



MAGIC CITY
BAR ASSOCIATION
1984 - BIRMINGHAM

P.O. Box 12501 – BIRMINGHAM, AL 35201

September 15, 2023

Dear BLSA Presidents and Advisors:

The Magic City Bar Association ("MCBA") was created in 1984 in response to a need to promote the professional advancement of African American attorneys, to foster improvement of economic conditions, to protect the civil and political rights of all citizens, and to uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession. To date, the MCBA has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarship assistance to students attending Birmingham School of Law, Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Jones School of Law, Miles Law School, and the University of Alabama School of Law.

This year, the MCBA plans to award at least \$25,000 in scholarships to deserving minority students attending law schools in the State of Alabama. Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded for the best submissions received from second-year law ("2L") students and one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 will be awarded to the best submission received from a third-year law ("3L") student. There will also be two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 awarded to the best submissions received from first-year law ("1L") students. The MCBA also hopes to award several \$2,500 scholarships to minority law students.

The 2023 Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 scholarship competition. See the enclosed flyer and application form for sharing with your minority students. The application deadline is 11:59 CST on **Friday, October 20, 2023**.

We will announce and honor Scholarship recipients during the MCBA Annual Scholarship Banquet. Recipients will be informed of their award prior to the banquet. Pertinent information below:

When:	Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Where:	The Harbert Center, 2019 Fourth Ave N, Birmingham, AL 35203
Cost:	Free for scholarship recipients and 1 guest. Student tickets are discounted to \$45 each. Regular tickets are \$75 per person.

Please circulate this packet to your respective memberships. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at contact@magiccitybarassociation.org, or call Tanita Cain (205) 261-1469, Sidni Elise Smith at (205) 475-3680, or BJ Savage at (205) 219-1345.

Respectfully,

Joel Caldwell
2023 MCBA President

Tanita Cain
2023 MCBA Scholarship Committee Chair



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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
First Middle Last

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____
House & Street or P.O. Box Number City State Zip

Law School: _____ 1L or 2L or 3L: _____

Required Attachments

1. **Resume:** Please attach your most recent resume. Your resume should contain information regarding the following:
 - *Education:* List in order of attendance all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools you have attended, the dates of attendance, and the degree(s) conferred.
 - *Work Experience.*
 - *Law School:* GPA, all past and present membership in Law School organizations, including student organizations, Law Review(s), Journal(s), Trial Team(s), Moot Court, etc. Please indicate offices held.
 - *Community Involvement:* List your community involvement activities and any hobbies or interests you have.
 - *Awards/Honors:* All scholarships, awards, and other honors received during law school.
2. **Letter of Good Standing:** Please provide a letter of good standing from your law school certifying that you are currently enrolled as a law student and including the number of credit hours you have taken.
3. **Writing Sample:** Please provide a previously graded legal writing sample. The sample must be no less than two (2) typewritten pages and no more than five (5) typewritten, double-spaced pages, and the font may be no larger than 12 point-font. Please indicate the class you submitted the paper for, the name of the professor, and the approximate date of the original submission. You may revise your writing sample if you choose. You may also reduce the length of the original document so that the submission fits our page requirements, if necessary. Please type your name and the title of the document at the top of each page of the writing sample.

4. **Personal Essay:** The Oxford Language dictionary defines technology as: "the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes, especially in industry."

The Oxford Language dictionary defines Artificial Intelligence (AI) as: "the theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages."

With the increase of technological development and the speed of AI integration into everyday professions, we see how the topic of technology and AI replacing jobs and skills have become popular discussions. Even in law school, handwriting notes and majority lecture-style teaching have shifted to incorporating video lectures, online learning, remote learning, and taking notes on tablets and laptops. While the use of technology in a responsible way can be helpful, there are dangers in attempts to replace customer service, compassion, and skills, amongst other things, for the compromise of convenience and cost.

Please write a minimum of one-page and no more than two-page personal essay telling us what are three (3) principles or values that are important to you. Elaborate on one benefit and one detriment that technology/AI poses to the legal profession. Finally, address how you plan to use technology/AI as a supplemental tool while upholding those principles or values in the legal profession.

5. **MCBA Membership Application and Dues:** Please submit a 2023 MCBA membership application using the following link: <https://magiccitybarassociation.org/online-membership>. Also, the 2023 MCBA \$10 student membership dues are waived for current BLSA members.

Please note that your writing sample and personal essay will be evaluated based on your ability to persuasively support your position and your ability to present your position in a cogent manner addressing applicable legal issues when appropriate.



When and How to
by e-mail by 11:59 CST on

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Submit Your Application
Friday, October 20, 2023

1. Please type your name and the title of the document on the top of every page of the Writing Sample and Personal Essay.
2. Submission Method:
 - **E-mail:** Save as PDF only and you **must** send completed packet to **ALL THREE** email addresses:

tanita@cainlawbham.com

sidnielisesmith@gmail.com

bj.laura.savage@gmail.com

Honor Pledge

On my honor, as a student, I have neither given nor received aid on this submission and I certify that all information is correct, to the best of my knowledge. The work presented is my own and I have not relied on the help of any outside source material or any other individual's original work without proper citation and/or attribution. I further understand that failure to adhere to these requirements can result in disqualification.

Applicant's Signature

Date

2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)



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FIRST MIDDLE LAST

TITLE

FIRM, EMPLOYER, OR PUBLIC OFFICE

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

BUSINESS EXT.

FAX NUMBER

E-MAIL

You may submit or download your application and make payment online at www.magicitybar.org.

PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK
AND RETURN TODAY TO:

Magic City Bar Association, Inc.
Post Office Box 12501
Birmingham, Alabama 35202-
2501

____ Regular Member \$60.00

____ Judicial Council \$60.00

____ Student Member
~~\$10.00*~~
*Waived for applicants who are current BLSA members

____ New Admittee (Admitted in 2023) FREE

COMMITTEE REGISTRATION (Please Circle)

- 01- Membership
- 02- Continuing Legal Education
- 03- Law Student Division (Young Lawyers Committee)
- 04- 04- Social Events
- 05- Scholarship & Fundraising
- 06- Long Range Planning/Special Projects
- 07- Website
- 08- ALA Liaison
- 09- Community Outreach

INFORMATION NOTICE

Correspondence concerning the MCBA will be sent out via e-mail. Please provide the e-mail:

LIST SERVE

As a benefit to its members, the MCBA offers an e-mail list serve for quick and easy communication to all members of the organization.

If you are not on the list serve, please subscribe: Visit [http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/MCBABHAM/join](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MCBABHAM/join) OR Send an e- mail to MCBABHAM-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

TOTAL DUE:

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$ _____

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

TOTAL PAID: \$ _____