

Utah State Bar Intellectual Property Section
Law Student Scholarship 2020 Application

Amount: **\$1500 per scholarship**, a total of four (4) scholarships will be awarded to students currently pursuing a law degree at one of Utah's two law schools: Brigham Young University; and the University of Utah (*i.e.*, two scholarships per school). One scholarship per school will be based on diversity.

Deadline: **February 7, 2020** (emailed)

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Instructions: Please respond to all questions as completely as possible. There are no set criteria for awarding the scholarships, except that priority for the diversity scholarship will be given to law students with an interest in IP law, who are a member of an underrepresented group, including minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and persons of differing sexual orientations and gender identities. The IP Section Judges Committee will consider any evidence of potential for excellence in the practice of intellectual property law. You may enter your responses on a separate paper, but please be specific and succinct.

Name: _____

Current Law School: _____

Law School Year (1L, 2L, 3L): _____

Current Law School Ranking (by % or by numerical place in your class): _____

Undergraduate or other Degrees: _____

If you wish to be considered for the Diversity Scholarship, please provide a brief explanation of why your background or experiences would bring diversity to the IP Section: _____

Law Professor References (name, phone, and email):

1. Reference:

2. Reference:

Questions:

1. Why are you interested in practicing intellectual property law?

2. What area(s) of IP law do you see yourself practicing, and why?

3. What coursework have you taken that relates to IP law, and how have these classes helped you prepare for practice?

4. Describe any experiences you have in a law firm, courtroom, government, or company setting that involves IP law.

5. What is the difference, if any, between learning about IP law and practicing IP law?

6. Describe one of your favorite law school classes and why you enjoyed it.

7. What legal case has had the most impact on the practice of IP law in the United States in the last 10 years? Explain your reasoning.

8. If you are interested in patent practice, have you taken the Patent Bar? If not, when do you plan to take it?

9. What student, community, or other organizations have you been involved with that are related to IP law?

10. What other experiences have you had that will contribute to your practice of IP law? You may include any honors, distinctions, other degrees, interests, or anything else you consider particularly relevant here.

11. Why do you think diversity is important to legal practice?