



As a leader in the legal industry, you are aware of the significant shortage of diverse talent in patent law today. To help you and your firm address this challenge, the Patent Quality Education & Training Foundation (PTF) has partnered with HBCU law schools to increase awareness of patent law as a career. PTF has developed course content to provide law school students with world-class education and experience with the Patent Trial and Appeals Board.

To help diverse students with STEM degrees complete law school, PTF has partnered with Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) to offer qualified law school students an opportunity to earn annual scholarships. The 2020 PTF | TMCF scholarship is open to law students who meet the following requirements:

- Currently enrolled in any law school in the TMCF member-school network
- Interested in a career in patent law
- Has a current grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Demonstrates leadership ability through a variety of measures
- Submit two letters of recommendation
- Submit an essay explaining their interest in patent law

You and your firm can take the lead in making this vital scholarship program permanent. To build diverse patent talent for years to come, we are asking for a small financial contribution of \$1000 per month from 100 law firms. By joining PTF | TMCF as a scholarship sponsor, your firm will be recognized on our websites, receive biographies of the selected scholarship winners, and receive an annual report on how your contributions lead to an increased diversity in patent law, which can be shared with your clients. In addition to these benefits, the first 20 firms that sign up will also be provided a table at the 2nd Annual Diversity in Patent Law Gala in Fall 2020

The following Gold Sponsor firms provided the seed funding for The Diversity in Patent Law Gala. Please join them in making this scholarship a reality: Ballard Spahr LLP, Burns Levinson, Holland & Knight, Maschoff Brennan, McGuire Woods, PacTech Law, RPX Rational Patent and Stris Maher. Contact Tim Wilson, president, Patent Quality Training & Education Foundation, at tim.wilson@patenttrainingfoundation.org now.