

SCHOLARSHIPS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Federal Circuit Bar Association® Charitable and Education Fund Scholarship Outreach



2015 Helen W. Nies Scholarship Recipient: "I am so grateful for receiving the Helen W. Nies Scholarship because it was instrumental in helping me become a patent attorney. I just graduated and took the DC bar exam and I will start working at the intellectual property firm Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck in September. This scholarship brought me peace of mind by covering a good portion of my tuition and allowing me to focus on my studies without stressing so much about finances."

2011 Howard T. Markey Scholarship Recipient: "I want to [...] thank the Federal Circuit Bar Association for previously choosing me for the Markey Scholarship. As an active duty JAG, I am currently an Assistant Professor of Law at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, and I can unequivocally say that the scholarship had a tremendously positive impact on my legal career. Without it, I would have had a far more difficult time focusing on my studies and achieving my goals. Since graduating law school in May 2014, I have been fortunate enough to practice in a variety of ways: for two years, I federally prosecuted sex assault crimes in San Antonio, Texas. A year later, I worked as a federal criminal defense attorney in South Korea. And this past year, I taught at The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School (JAG School) in Montgomery, AL. Thank you again to the Federal Circuit Bar Association, your kindness and generosity have been an enormous help to my ability to serve our country."

The Effect of FCBA Scholarships

2016 Giles S. Rich Scholarship Recipient: "Since receiving the FCBA Giles S. Rich Scholarship, I have taken and passed the patent bar and am now a registered Patent Agent. The most valuable materialization of the assistance provided by the Giles S. Rich Scholarship is represented through the work I performed in the Patent Procurement Clinic at Wayne Law in Detroit, Michigan. The Patent Procurement Clinic provides pro bono services to Micro Entity Status inventors based on income. Without this scholarship, I would not have been able to provide my Patent Agent services in this way; it welcomed the accessibility of patents. It is incredible to not only protect inventions, but to also encourage innovation from all."

2014 Helen W. Nies Scholarship Recipient:
"I graduated from The University of Chicago Law School last June (2017) and spent the last year clerking for Judge Griffith on the D.C. Circuit. I am grateful for the FCBA scholarship for supporting my studies and encouraging my interest in intellectual property law."

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2015 Howard T. Markey Scholarship Recipient: "Thank you [...] for all of your help! I graduated from California Western School of Law in San Diego, CA this past April. I just completed the July 2018 California Bar Exam and will begin working for the U.S. Navy as a post-bar law clerk in September 2018."



2017 Howard T. Markey Scholarship Recipient: "I graduated from Harvard Law School on May 24th, and I took the Florida Bar Exam this month. After Labor Day, I begin a clerkship with the Honorable Ralph Winter, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals, in New Haven, Connecticut. I am so thankful for the Howard T. Markey Scholarship. The scholarship helped pay my tuition for my last year of school, allowing me to focus on my studies and decreasing my student loans, so I could clerk after graduation."

2016 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "I appreciate the generosity and support of the FCBA Scholarship Program—and am glad that I can share my experiences with future recipients. I am currently a first year associate at the D.C. office of Sidley Austin, focusing on patent litigation. I work mostly on life sciences cases. For me it's fascinating to work on cutting-edge biotech products that involve novel legal issues. Next year I will be law clerk for Judge Raymond Chen at the Federal Circuit. The FCBA scholarship helped make this all possible for me by supporting me during law school."

2010 Helen W. Nies Scholarship Recipient: "For four years, I practiced bankruptcy and domestic law as well debt collection law. In April of 2018, I joined Stern & Eisenberg Mid Atlantic PC, a large, multi-state law firm that serves many institutional clients, primarily in foreclosure. My prior experience in debt collection and bankruptcy has served me well in my new position as many concepts from both areas are commonplace in foreclosure as well. Without the assistance of the Federal Circuit Bar Scholarship, I would never have had this valuable opportunity for career advancement. I want to sincerely thank the Federal Circuit Bar for their generosity and support of law students."

2015 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "In September, I will be joining the team at Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner in the DC office. I plan to practice patent litigation and prosecution matters in the mechanical engineering field. I am the first in my immediate family to obtain a bachelor's degree, let alone a juris doctorate. My family is working class and did not have the means to support me throughout University or Law School. The financial support I received from the Federal Circuit Bar Association, and others, was instrumental in allowing me to fulfill my dream of pursuing a career in patent law. It also allowed me to focus on my academics and put all of my effort towards law school. I happily graduated with honors from the George Washington University Law School and received the Peter D. Rosenberg Prize in Patent and Intellectual Property Law (granted to the top IP student at GW Law). Thank you for seeing my potential way back in 2015 and facilitating my success in law school."

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2016 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "After receiving the scholarship, I transferred to Columbia Law School, where the scholarship was extremely helpful in paying for my tuition. At Columbia, I focused my studies on IP law. I was a James Kent Scholar, a Teaching Fellow for the Venture Capital and Technology Seminar, a student attorney for the Community Enterprise Clinic, a Research Assistant to Professor William Duggan at Columbia Business School, and Senior/Symposium Editor of the Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts. Last summer, I worked at Gunderson Dettmer and I will be joining their IP group full-time in October."



2011 Veterans Scholarship Recipient: "Professionally, I am an assistant district attorney with the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office in Massachusetts, a positive I've held since graduating law school in 2014. In addition to my regular caseload duties as a prosecutor, I also serve as the District Attorney's representative to the county's Veterans Treatment Court leadership team. This specialty court provides intensive treatment as part of a holistic approach to those defendants who are also military veterans, and we accept only those who are in high need of treatment and are at a high risk to reoffend. I also provide guidance to my peers on the veterans' diversionary program for those veteran-defendants without any prior criminal convictions. Due to the FCBA's assistance, I am able to continue to serve my community while simultaneously assisting those veterans that need the most help."

2014 Veterans Scholarship Recipient: "After four years in Georgetown University Law Center's part-time J.D. program, I graduated magna cum laude this May. In my final year of the program, I was an Editor on the Georgetown Law Journal and a student advocate in the Civil Litigation Clinic, where I had the opportunity to assist in the representation of several clients. In September I will join Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP as a first-year associate in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. I remain grateful for the financial assistance I received from the Federal Circuit Bar Association, which helped me realize my lifelong dream of becoming a lawyer after serving for six years in the U.S. Army."

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2018 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "I am hugely grateful for the support."

The scholarship is a great help financially, but moreso, an enormous honor. [...This] scholarship will facilitate me pursuing pro bono work while completing my degree. Tomorrow I'm attending a monthly clinic at the New York City Bar Association ("NYCBA"), where I'll demonstrate a small software project to help with NYCBA's planning and estate law project. Additionally, I'm preparing an application for a New York nonprofit participating in the PTO's patent pro bono program."

2014 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "In 2016, I graduated from the two-year accelerated JD program at Brooklyn Law School with a Certificate in International Law. I accepted a position as an Assistant District Attorney with the New York County District Attorney's Office that same year, and have since been assigned to the Office of Special Narcotics Prosecutor. As an ADA with the OSNP, I conduct short and long term investigations into felony narcotics offenses and related crimes, including gun and prescription drug related crimes, and I have successfully prosecuted over 60 felony cases. Receiving the FCBA scholarship in 2014 was a great help to me financially, as I worked to complete my JD at an accelerated pace and completed four internships over the course of my time at Brooklyn Law School. I greatly appreciate the support that was given."



2015 Veterans Scholarship Recipient: "I am currently working at Weil, Gotshal & Manges as a bankruptcy lawyer. The Circuit Bar Association's scholarship enabled me to focus on my studies by freeing up time that I would otherwise have used to make ends meet. The scholarship provided me the assistance needed to get me through some financially difficult times during law school."

2015 Board Scholarship Recipient: "It was an honor to receive the Federal Circuit Bar Association Board Scholarship in 2015. The scholarship was a tremendous help. Law school tuition plus expenses range from \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year depending on the school. At the school I am attending it is almost \$80,000. Any amount of scholarship is a big help as it reduces the amount a student has to pay for student loans which charges an interest. I will be graduating next spring and it has been a busy and interesting experience in law school. I believe the scholarship will be valuable for future students. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Federal Circuit Bar Association for awarding me the scholarship. Thank you for your great and important work of supporting the next generation of outstanding lawyers."

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2017 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "Currently, I am a rising-2L student at Fordham University School of Law. I will be a Teaching Assistant for Professor Denno's 1L Criminal Law course for the upcoming fall semester and am part of Fordham's Law Review. Over the summer, I split my time between DLA Piper and one of their clients, BASF Corporation, as a 1L LCLD Scholar. Without the FCBA Scholarship, I would not have been able to meaningfully focus on achieving these goals and am extremely grateful for all of the assistance the Federal Circuit Bar Association has provided for me."



2017 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "I recently graduated from Fordham Law with honors and am currently studying for the bar exam. In the fall, I will be joining Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York as a Corporate Associate. The scholarship greatly aided me in paying for my 3L tuition and allowed me to take out less educational loans. I am very grateful to the FCBA for the generous scholarship."

2017 Founders Scholarship Recipient: "During my first year at the University of Chicago Law School, I served as a 1L representative for the Law Women's Caucus, the Electoral Reform Society, and the Law of the Land, a student organization focused on the law as it pertains to land and resource use in the Chicagoland area. I also served as a member of the Student Admissions Council and was designated as the only Tony Patino Fellow-Elect in my law school class. I am now spending my summer as a Law Clerk at the City of Chicago in its Constitutional and Commercial Litigation Division. In the upcoming academic year, I will serve as Vice President of the Law Women's Caucus and as a member of The University of Chicago Legal Forum, as well as reprise my role as a member of the Student Admissions Council. The Founders Scholarship contributed to my ability to attend the University of Chicago and have all the aforementioned opportunities, as well as access to some of the most intelligent, passionate educators I have had the pleasure of meeting. I am very grateful to the contributors who made my scholarship possible."

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