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George W. Crawford Black Bar Association

2017 PRISCILLA GREEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

In furtherance of its mission to enhance the role of Black people in the legal profession and increase their numbers in the state of Connecticut, the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association (“Crawford”) offers the annual Priscilla Green Scholarship. A one-time, **two thousand dollar (\$2,000)** scholarship will be awarded to **two** minority law students based: (a) 30% on his/her academic and extracurricular achievement, and a one page personal statement evidencing his/her current societal contributions in furtherance of Crawford’s mission; and (b) 70% on an essay of one thousand (1,000) words or less.

Eligibility: Scholarship applicants must be a minority student at an accredited law school who has demonstrated a commitment to both practicing law in the State of Connecticut and furthering Crawford’s mission.

Deadline: Applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday April 7, 2017**. Please provide a single document, if possible. Document names should include the first and last name of the applicant. Completed applications must be sent to crawfordstudentmentoring@gmail.com

Additional Information: The award will be presented at the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association Annual Dinner, which will take place at The Aqua Turf Club, located at 556 Mulberry St in Plantsville, Connecticut on May 4, 2017 at 6:00pm. The award recipient(s) will be notified in advance of the dinner and will be expected to attend. You may contact Ron Johnson at ronald.johnson@ynhh.org or Brandon Miller at bmiller@wiggin.com with any questions regarding the application process.

Good luck to all applicants!

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Name: _____ Law School: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

I. RESUME AND PERSONAL STATEMENT (Worth 30% of Scoring)

(a) Please attach an updated resume that 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 (2) pages.

(b) In **one page, double-spaced**, please explain how your past or current societal contributions have been in furtherance of Crawford's mission. Crawford's mission is:

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.

II. ESSAY (Worth 70% of Scoring)

“The numbers are indeed dismaying: 88% of practicing lawyers are white, and the percentage is higher at the upper levels of the field. African Americans, in particular, experience greater attrition at every stage of the career ladder, accounting for 7% of students admitted to law schools in 2011 but only 4.3% of law firm associates and 2% of partners.” – Why Are Law Firms Failing on Diversity? By Lee Simmons (published Sep. 15, 2016 by Stanford Graduate School of Business).

Strategies for increasing the number of lawyers of color in the United States, both in law firms and the legal profession generally: how do we expand the representation of lawyers of color in the field? Consider a broad-based approach to answering the aforementioned question and your thoughts on the above quote. For example, examine the efficacy of “pipeline” programs, the role of mentors in the legal field, the current law school construct, the impact of corporate diversity mandates and importance of corporate social responsibility, and the outlook on acquiring employment within the field after graduation. Please confine your response to the role of lawyers of color in similar situations, not the examples cited. ***Your essay should not exceed one thousand (1,000) words.***