Varnum’s Diversity and Inclusion
LSAT Preparation Course Scholarship
2013 Application

Completed application and submissions must be postmarked by April 30, 2013 and sent to:
Varnum, LSAT Scholarship, Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 352, 333 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-0352, by e-mail to LSATscholarship@varnumlaw.com, or by fax at 616/336-7000.

Varnum created its LSAT Preparation Course Scholarship to provide financial assistance and ensure adequate preparation of undergraduate students who desire to attend law school and who demonstrate a commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion within the legal profession and/or their community. During 2013, Varnum will pay up to $1,500 each for the cost of two students to attend an LSAT Preparation course offered by Kaplan Test Prep and Admission.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The scholarship is open to students in the junior or senior year of undergraduate studies who endeavor to attend law school. Selection criteria include:

■ Recipient is a junior or senior level student currently attending an accredited Michigan college or university
■ Academic achievement as reflected by a cumulative minimum 3.0 grade point average
■ Recipient is a member of an ethnic or racial minority or demonstrates a significant commitment to issues of diversity and inclusion
■ Finalists may be invited to interview with members of the firm

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS - APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2013

This is a competitive application process. All application materials must be complete and sent on or before the April 30, 2013 deadline. Please submit the following items with the application form:

■ A current official academic transcript
■ Personal statement of goals addressing your interest in attending law school and interest or efforts to promote ethnic or racial diversity and inclusion within the legal profession and/or your community

For more information, please contact Joy Fossel at 616/336-6707.
**Part I - Applicant Data**

Type or print clearly. All questions require an answer, although disclosure of race/ethnicity or other minority status is optional. Varnum uses this data to evaluate the effectiveness of our outreach to diverse demographic groups.

Name (Last/First/M): ______________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________________________________  State:___________  Zip Code:___________________

Telephone #: ______________________________  E-mail: ________________________________________________________

I am a resident of (State):___________________________________________________________________________________

High School attended (include name, city and state): ____________________________________________________________

Race/Ethnicity (Optional):

- [ ] Black/African American
- [ ] Arab American
- [ ] Asian American or Pacific Islander
- [ ] Hispanic American/Latino(a)
- [ ] Native American/Indian or Alaskan Native
- [ ] White/Caucasian (not Hispanic)
- [ ] Mixed Race
- [ ] Other

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? [ ] Yes  [ ] No

(If Yes, please attach a page in explanation.)

**Part II - Academic Data**

Undergraduate School Attending:____________________________________________________________________________

GPA : _________    Anticipated Graduation Date: ________________________

Anticipated Major/Minor: __________________________________________________________________________________

- [ ] Check here to indicate that you have attached your current college/university transcript.
- [ ] Check here to indicate that you are currently a junior or senior interested in attending law school.

Have you ever been disciplined for misconduct, suspended, expelled or asked to withdraw by any college or university?

- [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

(If Yes, please attach a page in explanation.)
Part III - Additional Information - Background, Academic Honors, Achievements, Activities

Please provide the following additional information. If you prefer, you may submit a current resume which addresses these topics.

List any extracurricular activities (including employment), law societies, associations, clubs or similar groups in which you've participated or held office in undergraduate school:

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List any academic honors, awards or distinctions earned while in undergraduate school:

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List community service activities, pro bono work and volunteerism while in undergraduate school, giving dates of participation:

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Part IV - Personal Essay

☐ Check here to indicate that you have attached a personal essay to this application form.

The essay should be 300 words or less and should address your interest in attending law school and interest or efforts to promote ethnic or racial diversity and inclusion. If desired, your essay may discuss your views regarding the importance of diversity and inclusion and how you expect to contribute those ideals in the legal profession.
Part V - Certification and Consent

The information provided in this form and any supplementary materials submitted by applicants will be disclosed only to representatives of Varnum as required to determine eligibility for the scholarship and the selection of a recipient. Varnum does not sell, trade or share personal or financial information about applicants with any other organization and provides appropriate and reasonable measures to protect personal information submitted by applicants.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW:

I certify that the information provided in this application which includes all supplementary materials is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I consent to allow Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP and its representatives to verify any facts stated in my application for this scholarship and to contact my undergraduate school to receive/confirm copies of relevant records, transcripts, or confirm information stated in or provided as part of this application. Scholarship award decisions are within the complete discretion of Varnum and are subject to change, within Varnum's discretion, through and until the date of funding. If I am selected to receive a scholarship, I agree that my name, likeness and information contained within my application may be used by Varnum without further compensation or notification.

_____________________________________________             ______________________
Applicant Signature                              Date

__________________________________________________
Printed Applicant Name

Your application materials must be received on or before April 30, 2013. Submit (via mail, e-mail or fax) this application and all required items to:

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Unsigned or incomplete applications will be discarded.