

## **JUDGE BERNARD S. MEYER SCHOLARSHIP 2025**

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the 2025 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. Previous winners of this scholarship have gone on to hold positions at law firms such as Cravath and Cadwalader, and as in-house counsel at organizations including Cancer Genetics, Inc. and NY Arc. 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 2025 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 and/or academic related expenses (i.e. room and board and cost of law books) for the 2025-2026 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.

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## **ESSAY FORMAT**

Please submit via e-mail in PDF format.

## **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 be included 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 **Friday, April 18, 2025.**

The scholarship recipient will be announced in June 2025.

## **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**

Your submission must include the following, as three separate PDF documents:

1. Application Form
2. Cover Page
3. Essay\*

**E-mail to:** [Ldorr@tnybf.org](mailto:Ldorr@tnybf.org)

**Please include 'Meyer Scholarship' on the subject line.**

## 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 a distinguished provider of legal services, with a reputation for integrity, insight and excellent client service. With offices in Garden City, New York City and Washington, D.C., the firm's attorneys are committed to their clients, community and public affairs.

The firm provides legal advice in the areas of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate Finance, Corporate Law, Employment Law, Equine and Racing Law, Labor, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Local Government & Land Use, Personal Injury, Professional Responsibility, Real Estate, Tax Certiorari and Condemnation, and Wills, Trusts and Estates.

The attorneys at Meyer Suozzi are comprised of some of the most celebrated legal professionals and former public servants in the legal community, many of whom began their careers in large multinational law firms or public service, including as law clerks to federal and state judges. Because of this, we can tap into an extraordinary network of local, regional and national contacts that is unique among law firms in our region.



## *About* THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding educational, direct legal services, and charitable projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession. The Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding through grant awards for the following purposes:

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



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APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different)

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Day student      \_\_\_\_\_ Evening student

Year of Law School Study as of September 1, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of anticipated graduation from law school: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving financial aid?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please describe:

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Have you previously received Scholarships?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please describe:

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Are you working to pay for your law school expenses?    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain:

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What are your career goals?

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**Prior Education**

College Name	Address	Major	Dates Attended	Degree

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**Certification**

**I hereby certify that all of the statements contained and information provided in this application, and in the attachments hereto, are truthful, to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2025 The Judge Bernard S. Meyer Scholarship.**

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

Where did you hear of TNYBF Scholarship Opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_