



## The New York Bar Foundation

### *The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship, created and funded by the Intellectual Property Law Section*

#### GUIDELINES

The New York Bar Foundation is accepting applications for the newly renamed *Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship, created and funded by the Intellectual Property Law Section* for summer 2011. The Fellowship, formerly known as the Intellectual Property Law Section Fellowship, was established by the Foundation through a gift from the Intellectual Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association.

The fellowship was renamed in July 2010 to honor and recognize long-time member and leader of the Intellectual Property Law Section, Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter, for her singular and extraordinary contributions that have brought about the Section’s success and growth.

A grant, valued at \$5,000.00, will be awarded to a public interest intellectual property organization or charity to conduct the fellowship. The fellowship will take place in summer 2011 and the organization will offer the fellowship to a student enrolled in a New York State law school during the 2011 spring semester at the 1L or 2L level. The fellow will assist the organization with matters relating to intellectual property law.

The fellowship program goals are to increase the representation of lawyers in intellectual property law and to provide students with an opportunity to experience intellectual property law practice.

#### **The Fellowship**

1. One grant, valued at \$5,000.00, will be awarded by The New York Bar Foundation to a public interest intellectual property organization or charity to conduct the fellowship.
2. The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellow will be selected by the grantee organization according to the following guidelines:  
The fellowship will be presented to a student attending a law school in New York State to assist with the organization’s intellectual property law matters. The

student must be enrolled in a New York State law school during the 2011 spring semester at the 1L or 2L level to participate in the summer 2011 fellowship.

3. The grant award will provide funding for the fellow.
4. The grant award recipient will be determined by the Foundation's Board of Directors by January 31, 2011 and the grantee will be notified in February 2011.
5. The fellowship will take place during **summer 2011** for a period of ten weeks from **June 6 to August 12, 2011**. The work requirement per week is 35 hours at the minimum but should not exceed 40 hours.
6. The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellow will be invited to be a guest member of the NYSBA Intellectual Property Law Section and to attend the section's executive committee meetings during the term of the fellowship.

### **Fellowship Eligibility**

For the fellowship, the grantee organization will consider students who are enrolled in a New York State law school during the 2011 spring semester at the 1L or 2L level and who are capable of fulfilling the requested work hours and responsibilities at the grantee organization.

### **Housing and Other Expenses**

Housing, transportation and all other expenses related to participation in the fellowship will be provided by the student.

### **Grant Application**

Public interest legal organizations or charities interested in conducting the *Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship, created and funded by the Intellectual Property Law Section* in summer 2011 must submit a grant proposal to The New York Bar Foundation by **October 15, 2010**.

Grant applications are available at [www.tnybf.org](http://www.tnybf.org) - click on "Apply for a Grant" on the right side of the home page or go to <http://www.tnybf.org/grantapp.htm>

For more information, please contact the Foundation at [foundation@tnybf.org](mailto:foundation@tnybf.org) or 518/487-5651.

## Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter, Esq.



Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter

Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter’s continuing overriding interests in law have been influenced by her dedication to education for all, keeping current with emerging areas of the law, and mentoring of attorneys. She has placed an emphasis on women because of their difficulty in gaining access to many areas of legal practice.

Ms. Netter was born in Mount Vernon, NY, graduated from Brown University (Providence RI) and then from Albany Law School (Albany NY) with honors. She was a law review editor and received many awards evidencing her high academic achievements. She then went on to engage in the general practice of law representing universities, colleges, corporations, individuals, and not for profit organizations, and was afforded the opportunity to work with startup companies in developing intellectual property law and to serve on the Albany Law School Center for Law and Innovation.

Ms. Netter found it increasingly rewarding to assist both charitable organizations and women. As a partial result of her efforts, she received the inaugural Ruth M. Miner award from The Legal Aid Society of Northeast New York; The Community Service Award of the Wildwood Programs; The Third Age Achievement Award in the field of law of the Senior Services Foundation of Albany; The Governor’s Award for Leadership in Lighting at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; the Special Service Award from the Kidney Foundation of Northeast NY where she served as legal counsel for 18 years; and the Shining Star award from Capital Repertory Theatre. She served as an officer and/or board member for many of these organizations. Perhaps most important were her efforts to obtain funding for and promotion of the highly prized annual Kate Stoneman Award at Albany Law School. The award given to the keynote speaker at the annual Kate Stoneman event has been named in her honor.

Ms. Netter became an early member of the New York State Bar Association’s (NYSBA) Intellectual Property Law (IP) Section in order to share her early knowledge of IP and to learn from others in similar situations. Her involvement with NYSBA included service as Vice President of the Third Judicial Department, chair of the Membership Committee, The Bylaws Committee, longtime IP section Copyright Committee co-chair, continuing member of The IP Executive Committee, and chair of The Special Committee on Committees as well as many other committees and initiatives. As a member of The Committee on Attorney Professionalism, Ms. Netter initiated the prestigious annually-conferred Award for Attorney Professionalism. She was a constant promoter of diversity in the profession and its leadership.