

A PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT THE BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP



DIVERSITY AS A MATTER OF JUSTICE

The old cliché says that justice is blind; but in truth, the legal process can be very subjective. Judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys can exercise wide discretion in deciding some of the most important aspects of a case, leaving room for unconscious biases to affect cases involving minority defendants. Everyone deserves fair legal representation; legal professionals need to represent the diverse world we live in, and access to legal education is critical to achieving those goals.

INCREASING ACCESS TO LAW SCHOOL

Diversifying the legal field will require law schools to recruit more underrepresented students. The cost of law school remains a steep barrier, and increased financial support must be a priority. As an Emory Law graduate, you know the difficult choices many students of color face when entering and leaving law school; staggeringly high student loan debt affects everything from bar passage rates to career choice.

LEADING BY GIVING BACK

Members of the BLSA Alumni Advisory Board call on other alumni to join them in lending a hand to the next generation of legal professionals. If it reaches endowment level, the BLSA Scholarship will ensure that Emory Law students benefit from your thoughtful leadership for years to come.

“One of my passions has been the recruitment and retention of more underrepresented students. To encourage more underrepresented students to attend Emory Law, we must recognize their financial needs and concerns. I know firsthand how stressful heavy student loan debt coupled with a new law career can be. Many students may feel compelled to make career or life decisions based on money rather than passion. We want to enable students to pursue their passions. This scholarship is the alumni way of paying it forward. It is our version of Sankofa.”

— RUTH ROCKER MCMULLIN OOL ON WHY SHE GIVES BACK



THE OPPORTUNITY

To invest in a more diverse legal profession, we ask you to make a gift to the Black Law Student Association Scholarship Fund at Emory Law. Your gift will support the recruitment of a 1L student, with a preference for underrepresented candidates. **Help the fund reach \$100,000 by August 2020** to convert it to an endowed scholarship, generating support for Emory Law students in perpetuity. By supporting a diverse Emory Law community, you will help create a future that advances the promise of equal representation under the law for all.

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