Zelle Hofmann is committed to increasing diversity in the legal profession. To that end, Zelle Hofmann is pleased to offer this Diversity in Law Scholarship again in 2015. 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 Hofmann, please visit www.zelle.com.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must either be first-year law students enrolled full-time at an ABA-accredited law school or be part-time (four-year program) or joint-degree students 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 Hofmann maintains an office.\(^1\)

**FINANCIAL AWARD:** The Scholarship awards the selected recipient a total of $30,000.00 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.

**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

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\(^1\) Zelle Hofmann 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.
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 Hofmann Voelbel & Mason LLP Diversity in Law Scholarship, students should complete and submit the attached application and required documents to Zelle Hofmann by **April 1, 2015**.

**Completed Applications Should Be Submitted To:**

**Heidi Keller, Diversity in Law Scholarship Administrator**  
**Zelle Hofmann Voelbel & Mason LLP**  
**500 Washington Avenue South, Suite 4000**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415**  
**diversity@zelle.com**  
**612-336-9155**
APPLICATION

NAME: ____________________________________________

HOME ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: ____________________________________________

SCHOOL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: ____________________________________________

PHONE NO. ______________________ E-MAIL: ______________________

LAW SCHOOL: ____________________________________________

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

____ MINNEAPOLIS

____ SAN FRANCISCO

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
- 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 HOFMANN 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 HOFMANN.

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Signature of Applicant          Date