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Scholarships Providing Greater Access to Higher Education and Career Success for Macomb County Residents

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As part of its work to support law related education programs and projects, the Macomb County Bar Foundation presented four students with scholarships to further their education.

The Macomb County Bar Foundation Trustees Law School Scholarship is awarded to law students who demonstrate a commitment to serve or contribute to the Macomb County legal community, a need for financial assistance and high scholastic achievement. The \$3,000.00 scholarship originates from the generous contributions of the Foundation's Trustees. This year's recipient was Brian Longman. Brian is attending Thomas Cooley Law School. While at law school Brian has interned with Federal District Judge David Lawson, received a Certificate of Merit in Constitutional Law, served as a Grade Appeals Magistrate and volunteers for the Service for Soldiers program. Brian plans to practice real estate law and construction litigation in Macomb County after law school.

The Foundation also awards a Trustees College Scholarship to a Macomb Community College student who has been affected by Michigan's economic circumstances and who has demonstrated the initiative to adjust his employable skills by enrolling in a law related educational program. The \$2,500.00 scholarship recipient is Carl L. Kniseley of Sterling Heights. Carl is enrolled in the Law Enforcement program at Macomb Community College and hopes to join the Warren, Michigan Police Department and eventually become a homicide detective.

The Philip F. Greco Memorial Law School Scholarship has been endowed by Mr. Emil Cardamone. Mr. Cardamone is a Foundation Trustee and a Past President of the Macomb County Bar Association. The scholarship honors his long time friend Philip F. Greco. Mr. Greco was a distinguished Macomb County lawyer who founded the title company that bears his name. Mr. Greco demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the betterment of legal and civic communities. He was a Past President of the Macomb County Bar Association and one of the founders of the Macomb County Bar Foundation. It was his vision that someday the Foundation would award scholarships to deserving men and women of Macomb County. The \$3,000.00 scholarship recipient is Amy Lancaster of St. Clair Shores. Amy is in her third year at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She works full time at Comerica Bank while attending night classes. Amy is a Macomb County resident and plans to practice in the area of property rights.

In 2009 the Foundation awarded a new scholarship, the Kimberly M. Cahill Memorial Law School Scholarship. This \$3,000 scholarship originates from the generous contributors to the MCBF's Kimberly M. Cahill Memorial Fund and honors the memory of Kimberly M. Cahill who passed away January 21, 2008. Ms. Cahill was a distinguished Macomb County lawyer who possessed outstanding leadership skills that were an inspiration to the countless thousands with whom she interacted. She served not only as President of the Foundation, but also as President of the Macomb County Bar Association, the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and the State Bar of Michigan. She held leadership positions in numerous professional and civic organizations for which she was honored with many awards and accolades including the Roberts P. Hudson Award from State Bar of Michigan and the Founder's Award from the Michigan State Bar Foundation. The recipient of this scholarship must demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership and the ability to inspire and effectively lead others to a defined objective. The recipient must also demonstrate a need for financial assistance and an academic standing (3.0 GPA or above). This year's recipient is Lindsay Willett. Lindsay is in her last year at Michigan State University College of Law. She is currently working for Senator Michael Switalski as a Legislative Aide. Lindsay is also Editor-in-Chief of the Michigan State University journal of Medicine and Law. After graduation Lindsay plans on practicing intellectual property law and fighting for the copyright, trademark, and patent rights of others.

The Macomb County Bar Foundation a non-profit organization established by the Macomb County Bar Association to identify and support law related education program and projects. In addition to scholarships the Foundation has provided financial support for the Emmy award winning legal television show "Legally Speaking", Macomb County's mediation service, The Resolution Center, Macomb Literacy Project, Law Day and more.