DIVERSITY SECTION SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Scholarship Program of KCMBA is to provide financial assistance to professionals in the legal profession to participate in KCMBA sponsored events.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The Scholarship Program shall be administered by the Section Executive Committee and all decisions in reviewing applications and administering this Scholarship Program are final.

3. THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Section Executive Committee has sole discretion in determining the number and amounts of the Scholarships to be disbursed. All amounts are in U.S. dollars.

4. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships will be awarded to “Diverse” members and are defined by the Action Plan (developed in 2004 and re-signed in 2009 by the Managing Partners’ Committee), i.e. “diversity” is inclusive of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and physical disability and will be based primarily on need. Scholarship awards will be given to members of the KCMBA.

5. APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline will be posted when application period is announced. Early application is recommended. KCMBA will not be responsible for lost or misdirected e-mail, mail, or applications that arrive after the deadline.

6. FORM OF APPLICATION

To apply, submit an official application form (see attached) and a 250-word maximum, typed essay. The essay must include:

- Why you are applying for KCMBA Scholarship;
- How the event/program is aligned with and will benefit your professional goals; and
- The basis and extent of your need for this Scholarship.
Applications and essays will be judged on demonstration of commitment to the applicant’s professional development and/or career, and the possible impact of the Scholarship on the life of the recipient, his/her profession and/or community. Applicants may be asked to provide receipts, proof of enrollment, documentation of coursework, educational acceptance, and/or other information related to the application. Applicants may also be subject to an interview. Applications will be accepted electronically and shall be e-mailed to: committee@kcmba.org.

7. RELEASE AND WAIVER

Scholarship recipients grant the KCMB A the right to use their name, likeness, essay and application for any advertising, promotion and/or publicity purposes without further compensation to or permission from the recipient, except where prohibited by law. Applications become the property of the KCMB A, and it will own all rights to all applications received. Applications will not be returned. All applications must be the sole property of the applicant. Applications must be an original work of the applicant.

With the submission of an application, applicants agree to release and hold harmless KCMB A, and its directors, employees, officers and agents, from any and all liability, loss or damages arising from, or in connection with, the judging of the Scholarship applications, the decision to award Scholarships, and the awarding, receipt, and/or use of misuse of Scholarship money.
DIVERSITY SECTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application: ______________________________________

Program Applying For: ____________________________________________________

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________

Employer: _____________________________________________________________

Title: __________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: ___________________ Zip: __________

Phone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________ 

MEMBERSHIP IN KCMB

Are you a current member of the KCMB?    Yes    No

If no, are you a past member?    No    Yes, when:

Describe your past participation with KCMB programs or socials:

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

How many years have you been practicing law? __________________________

In what state bars are you licensed to practice law? ______________________
What are your principle areas of law practice? ____________________________________________

How did you find out about the KCMB A Scholarship Program?

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Are you involved in any other law related organizations?  No  Yes, please describe:

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Are you involved in any community organizations?  No  Yes, please describe:

____________________________________________________________________________________

Have you previously applied for/received a KCMB A Scholarship?  No  Yes, please describe:

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ESSAY

Please attach a 250-word maximum, typed essay. The essay must include why you are applying for a KCMB A Scholarship, how the program is aligned with and will benefit your professional goals, and the basis and extent of your need for this Scholarship.