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To: Hampton Roads Area School Guidance Counselors
From: Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation
Re: 2023 Scholarship Program
Date: April 2023

The Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation is once again soliciting your assistance in bringing to the attention of eligible students the opportunity for the award of two college scholarships – one for \$3,000 and one for \$2,000. One of the missions of the Foundation is to educate the public about the role played by the law, and its importance, in their daily lives. The awarding of the scholarship will be based in part upon the student's essay and in part by other factors such as financial need, grades, school activities, and extracurricular activities including volunteer work outside school.

The purpose of this year's topic is to encourage students to consider the role of the law and how it might affect them.

Thank you for your assistance in making the availability of this scholarship known to students in your school. We are enclosing a scholarship application and a cover letter that may be duplicated. If you have any questions about the requirement, please contact the Scholarship Chairperson, Robert H. Powell III, Esq. at 624-3245 (office) or 757-270-5163 (mobile) (email: rhpowell@kaufcan.com) or the Foundation offices at 622-3152. Information is also on the Bar's web site at www.norfolkandportsmouthbar.org.

Sincerely,

Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association
Foundation

NORFOLK & PORTSMOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

High School Scholarship Competition

2023 ESSAY TOPIC

WHEN SHOULD SUPREME COURT DECISIONS BE REVERSED

As a general proposition, our Constitution gives the United States Supreme Court final authority to determine what The Constitution's provisions require, what they permit, and what they prohibit. The Court's most recent ruling(s) in such areas are "the law of the land"; they apply to governments, organizations and citizens, who must make decisions and conduct their lives in conformity with them.

Occasionally, even after a Court's decision has been in effect and relied on for many years, the Court is asked to reconsider that decision and possibly to overrule it. In very rare instances, the Court does overrule. In fact, the Court has only reversed course on 146 occasions since 1789 – less than one-half of one percent. Some of these decisions include Gideon v. Wainwright overruling Betts v. Brady, Bob Jones Univ v USA overruling Plessy v Ferguson, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organ. overruling Roe v. Wade and Citizens United v. Fed Elec Comm'n overruling McConnell v. Fed Elec Comm'n.

We're interested in your opinions about the following:

ASSUME that some of the Justices are inclined to believe the Court's prior decision is incorrect.

What considerations or factors should those Justices take into account as they try to determine whether to overrule it? Please be specific -- among other things, is it enough that the Justices disagree with the result of the prior decision?

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants must be 2023 graduating high school seniors (or the equivalent for home schooled students), attending college starting in the Fall of 2023, and reside in one of the following cities: Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, or Chesapeake. Family members of the Board of Directors of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation and family members of the panel of judges for this competition are NOT eligible to participate.

Applications on this form must be complete and must be RECEIVED no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Email is preferred but not required. Applications that do not include all required attachments (please see the list of items set out below) or that are late will not be considered. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

Please mail (the Foundation cannot be responsible for delays in the US mail and all documents must be received by the deadline) or deliver all **five (5) copies** (one original plus four photocopies of the originals are acceptable) **of each** of the following: your (1) application, (2) essay, (3) transcript, (if it comes in a sealed envelope, you may open the sealed envelope to copy) (4) letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor, and (5) any information, such as a FAFSA form, to support your claim of financial need. Your transcript, if delivered to you in a sealed envelope, may be opened and copied: Unless emailed, the documents should be mailed or delivered to one of the following locations:

Robert H. Powell III
Scholarship Chair
150 W. Main St., Ste. 2100
Norfolk VA 23510

Robert H. Powell III
Scholarship Chair
Lake Center 1
501 Independence Pkwy, Ste 100
Chesapeake VA 23320

Robert H. Powell III
Scholarship Chair
2101 Parks Ave
Ste 700
VA Beach VA 23451

If you prefer, your completed application, essay, transcript, letter of recommendation, and FAFSA form (if you need financial assistance) may be scanned and emailed to:

rhpowell@kaufcan.com. Emailing scanned documents is preferred. If the required materials are emailed, only the original needs to be scanned and sent – the scanned and emailed copies will be sufficient.

Unless all required documents are emailed, you must submit five (5) copies or sets of each of the following five (5) items (Why 5 copies if delivered by hand or mailed? – One for each of 3 judges, one for the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and one for the NPBA offices):

1. Your completed essay of approximately 500-750 words not including title, footnotes, or bibliography;
2. Your completed and signed Scholarship Application;
3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor at your school;
4. A copy of your most recent school transcript; and
5. Any information you choose to submit that would support your claim, if any, of your financial need. You may use the FAFSA form that can be found at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

or the application for financial assistance you might have submitted with your college application.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Full Name: _____

Home Address – street, city, state & zip code: _____

Phone # **and** email Where You May Be Easily Reached: _____

Current High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Number of children in family (including you): _____

Number of children in college in fall 2023 (including yourself): _____

In what area of study do you plan to major if known? _____

List any family members that are attorneys, judges, police officers, or in any way associated with the legal field or law enforcement. **Please note that your connections to members of law enforcement or the legal profession have no bearing on the award of the scholarship as long as you are not related to one of the judges or a member of the Foundation Board.**

Please answer the following questions. You may attach additional sheets if necessary, but limit your responses to 50 words or less.

1. List the community activities you have been involved in during high school, and briefly describe the one that has been the most rewarding and why:

6. Why do you believe you should be awarded this scholarship?

7. If you would like your financial need to be considered in the judging process, please explain that need in detail.

By signing below you release to the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation (the “Foundation”) all rights in and to your essay and give the Foundation the right to publish your essay and to release to the public the fact that you are one of the scholarship competition winners. You also authorize the Foundation to identify you as a winner and to release information about you including the right to identify your name, the high school you attend, the college you plan on attending, and other biographical information included in the application. **Nothing contained in this release is or shall be deemed to include the right to release any confidential information such as your phone number, your social security number, or information submitted to support a claim of financial need. All of this information will deemed strictly confidential.**

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of a Parent
or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Graduating Senior:

The attorney members of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation are pleased to announce the 2023 Scholarship Essay Contest. We appreciate your interest and hope that you will find the exploration of our chosen topic to be rewarding and thought provoking.

The Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation's mission is to promote the administration of justice, to educate the public about the importance of law in their daily lives, and to enhance the image of the legal profession in our local community. We believe that assisting local students bear the burden of their first year of college expenses provides an excellent opportunity for our organization. We welcome the opportunity to serve our community by giving back to those persons who will hopefully return to the area, becoming leaders and outstanding citizens of Hampton Roads. Your plans to work or not to work in the legal field have no bearing on the selection of the winners of the scholarships being offered.

Two scholarships, one in the amount of \$3,000 and another in the amount of \$2,000, will be awarded to deserving students. I hope you will review the enclosed materials and choose to submit an application. Enclosed is a description of the essay topic and a Scholarship Application. The awarding of this year's scholarships will be based in part upon your essay and in part by other factors such as financial need, grades, school activities, and extracurricular activities including those outside school. Your plan or lack of a plan to go into the legal or law enforcement fields has no bearing on the award of the scholarships. Please return your completed Essay and Application (with attached documents – see instructions on the Application) to us by **5 pm on Thursday, May 18, 2023**. **It is very important, IN FACT IMPERATIVE, that applications be submitted on time and be complete when submitted, including a number where you may be easily contacted. Email is the preferred method for deliver but is not required. INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Please read the application carefully and **please follow all instructions.**

Should you have any questions regarding our scholarship program, please feel free to contact the Scholarship Chairperson, Robert H. Powell III, Esq. at 757-624-3245 (O), 757-270-5163 (C) or rhpowell@kaufcan.com. We wish you continued success in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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