



APABA-PA and Archer Announce New Diversity Scholarship

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The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania (APABA-PA) and Archer have announced a new scholarship program. The Archer APABA-PA Diversity Scholarship (Scholarship) was established to identify, support and train exceptionally qualified diverse law students who demonstrate the characteristics needed to become future leaders in the legal profession. Designed for rising second-year law students, the Scholarship will provide the recipient with financial support, ongoing mentoring, and hands-on experience during the summer of 2017 working at a law firm and a corporate legal department.

Candidates should demonstrate outstanding academic achievements, exceptional leadership qualities, and have a demonstrated connection to, and/or intent to practice law in, the Greater Philadelphia area. The recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship along with a paid 8-week summer position in 2017, fulfilled through working a 4-week internship with Archer, followed immediately by an additional 4-week internship with the in-house legal department of AmerisourceBergen, one of the largest global pharmaceutical sourcing and distribution services companies, which has agreed to be the in-house partner for the Scholarship's inaugural year.

Ongoing mentorship is a critical element of the program. The Scholarship Committee's goal will be not only to help students financially, but also to take an active and ongoing role in identifying and furthering the professional development of future leaders in the legal profession. The Scholarship recipient will receive ongoing mentoring and support from members of the Scholarship Committee during, and after, his or her internship.

In announcing the scholarship, Phil Cha, Partner, Archer, and Chair of the firm's Diversity Committee said, "Archer is committed to fostering diversity and inclusion in our firm, and it is with great pleasure that we are able to extend that commitment to include this collaboration with the APABA-PA and AmerisourceBergen."

Joining the announcement, Hyung Bak, Group General Counsel, AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation said, "This program provides a much needed development opportunity for these emerging diverse leaders who are

often underrepresented in the profession, and connects them to an ongoing support network they will have throughout their career.”

John Encarnacion, President of APABA-PA added, “This scholarship will work to attract outstanding APA law students to the legal profession in our region, and that is an objective the organization completely supports.”

Applications for the Scholarship are accepted online only. They can be found on the APABA-PA website at <http://www.apaba-pa.org/>. The deadline to apply is July 15, 2016. Applicants will be required to submit their resume, official copies of their undergraduate and law school transcripts, as well as an essay. More information about the Scholarship can be found on the APABA-PA website. Any questions should be directed to lawstudentoutreach@apaba-pa.org.

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