



## 2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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**Eligibility:** Scholarships are limited to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year law students (and 4<sup>th</sup> year law students enrolled in part-time or evening programs) who attend an accredited law school and intend to practice law in the Southern California area. Scholarship recipients **MUST** attend the BWL Scholarship Luncheon on May 31, 2014. Scholarships typically range from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Personal Information	
Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Family Information (if applicable)	
Marital Status	
No. of Dependent Children	
Age(s) of Child(ren)	
Occupation of spouse	

Employment Information (if applicable)	
Current Employer	
Employment Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Position/Title	
Hours per week	
Gross wages per month	

<b>Law School Educational Information</b>	
Law School	
Dates of attendance	
Expected date of graduation	
Cumulative GPA	
Class Rank	
Honors or awards	
School or club activities	

<b>Undergraduate Educational Information</b>	
School	
Degree	
Dates of attendance	
Graduation date	
Cumulative GPA	
Honors or awards	
School or club activities	

<b>Graduate Educational Information (if applicable)</b>	
School	
Degree	
Dates of attendance	
Graduation date	
Cumulative GPA	
Honors or awards	
School or club activities	

### Financial Information

Please estimate your expenses and income for the period from August 2013 - June 2014.

<u>EXPENSES:</u>		<u>SOURCES OF INCOME:</u>	
Tuition & Fees	\$	Scholarships	\$
Educational supplies	\$	Loans	\$
Rent/Mortgage	\$	Wages	\$
Utilities	\$	Spouse's wages	\$
Food	\$	Monetary gifts	\$
Personal expenses	\$	Income from investments - stocks, bonds, real estate...	\$
Medical/dental	\$	Current account balances	\$
Transportation	\$	Checking	\$
Child care	\$	Savings	\$
Bar expenses	\$	Other	\$
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Legal Career Plans

What are your plans for employment following graduation? Have you received any offers for employment as of today's date? If so, please discuss.

**Community Involvement**

Please list and describe the community or professional organizations with which you have been actively involved, including any leadership positions you have held, during the past four years. If necessary, use additional pages.

**Additional Information**

Please describe any additional information or circumstances, including hardship, that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider with your application. Please use additional pages if necessary.

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
How did you hear about this scholarship?	
Do you currently know any BWL members? If so, please list their name(s)	
Have you previously applied for and/or received a BWL scholarship? If so, when?	
Are you currently or have you ever been a BWL student member? If so, when did you join?	
Have you participated in any past BWL events? If so, please list the events, year, and explain your level of participation (volunteer, attendee, etc.)	

**PERSONAL STATEMENT** (should be 1-2 pages in length)

Please tell us about your personal and professional background, passions and interests, extracurricular activities, and why you have chosen to pursue a career in law. Your personal statement must be type-written and double-spaced.

**ESSAYS** (each essay should be no more than 5 pages in length)

Your essays must be type-written and double-spaced. Your essays must demonstrate your ability to identify the legal issues presented and provide a thorough, detailed analysis and application of the relevant legal authority. While it is not required, you may cite legal authority in support of your position. No additional summary of the facts is necessary.

See pages 6 and 7 for the two Essay Questions.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS - ALL MATERIALS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. MARCH 27, 2014**

Please submit the following documents with your completed application:

1. Current official law school transcript, including school grading scale;
2. Law school letter verifying your current academic status/enrollment;
3. 2013-2014 Financial Aid award letter;
4. Resume;
5. Offer letter or documentation, if any, showing your intent to practice in Southern California; and
6. One letter of recommendation from a professor or community member. Letters may not be from a BWL member.

Completed applications and all supporting documents must be received by 5:00 p.m. March 27, 2014 and should be sent by mail to: Karen Eneas c/o Jackson Lewis P.C., 725 S. Figueroa St., Suite 2500, LA, CA 90017 or by email to both: karen.eneas@jacksonlewis.com and kijhana.friday@ogletreedeakins.com.

**Agreement and Signature**

By submitting this scholarship application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient and any of the information I provided is false, my scholarship award may be revoked.

Name (print)	
Signature	
Date	

## **Essay Question # 1:**

It is opening night of a new movie. Don Smith attends the movie at his local Los Angeles movie theater. As the movie begins, Smith is texting his daughter telling her to be in bed by 9:00 p.m. A few seconds later Smith texts her "Call 911!" At the same time, a large man by the name of Joe Barnes is moving toward Smith in the darkened theater. Barnes flashes a light in Smith's face and starts walking towards him in a rushed manner whispering aggressively "HEY! PUT YOUR PHONE AWAY OR LEAVE! I'M SICK OF YOU PEOPLE DOING THAT IN HERE!" Smith recognizes the guy because he saw a news story about a man who assaulted a husband and wife the previous week in the same theater, even following the woman into the women's restroom. To Smith, Barnes fits the description given on the news earlier in the week: 6'1", 200 pounds, late 20's / early 30's, African American male with a beard. The newscaster advised that the assailant "might have been armed." Smith thinks he sees a gun on Barnes's waist but cannot be sure because it is dark and there is a bright light shining in his face.

Smith then leaves the theater, goes to his car where he has a gun in the trunk, retrieves the gun, returns to the theater and takes his seat. He takes out his phone one more time and turns it on, only to hear Barnes yell as he moves toward Smith: "FOOL, DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO LEAVE AND NEVER COME BACK??!? YOU KNOW WHAT? COME HERE!" Barnes reaches for his waist and Smith draws his gun. Smith fires his gun twice, shooting Barnes in the leg and killing a young girl sitting nearby. The girl's parents and brother stay to help her while everyone else rushes out upon hearing the gun shots. Eleven people were injured while rushing from the theater in the ensuing chaos and one man later died in the arms of his blind date while en route to the hospital.

Despite his injuries, Barnes immediately tackles and handcuffs Smith. As the lights come up, Smith realizes that Barnes is actually a private security guard. The theater hired Barnes to ensure the safety of its patrons following the incident the previous week. At no point did Smith see a gun on Barnes's utility belt, but there was a can of pepper spray, a bright yellow taser and a flashlight.

Smith was charged with a myriad of crimes including murder and manslaughter.

Question: Your firm represents Smith in his criminal trial. Smith intends to claim self-defense. In preparation for the trial, you have been asked by a partner in your firm to provide a full analysis under California state law, including CALCRIM Jury Instruction 505, regarding whether "self-defense" is a valid defense for Smith's shooting of Barnes and the resultant injuries and deaths and whether alternative defenses may be available to Smith based on recent cases such as the Trayvon Martin case and the recent movie theater shooting by a retired police officer in Florida.

## **Essay Question # 2:**

For years the coastal city of San Ramon, a small vacation resort city, has operated a small fire department observation plane that twice a week trails a sign that announces various civic events. The city also maintains three beaches that attract as many as 500,000 visitors per year. Each beach has a number of permanent statues of past political and sports figures. Most of the statues were donated to the city and erected after review and acceptance by the city council and building inspector to ensure that they are safe, and aesthetically in keeping with the city's heritage and vacation ambiance. Along the boardwalks and walkways the city maintains flagpoles that carry banners announcing events in and around the city. The city council, however, consistently determined that political announcements would subject a captive vacationing audience to the blare of political propaganda, damage the beach's vacation setting and tranquil ambiance, and severely damage the city's revenue stream.

To increase the city's revenue base, the city recently instituted a program allowing banners to be flown on the city's fire department observation plane and on beach street lamps and flagpoles for a fee. The city excludes any political announcements, but accepts commercial ads for the sale of products as well as private announcements such as weddings and other private events. The city ordinance provides that upon application and payment of a clean-up fee to the city's Beachmaster's office, an individual may obtain a one-day beach permit to erect an event-sign to identify the event location. The event-sign must be no higher than 7 feet or wider than 2 feet and must not contain any lewd or indecent language or tasteless depictions. The city council found that one day limited permit location allows for identification of event locations without undue and unsightly beach clutter.

Reverend Sam Jonas's Faith One Congregation intends to hold a three-day summer revival on one of the city's beaches. Ben Hansford, a local politician facing a tough fall election, would like to have a three-day "Vote-For-Me" political rally and barbeque on an adjacent beach during the summer. Both apply for available advertising space for one week on the city's fire department plane as well as on flagpoles along the beach boardwalk to advertise their events. They also apply for a three-day permit to place beach signs to help participants locate the event. Faith One also petitioned the city council to erect, at Faith One's expense, a permanent statue of Faith One's founder, who played an important role in establishing the religion and the city in the early 1800s. The statue would depict the founder holding a cross and a bible.

The city denies Hansford's request to advertise his "Vote-for-Me" political rally on the city's fire department plane or the beach flagpoles, finding that it was an inappropriate political announcement. It grants a permit to place event-signs on the beach, but limits the permit to one day.

The city grants Faith One's request to fly banners on the city's fire department's plane advertising its summer revival and also to place banners on several beach flagpoles for the prescribed fees. It grants a permit to place event-signs on the beach, but limits the permit to one day. The city, however, rejected Faith One's request to erect a permanent statue of its founder because of its religious nature.

Hansford and Faith One, concerned that their First Amendment rights have been violated by the city, come to you for advice. Please discuss their potential claims and the likelihood of success.