THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUNDY SMITH
The MBBA Scholarship Fund is named after the Honorable George Bundy Smith, who has served on the MBBA Board and founded its original scholarship fund. Appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo, Judge Smith served on the New York State Court of Appeals from 1982 to 2006. He also served as a judge on the Civil Court of New York City from 1975-1982 and as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New York from 1987-1992. Currently, a law professor at Fordham Law School, Judge Smith is a former Freedom Rider and a graduate of Yale University (B.A. 1959), where he was just one of three African Americans in his class, and Yale Law School (LL.B 1962). He also has a Ph.D from New York University and an LL.M from University of Virginia School of Law.

THE HONORABLE THEODORE JONES
Judge Jones received a B.A. in History and Political Science in 1965, then served in Vietnam with the US Army from 1967-69, obtaining the rank of captain, before attending St. John’s University School of Law. After graduation, he worked as a Criminal Defense Attorney with the Legal Aid Society, and then as a Law Secretary to Justice Howard A. Jones (no relation) at the New York State Court of Claims, before entering private practice in his hometown of Brooklyn. In 1980, he was elected as a Judge to the New York Supreme Court, where he presided over numerous cases, including the 2005 New York City transit strike case. In 2006, Judge Jones was appointed to New York State’s Court of Appeals, where he served until his premature passing in 2012. He was a Board Member of the MBBA and the Vice President of the Bedford Stuyvesant Bar Association, a predecessor of the MBBA.

SHIRLEY STEWART FARMER
Shirley Stewart Farmer is the first president of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. Born and raised in Chicago, she was first drawn to the arts, studying dance, music, voice and acting before turning to the law. After receiving a B.S, in English from Bryn Institute of Technology, Ms. Farmer obtained a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, now a division of IIT. In New York she practiced law for about 12 years, including as an associate at Delson & Gordon, Associate Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of HRHA, and then as an solo practitioner, a position she continues to maintain today. While at Delson & Gordon, she organized the Mid-Manhattan Branch of the NAACP under her then-employer, Max Delson, the branch’s first President. In 1964, she did the legal work to consolidate the Harlem Lawyers Association and the Bedford Stuyvesant Lawyers Association to form the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

JAMES L. LIPSCOMB
In a career spanning 30 years with MetLife, James L. Lipscomb, Esq. currently is Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Metropolitan Series Fund - Artio International Stock Portfolio. He previously served as General Counsel and an Executive Vice President of MetLife, Inc., and its subsidiary, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where he oversaw the Legal Affairs group with responsibility for the global operation of MetLife Law Department and Government and Industry Relations Department, and also provided advice to the Board of Directors and management on corporate governance and business operations. In this role, Mr. Lipscomb launched successful diversity initiatives, which led to the substantial diversification of the MetLife law department. Other positions he has held at MetLife include Head of Corporate Planning and Strategy (1998-2000), and Head of the Real Estate Investments Department (1992-1998), where he served as Senior Vice President. He holds a B.A. from Howard University, a J.D. from Columbia University Law School and an LL.M. (Corporations) from New York University.

THE METROPOLITAN BLACK BAR ASSOCIATION
The Metropolitan Black Bar Association (MBBA), a unified citywide association of African-American and other minority lawyers, is to advance equality and excellence in the pursuit of justice, set the progress of blacks and other minorities in the profession, address legal issues affecting the citywide community, and foster the study of law by encouraging the personal and professional development of young lawyers and law students. Founded on June 24, 1964, the Metropolitan Black Bar Association was created from the merger of the Harlem Lawyers Association, founded in 1921, and the Bedford Stuyvesant Lawyers Association, founded in 1933. As one of the largest organizations of black attorneys in New York State, the MBBA continues the rich legacy of its two predecessor organizations by providing a voice for black legal professionals in the community and the judiciary. To learn more, visit www.mbbanyc.org

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THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUNDY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Metropolitan Black Bar Association has established The Honorable George Bundy Smith Scholarship Fund, which offers three scholarships to students who demonstrate qualities of leadership, a passion for the arts and sciences, or a commitment to diversity and academic excellence. The Fund is in honor of Judge Smith, who for many years provided board leadership and guidance to the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, including starting the organization’s first scholarship fund. Above all, Judge Smith valued education and leveraged his success to the benefit of the African-American community.

THE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

THE HONORABLE THEODORE THEOPHILUS JONES, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a student who demonstrates a commitment to leadership while successfully managing the law school experience

AWARD: $2,500

REQUIREMENT: Applicants must write an original paper on the importance of leadership and the candidate’s record of leadership in college and during law school

THE SHIRLEY STEWART FARMER SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a law student who demonstrates a passion for business, arts or sciences

AWARD: $2,500

REQUIREMENT: Applicants must write an original paper on the relevance of business, arts or sciences to the law and the candidate’s passion for and accomplishments in business, arts or sciences

THE JAMES L. LIPSCOMB SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a student who demonstrates a sincere and meaningful commitment to diversity and a commitment to academic excellence

AWARD: $2,500

REQUIREMENT: Applicants must write an original paper on the value of diverse professionals to the practice of law and the candidate’s record of promoting diversity in college and during law school

HOW TO APPLY

To be considered, you must write an original paper on the indicated topics of your choice, and adhere to the following:

- Please include a cover page* with:
  - Title of the paper
  - Your name
  - Name of the Scholarship for which you are applying
  - Law School
  - Class year
  - Your phone number
  - Your email address

- Please limit papers to 10 pages in length (including Bluebook-form footnotes), double-spaced and submitted in Microsoft Word format. Papers longer than 10 pages will be disqualified

* Page count does not include cover page

You must also submit a current law school transcript, a college transcript and two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an active member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

SUBMITTING MATERIALS

All papers and other materials should be submitted to the designated faculty or staff member(s) of each respective law school. Each designated faculty or staff member shall forward all submissions to his/her Scholarship Committee Liaison. The Liaison, in turn, shall forward all papers received by him/her to the Friends of MBBA, Inc. Friends of the MBBA Inc. will read the papers submitted and will select the Scholarship recipient(s).

DEADLINES

March 1, 2014: Law School Faculty Liaison submits all papers she/he receives to the Friends of MBBA, Inc.
April 15, 2014: Friends of MBBA, Inc. will determine the winner(s)
May 2014: Scholarship recipients will be announced, and the scholarship(s) awarded at the MBBA 30th Annual Gala

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all students—both J.D. candidates and LL.M. candidates—attending eligible law schools. “Eligible” law schools mean all accredited law schools within New York City limits. Students are permitted to apply to more than one of the offered scholarships. If a student elects to do so, he/she must submit entirely separate application packages for each scholarship.

FREE MEMBERSHIP TO THE MBBA

All scholarship applicants will automatically receive free membership in MBBA for a one-year period, commencing September 1 of the year in which they apply.

PREREQUISITES OF GBS SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Friends of MBBA, Inc. reserves the right to award only one scholarship or no scholarship if it determines, in any given year, that respectively, one candidate, or no candidate is sufficiently meritorious. All rights of dissemination of the papers belong exclusively to the Friends of MBBA, Inc. Each winning paper will be published in the MBBA newsletter or listserve and will be made available on the MBBA website.