaction between its members, other professionals, Black businesses and other organizations in the state of Connecticut; to establish lines of communication with affiliates of local and national organizations within the legal profession to better achieve these purposes; and to undertake such programs, activities and projects in the promotion of its goals as are legally permissible under the laws of the state of Connecticut.