Zelle LLP is committed to increasing diversity in the legal profession. To that end, Zelle is pleased to offer this Diversity in Law Scholarship again in 2019. The Scholarship is designed to encourage and assist students from diverse backgrounds and with diverse perspectives, as well as students with a proven interest in diversity-related issues, in pursuing the law as a profession. For additional information about Zelle, please visit www.zelle.com.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must either be: (1) first-year law students currently enrolled full-time at an ABA-accredited law school and who have completed at least one semester of law school; or (2) be part-time (four-year program) or joint-degree students currently in their second year of law school at an ABA-accredited law school. Applicants also must either (1) be a member of a population or group whose background and perspectives are historically underrepresented in the private practice of law; or (2) demonstrate a long-standing commitment to diversity that will be furthered by award of the scholarship. Selection considerations will include but not be limited to: academic performance, writing skills, demonstrated leadership skills, an interest in litigation (including antitrust and insurance litigation), financial need, and a desire to practice in one of the cities where Zelle maintains an office. Applicants are required to have a 3.0 cumulative law school GPA (or its equivalent).

FINANCIAL AWARD: The Scholarship awards the selected recipient a total of $20,000.00 to be applied towards the selected recipient’s law school tuition, fees, and text books, with one half of the scholarship paid for the student’s second year of law school and one half of the scholarship paid for the student’s third year of law school subject to the following: To receive the second installment of the scholarship, the recipient must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA (or its equivalent) through the student’s second year of law school.

MENTORING: The recipient will be assigned a practicing attorney at the firm as a mentor for the student’s remaining law school career. The mentor will be responsible for maintaining regular contact with the student and offering the student support, advice, and other information as appropriate during the recipient’s last two years of law school and as the student enters the legal profession.

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1 Students who intend to begin law school in the 2019-2020 academic year are not eligible to apply. Current undergraduate and LLM students are not eligible to apply.

2 Zelle expressly reserves the right not to award a scholarship in any given year if, at the firm’s discretion, the pool of candidates is too small or no applicants are deemed to have met the firm’s scholarship selection guidelines.
**Potential Summer Clerkship:** Depending upon the firm’s current needs, the Scholarship recipient may be offered, but is under no obligation to accept, a paid summer clerkship at one of the firm’s offices for the summer following the student’s first year of law school. The specific location of the potential clerkship will be decided by the firm in consultation with the student and will be based upon both the student’s interest and the firm’s need.

**Application:** To be considered for the Zelle LLP Diversity in Law Scholarship, students should complete and submit the attached application and required documents to Zelle by March 15, 2019. Completed applications may be submitted by electronic mail or regular mail to:

Kristin Suga Heres, Diversity in Law Scholarship Administrator
Zelle LLP
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DIVERSITY@ZELLE.COM
THE ZELLE LLP
2019 DIVERSITY IN LAW SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

NAME:___________________________________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:________________________________________________________

PHONE NO.______________________ E-MAIL:___________________________________

LAW SCHOOL:______________________________________________________________

LAW SCHOOL G.P.A. _________________________________________________________

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL:_____________________________________________________

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE/MAJOR:_______________________________________________

UNDERGRADUATE G.P.A. (MAJOR/CUMULATIVE): ____________________________________

OTHER DEGREES/EDUCATION:___________________________________________________

OFFICE IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING, IF A CLERKSHIP IS AVAILABLE:

___ BOSTON
___ DALLAS
___ MIAMI
___ MINNEAPOLIS
___ NEW YORK CITY
___ PHILADELPHIA
___ SAN FRANCISCO
___ WASHINGTON, D.C.

IF MORE THAN ONE, PLEASE RANK YOUR PREFERENCES. (PLEASE NOTE: Office location will be based on student interest and firm need. Students may not receive their first choice of locations.)

ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:
RESUME
COVER LETTER
UNDERGRADUATE TRANSCRIPT(S)
LAW SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS
GRADUATE SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS
LEGAL WRITING SAMPLE
TWO REFERENCES (ONLY CONTACT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED, BUT LETTERS OF REFERENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED)
PERSONAL ESSAY OF NO MORE THAN 750-1000 WORDS (EXPLAINING YOUR INTEREST IN THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, HOW DIVERSITY HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE AND HOW IT IMPACTS THE LEGAL PROFESSION)

VERIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISREPRESENTATION OF ANY INFORMATION AS PART OF MY APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL OF MY APPLICATION FROM CONSIDERATION, CANCELING OF MY SCHOLARSHIP, AND/OR TERMINATION OF ANY OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT, OR TERMINATION OF ANY EMPLOYMENT.

ADDITIONALLY, BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE ZELLE LLP TO OBTAIN FROM MY LAW SCHOOL THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CONFIRM MY FINANCIAL NEED. I FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE AND/OR INDIVIDUAL AT MY LAW SCHOOL TO CONFIRM SUCH FINANCIAL NEED AT THE REQUEST OF ZELLE LLP.

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Signature of Applicant      Date