Larence Schrader Scholarship

A fund was established by Diane King to endow a scholarship in her father's memory to assist a worthy student who cares about the law and has a need for financial assistance.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon Diversity in Law Scholarship

Established by the Shook, Hardy & Bacon Foundation beginning Fall 2008, the intent of this scholarship is to provide significant dollars for recruitment of person(s) to UMKC School of Law in order to increase diversity within the legal profession. The commitment is to fund one student through three years of his/her legal education. Selection is based on admissions materials.

Fred L. and Emma E. Wiese Scholarship

Established in 2005 by their daughter, Sarah (Law 2001), this scholarship is given in memory of Mrs. Emma Wiese and in honor of Mr. Fred L. Wiese. Sarah credits her parents with encouraging her to pursue a legal career, especially her mother. The scholarship intent is to provide financial assistance to highly qualified women who wish to attend law school with primary consideration given to rural applicants (Beloit & Russell counties in Kansas), an undergraduate GPA of 3.75 or better, and demonstrated financial need. The award is renewable based on satisfactory grade point average.

MINORITY NONRESIDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Chancellor's Nonresident Minority Scholarships

The University awards nonresident fee scholarships to students who are members of historically under-represented minority groups (African-American, Hispanic and Native-American) who are newly admitted to the University. Students must identify themselves as members of these minority groups in the application for admission in order to obtain the scholarships.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

LAW SCHOOL AND LAW FOUNDATION

Academic Enrichment Award

The Law School recognizes graduating students who have served as teaching assistants in the Academic Enrichment Program for their significant contributions to enhance the academic achievement of other students.

The Thomas E. Deacy Trial Lawyer Award

Endowed in the memory of Thomas E. Deacy Sr., an eminent trial lawyer, by his wife and son, Mrs. Thomas E. Deacy and Thomas E. Deacy Jr., the Deacy Award is presented annually to a third-year law student who demonstrates trial skills and attributes possessed by Thomas E. Deacy Sr.

The Jay B. and Frances Dillingham Public Service Award

An annual cash award is given to a student for participation in, or the study of, public service. Preference is given to students with strong ties to Clay or Platte County, Missouri.

Emissary Award

The Law School recognizes the graduating students who have served as its Emissaries for their outstanding service to the school.

The Sanford B. Ladd Award Fund

This fund provides an annual cash prize to the student earning the highest grade in Real Estate Finance.

The Ralph S. Latshaw Award Fund

An annual award of law books is given to a graduating student who has excelled in criminal law.

Law Alumni Association Harry S. Truman Leadership Award

This prestigious award is given annually to a graduating third-year student who exemplifies commitment to the legal profession; service; and leadership standards as set by the Law School's most famous alumnus, Harry S. Truman. A cash award and plaque are presented.

Law Alumni Association Charles E. Whittaker Award

The Law Alumni Association's Whittaker Award recognizes the outstanding third-year student who has advanced the intellectual life of the Law School. Both a cash award and plaque are presented.
Mdivani Immigration Law Scholarship Award

Mira Mdivani (Law 1999), a nationally-recognized attorney in the practice of immigration law, established this scholarship in honor of her father, Archil Mdivani, in 2006. This scholarship is awarded each year to the winner of an essay contest.

The Annette Moore Award Fund

An annual cash prize provided by this fund is given to the student earning the highest grade in Commercial Transactions.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

This award provides a certificate to the member of the third-year class who has achieved the highest cumulative grade-point average during three years of study.

Marvin and Patricia Rich Corporate Law Prize

A merit-based annual award which recognizes second-year UMKC law students of superior character, academic achievement and potential, and who plan to pursue a corporate legal specialty after graduation.

The Candler S. Rogers Writing Award

This award was endowed in memory of Candler S. Rogers, a former UMKC law professor, by a close personal friend and colleague. It recognizes Professor Rogers’ long tenure as faculty adviser to the Law Review and his distinguished achievement in legal writing. It is given annually to the student who submits the most outstanding work of legal writing to the *UMKC Law Review*.

The John L. Sheridan Appellate Advocacy Awards

The Sheridan Awards were endowed by Norman O. Sanders in memory of his law partner, John L. Sheridan, a distinguished alumnus of the Law School. They are presented annually to students who have shown outstanding achievement in the Ellison Appellate Moot Court Competition.

Structured Study Group Leader Award

The Law School recognizes the graduating students who have served as teaching assistants in its Structured Study Group Program for their exemplary service in that capacity.

The Trial Practice Achievement Award

Endowed by contributions from classmates in memory of Terry T. Thomas, a Law School graduate, this award provides an annual cash amount and certificate to the student who has made the most significant progress in trial advocacy.

UMB Bank's Excellence in Estate Planning Award

An annual award, consisting of both a cash prize and plaque, is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated an outstanding aptitude for estate planning and achieved an overall excellent academic record.

The *UMKC Law Review* Honor Award

Endowed by attorney Wilbur L. Pollard, this award is presented annually to the student who has rendered the greatest service to the *UMKC Law Review*.

LAW BOOK PUBLISHERS

West Publishing Company

Awards are provided annually to recognize outstanding scholastic achievement.

OTHER

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies

The American Bankruptcy Institute annually provides a medal to a UMKC graduating law student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of bankruptcy law.

The Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium Prize

The prize competition was established to encourage student participation and excellence in the study of estate planning at the UMKC School of Law. UMKC law students compete for two first place and two second place cash awards which recognize students of superior character, academic achievement, and potential who plan to pursue an estate planning practice.
The National Association of Women Lawyers

A one-year honorary membership in the association and a year's subscription to the NAWL Law Journal is awarded to an outstanding woman law graduate.

The Order of Barristers

Certificates are awarded annually by this national honorary society to 10 graduates who have excelled in moot court, mock trial and other advocacy programs.

Research Assistantships

A number of salaried positions as research or teaching assistants are available each year for second- and third-year students with superior academic records. Research assistant positions provide excellent training in legal research on important and interesting research projects being conducted by members of the law faculty. Students are selected to serve as teaching assistants for the Introduction to Law program, the Structured Study Group program and Academic Enrichment. These students work closely with program faculty to enhance first year student success.

Academic Program

Description of Program

The school's juris doctor degree program is designed to prepare students for the general practice of law and for policy-forming functions in government, business and other organizations in society. Courses provide students with a basic knowledge of the principles and processes of the Anglo-American system of law and of the integration of law into other disciplines and institutions.

The curriculum and program recognize that in order to be of the utmost service to clients, the lawyer must "see life whole" and appreciate the relationships among legal, social and political aspects of human endeavor. They also recognize that the best interests of society require a lawyer to be a thinker and scholar as well as a skilled technician.

Both the curriculum and methods of instruction are designed to meet these objectives. Although the casebook method is the predominant form of classroom instruction in larger classes, the faculty also employ other approaches. Classes such as lawyering skills, negotiating mergers and acquisitions, mediation, and law practice management combine theory with opportunities to learn about lawyering first-hand. Many of the classes use documents and "real life" problems to demonstrate concepts studied in class. The curriculum also includes opportunities for research and writing, seminar discussions, clinical instruction and skills training.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be prepared for admission to the bar and effective and responsible participation in the legal profession and in their communities.

Graduates will demonstrate effective problem-solving skills by:

- Critically examining complex facts.
- Identifying client needs and determining legal issues.
- Efficiently finding relevant law, policy and factual information.
- Applying appropriate legal rules and standards to the problem.
- Generating alternative solutions and developing plans for implementation.
- Continually reviewing and reassessing a plan of action.

Graduates will demonstrate effective communication skills by:

- Communicating appropriately and effectively with relevant audiences.
- Relating effectively to professionals from other disciplines.
- Writing and speaking clearly.
- Demonstrating cultural sensitivity.

Graduates will demonstrate entry-level competence in legal skills by:

- Identifying appropriate forums and means for resolution of legal problems.
- Being able to determine legal issues for analysis and research.
- Possessing elementary skills in interviewing, counseling and negotiation.
- Drafting documents to implement basic legal transactions.
- Dealing sensitively with people in conflict.

Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of the practice of law by:

- Being aware of career and job options in law practice.