2021/2022 Construction and Public Contract Law Section Scholarship

The Construction and Public Contract Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin encourages the exchange of ideas and continuing education among attorneys practicing in these fields, and advances the development and improvement of construction and public contract law. As part of its efforts, the Section is offering a pair of $2,000.00 scholarships to law students pursuing their law degrees at Marquette University Law School and the University of Wisconsin Law School. One scholarship will be awarded to a student at each law school. Each $2,000.00 scholarship will be paid to the law school toward the tuition of the chosen recipient. Following the announcement of the scholarship winners in December 2021, the awards will be applied to the recipients’ tuition accounts for the second semester of the 2021-22 school year.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Qualified applicants must be currently enrolled at Marquette University Law School or the University of Wisconsin Law School. Applicants are limited to the 2L and 3L classes. Though no minimum GPA is required, applicants must be in good academic standing. An interest in construction and public contracting law is required.

APPLICATION PROCESS:
Applicants must submit the following to Jane Corkery of the State Bar of Wisconsin (jcorkery@wisbar.org) no later than the deadline listed below:

- Personal essay (details below);
- Resume;
- Most recent law school transcript (unofficial);
- Letter of recommendation (from an employer, teacher, mentor, advisor, etc.).

Materials should be submitted via email with PDF attachments. The subject line of the email should be formatted as such: “CPL Scholarship – APPLICANT’S LAST NAME, APPLICANT’S FIRST NAME – APPLICANT’S LAW SCHOOL.” (E.g., “CPL Scholarship – Smith, Jane – Marquette” or “CPL Scholarship – Smith, John – UW”.)

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
Completed application must be electronically transmitted no later than October 30, 2021. The scholarship recipient will be announced in December 2021.

PERSONAL ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:
Applicants must submit a personal essay of no more than 1,000 words explaining why they are deserving of the scholarship. Though no specific topics are required to be covered, students are encouraged to discuss their particular interest in the legal fields of Construction and/or Public Contracting, their background and experience, their plans for the future, and/or any other topic they feel may differentiate themselves from other applicants. For example, do you have work or family history driving your interest in Construction and/or Public Contracting? Was there a law
school class that sparked an interest? Another event, internship, job shadowing etc. that helped set a goal of working in the Construction and/or Public Contracting field?

Each applicant must list his/her name, mailing address, email address, phone number and law school at the top of the first page. The applicant’s name must be listed at the top of each additional page, if necessary. The essay must be double-spaced and written in 12-point font.

BACKGROUND ON CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC CONTRACT LAW SECTION
This State Bar section has an interesting cross-section of attorneys who work in private practice at law firms, in-house at industry organizations, in-house for construction contractors, suppliers and other professional service companies, State departments etc. Members have a shared interest in advancing construction law through the sharing of ideas, networking, community involvement and active engagement in the legal landscape in Wisconsin. Below is some additional information as to the Section’s board members and advisors, as well as a link to the most recent annual report which hits on various Section matters from the past year.

Questions regarding the scholarship process and/or the Section generally can be directed to Board member David Bohl at dbohl@findorff.com.
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