

# **2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Eligibility:** Scholarships are limited to  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  year law students (and  $4^{th}$  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 <u>MUST</u> attend the BWL Scholarship Luncheon on June 2, 2018. Scholarships typically range from \$3,000 - \$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	

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

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

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

<b>Financial Informat</b>	ion		
Please estimate your i	ncome and exp	penses	
EXPENSES:		<b>RESOURCES:</b>	
Tuition & Fees	\$	Scholarships	\$
Educational supplies	\$	Loans	\$
Rent/Mortgage	\$	Wages	\$
Utilities	\$	Spouse's wages	\$
Food	\$	Monetary gifts	\$
Personal expenses	\$	Investments: stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.	\$
Medical/dental	\$	Current account balances	\$
Transportation	\$	Checking	\$
Child care	\$	Savings	\$
Bar expenses	\$	Other	\$
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	TOTAL RESOURCES	\$

### 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 during the past four years. If necessary, please 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.

Miscellaneous	
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 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.

**ESSAY** (should be between 5-7 pages in length)

Your essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, cite legal authority in support of your position and be well organized. The essay will demonstrate to the committee your ability to analyze and provide legal authority. The essay question is modeled after a California State Bar Examination Essay Question and is a great opportunity for you to demonstrate your mastery over this type of exam.

See the following attached page for the Essay Question.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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. 2017 2018 Financial Aid Award Letter
- 4. Resume

5. Offer letter or other documentation showing your intent to practice law in Southern California, if any

Completed applications and all supporting documents must be received no later than April 6, 2018, and <u>emailed to BWLScholarship@gmail.com</u>.

### Agreement and Signature

By submitting this scholarship application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that BWL may require me to provide documentation to corroborate the above information in order to be considered for this scholarship. I understand that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient and any of the information I provide is false that my scholarship award may be revoked.

Name (print)	
Signature	
Date	

#### **Essay Question**

Larry represents Dana in a gender discrimination lawsuit against Zeta, LLP ("Zeta"), one of the largest law firms in the city. Dana filed a complaint alleging that Zeta systematically underpays female shareholders, denies women equal opportunities for promotion and refuses to investigate or take disciplinary action against male partners at the firm who are accused of sexual harassment. Debbie represents Zeta.

Prior to Larry taking on Dana's case, Larry met with Dana at his firm to discuss her case and the fee for his services. Dana told Larry that she and other female attorneys at the firm were constantly subjected to sexual innuendos and advances made by the male partners at the firm. As a result, while at the firm Dana had grown paranoid that she would be denied a promotion or fired each time she politely rejected a partner's romantic advances or invitation to dinner. Larry, who had been practicing law for three years and had previously tried two similar cases, assured Dana that he would vigorously fight for Dana to ensure that she got the best possible outcome. Larry told Dana that his services would cost her \$100,000. Dana told Larry that she had no money, but offered to give him 10% of her Zeta stocks, which in total were valued at \$1,000,000. Larry agreed to accept 10% of Dana's Zeta stocks. Larry and Dana memorialized the agreement in writing. Dana gave Larry a stock certificate representing 10% of her Zeta stocks. Larry put the stock certificate in his personal bank account for safekeeping.

Soon after, Larry began to send Dana flowers, chocolates and personal handwritten notes in attempt to persuade Dana to go out with him. As part of his attempt to win Dana over, Larry also began to call and email Dana two to three times a day profusely begging her to go on a date with him. After two months of evading Larry's relentless advances, fearing that her case may be compromised, Dana reluctantly agreed to go on a date with Larry. After their first date, Dana realized that Larry was a great catch and they began dating on a regular basis, including having consensual sexual relations with each other.

A few months after Larry and Dana began dating, Larry realized that Dana was not the right lady for him and ended their relationship, but continued to represent Dana in her suit against Zeta. Thereafter, Debbie, Zeta's attorney, approached Larry with an offer to settle Dana's case for \$500,000 without conceding liability. Larry immediately accepted the offer on behalf of Dana. Larry viewed the offer as reasonable considering his previous legal experience. Also, Larry was eager to end his representation of Dana, because of the awkward and tense relationship their recent breakup had created between them. Larry feared that if the settlement offer was not accepted now Dana's case would drag on indefinitely causing him to have to maintain contact with Dana.

Immediately after accepting the settlement offer, Larry reactivated his Tinder account and sent Dana a short and concise message informing her that he had accepted an offer to settle her case for \$500,000 without Zeta conceding liability. He also mentioned that he would be collecting 10% of Dana's Zeta stocks as payment for his services. Dana was furious with Larry for accepting the settlement on her behalf without first consulting her. Dana refused to pay Larry, demanding that he return the stock certificate she had given him. Larry figured Dana would eventually calm down, so he cashed the stock certificate and used the money to buy a new condo with a water front view to attract the ladies.

1. What ethical violations, if any, has Larry committed? Answer according to California and ABA authorities.

2. What crime(s), if any, has Larry committed?

3. What equitable remedy or remedies can Dana reasonably obtain against Larry? (Do not discuss defenses).