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JUDGE BERNARD S. MEYER SCHOLARSHIP

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the 2010 Judge Bernard S. Meyer Scholarship. Established in 2004 by the law firm, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., the scholarship will be awarded to a law school student who excels in legal writing and advocacy skills. An essay that displays excellence in legal writing and advocacy skills must be submitted for consideration of this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship is open to all second-year (2L) students as of spring 2010 semester enrolled in a law school in the State of New York.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

The scholarship is valued at \$5,000 and will be awarded to one (1) student. The scholarship will be applied to the student's tuition for the 2010-11 academic year.

ESSAY TOPIC AND LENGTH

The essay must display excellence in legal writing and advocacy skills and the topic must relate to the law. Motions or Briefs will **not** be accepted.

Papers must be no less than 10 double-spaced pages and no more than 25 double-spaced pages (including footnotes, which may be single-spaced) on 8 ½ by 11 inch white bond paper with one-inch margins. The first page must include the title of the essay. All pages must be numbered.

If the essay is prepared for academic credit, it is eligible for submission only if submitted for credit during the fall 2009/spring 2010 academic year. If the essay was prepared as part of paid legal work outside of law school, it is **not** eligible for consideration.

ESSAY FORMAT

All mailed hard copies of essays must be submitted in Microsoft Word format. The pages of the hard copy must be firmly fastened together. If submitting an essay by e-mail, the attachment file will be accepted in Microsoft Word format only.

ESSAY AUTHORSHIP

Essays must have only one author. Joint essays will not be accepted.

The author's name and law school must NOT appear anywhere in the essay.

COVER PAGE

A cover page must accompany a hard copy or emailed copy of the essay which **must** contain the following information:

1. Title of Essay
2. Author's Name
3. Author's permanent and school addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses (**IMPORTANT: Indicate effective dates for all addresses.**)
4. Author's year in law school and expected graduation date
5. Law School Name and Address
6. Date Essay submitted for academic credit, if so submitted

DEADLINE

The deadline date for essay submission is **Thursday, APRIL 1, 2010.**

All hard copy submissions must be postmarked on or before Thursday, April 1, 2010. Essays may be submitted by email to foundation@tnybf.org by 4:00 PM, Thursday, April 1, 2010.

The scholarship recipient will be announced no later than May 31, 2010.

JUDGING

Criteria for judging entries will be: organization, practicality, originality, quality of research, clarity of writing and advocacy.

PUBLICATION RIGHTS

Essays will not be returned to the authors, and the judges' comments and evaluations will not be provided to the applicants. The New York Bar Foundation and Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. reserve the non-exclusive right to publish in hard-copy or post on their respective Web site all or part of the essay or abstract at their discretion.

SUBMISSION

Essays may be submitted by mail or e-mail.

Essays should be mailed to:

The New York Bar Foundation
One Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207

Email submissions should be sent to foundation@tnybf.org

HONORABLE BERNARD S. MEYER

An Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals from May 1979 until December 1986, Judge Bernard S. Meyer practiced law with the firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., from 1987 until his death in September 2005. Additionally, prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals in 1979 by Governor Hugh Carey, he had been a senior partner of the firm.

A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, LL.D., 1938, and Johns Hopkins University, B.A., 1936, Judge Meyer practiced law in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and New York until his election as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court in November 1958. During his 14-year tenure as a Justice of that Court, he served as Chairman of the National Conference of State Trial Judges, President of the Association of Justices of the New York State

Supreme Court, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts, Chairman of the New York State Bar Association's Judicial Section, and was a founder of the Council of Judicial Associations and of the New York Fair Trial Free Press Conference. Between 1968 and 1974 he also served as a member of the Board of the National College of the State Judiciary located in Reno, Nevada.

Judge Meyer served as Special Deputy Attorney General of New York in charge of the Special Attica Investigation; Special Counsel to the Moreland Commission to study Worker's Compensation Administration and Costs; Chairperson of the Advisory Panel to the Law Revision Commission on the New York Code of Evidence; Chairperson of the Chief Judge's Task Force on Permanency Planning for Foster Children; and a member of the Governor's Commission on Integrity in Government.

From 1962 to 1979 he served as Chairman of the Pattern Jury Instructions (Civil) Committee of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court, which published a two-volume compendium of instructions that has become known as a model in the field. He authored the 1962 amendments to the Domestic Relations Law and was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Joint Legislative Committee on Matrimonial & Family Law and Chair of the Committee on Matrimonial Law of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Judge Meyer published articles on Exchange Controls, Zoning, Matrimonial Law, Fair Trial-Free Press, Public Relations and the Courts, Trial Practice, Expert Witnesses and



Judicial Discretion, and was the author of the Chapter in the State Trial Judges' Book on News Reporting and Fair Trial.

Judge Meyer was an honorary member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership fraternity, and received the 1963 award of the Nassau County Lawyers' Association, the 1964 Fraternity Achievement Citation in Law and Letters of Phi Epsilon Pi, the 1968 Long Island Press Distinguished Service Award, and the 1971 St. John's Law Society Award. In 1982, he received the Distinguished Service Medallion of the Bar Association of Nassau County, and in 1987, he was presented with the Hofstra University Presidential Medal. He has received LL.D. degrees (Honora Causa) from Hofstra University in 1980, Western State University College of Law in 1982 and Albany Law School in 1984.

"My entire career has been devoted to assuring a just and honorable legal system and helping to create a judiciary that merited the trust of the people of New York."

Judge Bernard S. Meyer

Judge Meyer was a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the American College of Trial Lawyers, The New York Bar Foundation, and of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and was a member of the American Law Institute, Scribes (an organization of legal writers), the American Judicature Society, the Institute of Judicial Administration, the Supreme Court Historical Society, a Trustee of the Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York, the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Nassau County Bar Association, and the Nassau County Lawyers' Association. He had also been active in a number of civic and community groups.

The American Jewish Committee bestowed the Judge Learned Hand Award, its highest honor, on Judge Meyer in June 2003. This prestigious award is presented to outstanding members of the legal profession who exemplify the highest principles for which Judge Hand was renowned. Just prior to his death, Judge Meyer co-authored *The History of the New York State Court of Appeals 1932-2003* (Columbia University Press – New York) which was published posthumously.

About MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH & KLEIN, P.C.

Founded in 1960, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. is recognized as one of New York's premier full service law firms. The firm has a demonstrated commitment to its clients, and to community and public affairs. Corporate, institutional, governmental and individual clients rely on the firm for dependable and responsible legal counsel and vigorous representation.

In five practice locations (Garden City, Melville, New York City, Albany and Washington DC), the firm's professional roster of more than 65 attorneys includes former judges and government officials, leaders of civic and legal communities, and attorneys widely recognized as outstanding practitioners of their profession. The firm's lawyers are admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, and before the United States Supreme Court, many federal district courts and Circuit Courts of Appeals, the United States Tax Court, the Court of International Trade and the United States Court of Claims.



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- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics



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