



2019 Gregory Harmon, Esq. Memorial Scholarship

In May 2015, the Black Bar Association of Bronx County (BBABC) renamed its annual scholarship to the "The Gregory Harmon, Esq. Memorial Scholarship" to honor a dear friend and trusted colleague of the organization, Gregory Harmon, who passed away on December 15, 2014.

Gregory Harmon was a true asset to the legal profession as he spent his legal career helping citizens of Bronx County - starting as an attorney at the Legal Aid Society and going on to open a successful practice specializing in criminal defense and probate work. Additionally, he served as a mentor and teacher to many Bronx students and new attorneys throughout his career. Gregory Harmon was an unwavering supporter of the BBABC where he served as President, Committee Chairperson, and member of its Board of Directors. He was also honored for his service to the BBABC with the Ivan G. Warner award in 2004.

The BBABC consolidated with the Metropolitan Black Bar Association (MBBA) in 2016 and MBBA is committed to honoring Gregory Harmon's legacy.

REQUIREMENTS & HOW TO APPLY

To be considered, you must adhere to the following:

- **Essay:** Applicants must write an original paper on the topic **"Are Grand Juries truly independent? What changes would you propose to protect the independence/integrity of the Grand Jury? How and why would these changes be beneficial?"**
- **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
- **Page Length**
 - Papers should be 3-5 pages in length (including references), double-spaced and submitted in PDF format.
 - Papers longer than 5 pages will be disqualified.
 - Page count does not include cover page.*
- **You must also submit a resume, current law school transcript, and one signed letter of recommendation.**

Award: \$2000 or \$2000 value towards a Bar review course.

SUBMITTING MATERIALS

All papers and other materials should be submitted in PDF format via e-mail to scholarships@mbbanyc.org, with the name of the applicant and the name of the scholarship in the subject line (e.g. *First Name, Last Name: Gregory Harmon, Esq. Memorial Scholarship Application*). Friends of the MBBA Inc. will review the submitted materials and will select the Scholarship recipient. **Deadline: April 19, 2019 at 5:00pm.**

Applications that do not meet these submission parameters will not be reviewed.

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to students—both full and part-time J.D. candidates attending eligible law schools **and the student must either be a Bronx native or currently a resident in the Bronx.** “Eligible” law schools include any of the thirteen New York City area schools. Students are permitted to also apply to the MBBA scholarships under The Honorable George Bundy Smith Scholarship Fund. If a student elects to do so, he/she must submit entirely separate application packages for each scholarship. Students may be selected for only one scholarship (either the Harmon, Jones, Stewart Farmer, or Lipscomb).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scholarship winners and one guest will be invited to attend the annual gala to receive their award. The MBBA Gala will be held on May 17, 2019. All scholarship applicants will automatically receive free membership in the MBBA for a one-year period, commencing the day of the Annual Gala.

Friends of MBBA, Inc. reserves the right to award only one scholarship or no scholarship if it determines, in any given year, that respectively, only 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 may be:

- Published in the MBBA newsletter or listserv,
- Made available on the MBBA website, and
- Distributed at the Gala or in other MBBA publications.

METROPOLITAN BLACK BAR ASSOCIATION

The purpose of 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, aid 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 July 5, 1984, 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 communities it serves. Today, the MBBA is comprised of mostly minority attorneys in large and small law firms, solo practitioners, all levels of government, academia, corporations, financial institutions, not-for-profit organizations and the judiciary. To learn more, visit www.mbbanyc.org

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Friends of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, Inc. (FMBBA) is a 501c3 charitable organization dedicated to supporting the work and furthering the vision of MBBA. FMBBA serves to support MBBA’s charitable, educational and civic engagement efforts, such as providing scholarships for deserving under resourced students, and legal clinics on matters that affect communities of color.