2015-2016 Donor Scholarship Opportunities

Sidney and Mary Abbey Scholarship
A prominent litigator and one of the law school’s most influential figures, Arthur N. Abbey ’59 joined the New York Law School Board of Trustees in 1995 and has been Chairman since 1999. Together, Arthur and Diane Abbey are among the law school’s most generous benefactors. In 2009, Mrs. Abbey founded the Diane Abbey Law Center to ensure that children, and the families who care for them, receive the legal assistance and services necessary to ensure their safety, security and well-being. It is now named the Diane Abbey Law Institute for Children and Families and is an institute of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law. The Sidney and Mary Abbey Scholarship, named for Arthur Abbey’s parents, provides scholarships to deserving students.

Professor Joseph T. Arenson Scholarship
Joseph T. Arenson (1904-2005) was a member of the adjunct faculty at New York Law School for more than 40 years, as well as an author and lecturer. Trustee John D. McMahon ’76, noting his favorite law memories, stated in an interview: “Professor Arenson was really a character, and a great teacher.” Professor Arenson also received an honorary degree from NYLS. He volunteered with the United Jewish Appeal, the Catholic Diocese, the Anti-Defamation League, and Victims of the Holocaust.

Boris B. Benson Scholarship
Boris B. Benson, M.D., an anesthesiologist, donated to the law school in the 1990s, during the time when his niece, Nina (Mirilashvil) Roket ’96, was a student. She is now partner at the firm Olshan Grundman and is a prominent real estate attorney in New York.

Felix Jacob Bilgrey ’51 Scholarship
Felix Bilgrey (1925-1980) was a leader in the fight against film censorship, through his position as General Counsel of the Times Film Corporation. In a landmark 1965 decision, he reversed the arrest of a Baltimore theater owner who had shown a film, “Revenge at Daybreak,” which had not been approved by Maryland censors. Mr. Bilgrey was also director of the Independent Theater Owners of America. Gordon Oppenheimer ’65 administers the Bilgrey foundation. The scholarship is based on financial need.

Alan ’77 and Madeleine Clark Scholarship
Alan W. Clark is a personal injury attorney in Levittown, New York. He is a member of the NYLS Board of Trustees. His two sons and a nephew are also NYLS graduates. Mr. Clark admits he encouraged his sons and nephew to come to New York Law School, but added, “I think they recognized the benefits on their own.” According to Mr. Clark, those benefits include a great location near every court, numerous government agencies, and Wall Street, as well as a great faculty and adjunct faculty.

Class of 1976 Dean E. Donald Shapiro Scholarship
The scholarship was established by members of the Class of ’76 in honor of E. Donald Shapiro, who was Dean of the Law School from 1973 to 1983. Principal donors to the fund include current Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Gerald C. Crotty ’76 and Trustee John D. McMahon ’76.

Philip M. Damashek Scholarship*
Philip M. Damashek (1940-2006) was a member of the NYLS Board of Trustees. A leading personal injury attorney, he argued on behalf of New York in litigation against tobacco companies, and was a senior partner at a firm that was among a six-group consortium that represented the state in its multibillion-dollar national settlement with tobacco companies. His firm, Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot, later merged with Johnnie Cochran’s firm to become a giant among the country’s personal injury law groups. The scholarship is awarded to an Evening Division student with financial need.
Edward V. Filardi ‘68 Scholarship
Edward V. Filardi was a prominent intellectual property attorney and partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Jerry Finkelstein ’38 Scholarship*
Jerry Finkelstein (1916-2012) was a business and real estate executive, political figure, and owner of several publications, including *The New York Law Journal* and *The Hill*. He established this scholarship in 1969, when he was a member of the NYLS Board of Trustees. It was established in memory of Robert F. Kennedy and provides assistance to students who are, or whose parents are, civil service employees.

Patrick J. Foley ’61 Scholarship
Patrick J. Foley (1930-2009) had a long career with American International Group, joining the company in 1963 and retiring in 1995 as Vice President and Associate General Counsel. While at AIG, he was general counsel to more than 20 of its subsidiaries. The scholarship provides assistance to an Evening Division student working in the insurance industry.

Stephanie Wolf Gallup ’85 Memorial Scholarship Fund
Stephanie Wolf Gallup ’85, a Chief Operating Officer at Merrill Lynch, died in an auto accident in 2007. The company contributed to this scholarship, as did prominent alumni Edward Ricchiuto ’84, partner at Sidley Austin, and Brian Obergfell ’85, partner at Emmet, Marvin & Martin LLP.

Sylvia D. Garland ’60 Scholarship
Sylvia D. Garland (1919-2007) was a member of the Board of Trustees of New York Law School. She was a partner at the law firm Hofheimer, Gartlir and Gross and served on the Committee on Character and Fitness of the New York State Bar Association. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is a working parent and who completed his or her undergraduate education at least five years prior to matriculating at New York Law School.

Gerber Family Scholarship
Harold E. Gerber ’60 is President and CEO of Gerber/Somma Associates. Gerber/Somma, formed in 1973, is one of the top investment property brokerage firms in New Jersey, specializing in properties in Hudson County and Northern New Jersey. His son Steven is NYLS Class of 2010.

Grand Street Boys’ Foundation Scholarship*
David Goldsmith ‘50 (1921-2002) had his own law practice and was Chairman of the Board and past President of the Grand Street Boys’ Foundation. The scholarship is awarded to students who enter New York Law School with outstanding academic credentials. The scholarship honors Herbert Wasserman (1931-2000), New York lawyer and Broadway producer; Harold Garner ’27 (1905-1987); and David Finkelstein (1903-1991), a member of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and an honorary degree recipient.

Seymour Groshut ‘28 Scholarship
The scholarship was established in honor of Seymour Groshut (1906-1987), a New York attorney.

Katherine Hassett Scholarship
The Hassett Scholarship is awarded to a student based on academic merit and need. The Hassett Foundation for Charitable Purposes was administered by Harry English ’51.

Victor Herbert Scholarship*
The Herbert Scholarship is awarded to a student who has a background in the creative or performing arts, or business relating to these areas, and intends to practice in the field of copyright law. Herbert Jacoby (1915-2011), a copyright attorney and adjunct professor at New York Law School, was administrator of the Victor Herbert Foundation. Victor Herbert, (1859-1924) an Irish-American cellist, composer, and conductor, is honored with a statue in Central Park.
**Judge William Smith Hirschberg 1912 Scholarship**
Hon. William Smith Hirschberg (1890-2002) was partner of the law firm Whitman & Ransom. He also was a Connecticut state senator and a judge. Judge Hirschberg helped found the Charles A. Dana Foundation for higher education and medicine and was its secretary-treasurer and a board member for many years. The scholarship is awarded to a student based on academic merit.

**David Miller Kahn ’50 and James Charles Kahn ’85 Scholarship***
James Kahn, a resident of Greenwich, Conn., has a practice in Eastchester, N.Y., focusing on family law, real estate, and estate planning. David Miller Kahn (1925-2008) worked with his son James at a practice with offices in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and White Plains, N.Y. The Kahn Scholarship is awarded to a second-year student.

**Murray T. ’38 and Dorothy Koven Scholarship***
The Koven Scholarship is awarded to an Evening Division student. Murray T. Koven, who still has a solo law practice, regularly attends scholar donor receptions.

**Hon. Alfred D. Lerner ’51 Scholarship***
Hon. Alfred D. Lerner (1928-2009) was appointed to the Court of Appeals and, prior to that, was Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division’s First Department. He later worked at the firm Philips Nizer. The scholarship supports a 2L or 3L student who is a veteran.

**Harry J. Levine ’25 Scholarship***
The Harry J. Levine Scholarship is awarded to a student excelling in Real Property Law. Harry J. Levine (1900-2002) set up the scholarship in honor of his brother D. George Levine ’26.

**Harry Ducky and Lucille Lorah Scholarship**
The Lorah Scholarship was established by Tim O’Neal Lorah ’96, Head of Financial Crime Compliance at Barclays and an NYLS adjunct faculty member, in honor of his parents. The scholarship is awarded based on merit and need.

**Irving Mariash ’24 Scholarship**
Irving Mariash (1902-1993) was an NYLS professor and author. He also was a president of the New York Law School Alumni Association.

**Richard A. Matasar Scholarship**
Richard A. Matasar was the Dean of New York Law School from 2000 to 2011. The scholarship was funded by faculty and members of the Board of Trustees in his honor.

**Philip ’76 and Eileen Michaels Scholarship***
The Michaels Scholarship supports a day student who has completed his or her second year of study, or an evening student who has completed his or her third year of study, with a demonstrated interest and ability in the field of trusts and estates. Philip Michaels is a partner at Norton Rose Fullbright, focusing on estate and tax planning. Since January 2000, he has been an adjunct professor at New York Law School teaching estate administration.

**Abram and Roger J. Miner Scholarship**
Hon. Roger J. Miner ’56 was appointed by President Reagan to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and served as a judge for three decades. He was a mentor to the many NYLS alumni whom he hired as clerks. He died in 2012 and was posthumously honored with the President’s Medal of Honor. The scholarship, named after Judge Miner and his father, Abram Miner ’26, is awarded on the basis of need and merit.
Ornella and Robert Morrow ’60 Scholarship
Robert Morrow, a real estate developer and manager, established a scholarship fund in 2007.

Albert Parker ’21 Scholarship
Albert Parker ’21 (1897-1983) founded Parker Chapin Flattau & Klimpl, a 125-attorney New York City-based law firm. He was a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and a member of its board of overseers; a fellow of Brandeis University; and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University in Israel. He was also an honorary national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Parker was an honorary degree recipient at NYLS. The Theodore Barth Foundation, run by fellow Parker Chapin partner Irving Berelson (1916-1999), funded the scholarship in his honor.

Steven E. Pegalis ’65 Scholarship
Steven E. Pegalis, a personal injury lawyer, is an NYLS trustee and has been an adjunct professor, teaching medical malpractice. His scholarship, established in 1992, provides tuition assistance based on merit and need.

Yvette Chang-Rampertab ’95 and Victor Rampertab ’94 Book Award
The Rampertab Book Award provides textbooks for students in need.

David Rapoport ’29 Scholarship
The scholarship was established by David Rapoport (1899-1986).

John M. Regan Jr. Scholarship
John M. Regan (1921-2011) was an NYLS trustee. He was Chairman and CEO of Marsh & McLennan Companies, and a director of Morgan Stanley, ACF Industries, and the A.C. Nielson Company. Mr. Regan was also Trustee of Notre Dame University, Connecticut College, and St. Vincent’s Hospital. He endowed a scholarship in his name in 1990.

Professor Max Reich ’17 Scholarship
Max Reich (1890-1970) taught at NYLS for 47 years. According to his obituary, he “was known as ‘Mr. Chips’ to several generations of students.” Mr. Reich also earned a Ph.D. from New York University.

Dean Alison Reppy Scholarship
Alison Reppy was named Dean of New York Law School in 1950, and he died in 1958 while serving as Dean. The donor to the scholarship, Otto Walter ’54 (1907-2003), was an NYLS honorary degree recipient in 1984. He founded the firm Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green, the predecessor to Alston & Bird LLP. An adjunct at New York Law School, he was instrumental in developing the school's program in international law. He was also known as an advocate for promoting understanding between the United States and Germany. He was a director of the German American Chamber of Commerce and the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Bernard L. Sanoff Scholarship
Bernard Sanoff (1922-1986) was an attorney for Consolidated Edison. John D. McMahon ’76, a member of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and former Executive Vice President at Consolidated Edison, is a major donor to the Sanoff Scholarship Fund.

Frederick Scholem ’27 Scholarship
Frederick Scholem (1904-1984) was a New York real estate attorney.

Dean E. Donald Shapiro Scholarship
E. Donald Shapiro (1931-2010) was Dean of New York Law School from 1973 to 1983, as well as an honorary degree recipient.
Professor James F. Simon Scholarship
James F. Simon is the Martin Professor of Law, Emeritus at New York Law School. He served as Dean of the Law School from 1983 to 1992. He is the author of eight books on American history, law, and politics, most recently, *FDR and Chief Justice Hughes: The President, the Supreme Court, and the Epic Battle Over the New Deal*. Donors include Trustee Emeritus Alexander D. Forger and Stanley Shuman, Managing Director of Allen & Co and Chair of the advisory board for the NYLS Center for New York City Law.

SONY Corporation of America Scholarship
The company established the scholarship in 1993.

Helen and Harry Stein Scholarship
Harry Stein (1907-2001) was Founder of Huntington Materials and Chairman of Bayport Lumber Corporation. His wife, Helen Stein, is the mother-in-law of Martin Danoff ’60, a New York attorney and former member of the NYLS Alumni Association board.

John V. Thornton Scholarship
John V. Thornton was Chairman of the Board of Trustees at NYLS from 1972 to 1985. Consolidated Edison, where Thornton was Vice Chairman, is a donor.

Michael Tondel Memorial Scholarship*
The Tondel Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a U.S. citizen who is under 30, with demonstrated need and high potential. Michael Tondel was about to enter NYLS in August 2001, when he was killed in an automobile accident. His father, Lawrence, a former partner and now senior counsel at Sidney Austin LLP, established the scholarship in his son’s memory.

John J. Tormey ’28 and Marion R. Tormey Scholarship
The scholarship was established by the Tormey Family: John (1898-1979) and Marion (1905-1984).

Blanche and Bert Vann Memorial Scholarship
The Vann Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students based on need and merit, with a preference for students from Yeshiva. Avrom Vann ’68 established the scholarship in honor of his parents. Vann was an Evening Division student, attending while married with four children. He was the first Jerry Finkelstein Scholar and graduated first in his class.

Frank A. Weg ’60 Scholarship*
The Weg Scholarship provides partial scholarship assistance to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the law of contracts, and preferably one who has shown an interest in the field of insurance law. Mr. Weg (1928-1992), an expert on insurance law, was the founding senior partner of the firm Weg & Myers. He also testified at legislative hearings on insurance laws. The scholarship was established in 1992 by his firm and law partner Dennis T. D’Antonio ’82. Another donor, Dr. Stephen Colvin (1943-2008), was Founding Chairman of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at NYU Medical Center.

Morris Weintraub ’39 Scholarship
Morris Weintraub (1916-2001) was president of National Cleaning Contractors. He established the scholarship in honor of his brother Herman Weintraub ’29.

Sidney Weisner Scholarship*
The Weisner Scholarship is awarded to an Evening Division student for academic achievement in real property law. Murray Koven ’38 established the scholarship in honor of Sidney Weisner (912-1991), an attorney and real estate executive.

Dean Harry H. Wellington Scholarship
Harry H. Wellington (1926-2011) was New York Law School Dean from 1992 to 2000. The scholarship, established in his honor, is funded by several New York Law School Trustees and Trustees Emeriti.

* Scholarship states specific applicant requirements and requires submission of a “Supplemental Statement” on the application form.