

# Third Annual Chapman and Cutler LLP Maynard H. Jackson Jr. Diversity Scholarship

At Chapman and Cutler, we believe that diversity and inclusion create not only the foundation of our community but more effective solutions for our clients. We recognize the great responsibility to increase diversity in the legal profession and want to do our part, as we know the work is far from over.

As a part of our commitment to diversity, we are pleased to offer the third annual  
**Chapman and Cutler LLP Maynard H. Jackson Jr. Diversity Scholarship.**

The recipient of the award will receive a \$10,000 scholarship (less any applicable withholdings and taxes) to be used to cover law school expenses.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Must be from a diverse background, including areas of racial or ethnic diversity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or other areas of underrepresentation or otherwise important diversity in the legal profession
- Must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing at an ABA-accredited law school
- Must have an expected graduation date no later than spring 2022
- Need not apply for and receive a Chapman summer associate position in order to apply for the scholarship

*Recipients of a diversity or similar award from another law firm are not eligible for this scholarship.*

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic Achievements
- Community Service
- Leadership Abilities
- Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Commitment to and Support of Diversity and Inclusion

*Consistent with our broad and inclusive view of diversity, we will also consider additional criteria, such as military experience and demonstrated ability to overcome adversity (e.g., first-in-family college attendance or socioeconomic disadvantage). An interest in finance is preferred but not required.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are due by September 4, 2020. Only complete applications received by the deadline will be considered. A complete application package must include the following items:

- Application form
- Current resume
- Official or unofficial undergraduate transcript and current official or unofficial law school transcript (finalists will need to submit official undergraduate and law school transcripts)
- A personal statement (1,000 words or fewer) addressing what you believe demonstrates your qualifications for the scholarship, including how your unique experiences and background will contribute to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, in particular the law firm environment (if you have an interest in finance, please also include this information in your personal statement)
- One general professional letter of recommendation — please send letters of recommendation to Shannon Burke at [shaburke@chapman.com](mailto:shaburke@chapman.com)

*Please submit application to Shannon Burke, Professional Development, Diversity and Pro Bono Manager, at [shaburke@chapman.com](mailto:shaburke@chapman.com) by September 4, 2020.*

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Maynard H. Jackson Jr. was a public finance partner at Chapman and Cutler LLP from 1982 to 1990. He was the first African American mayor of Atlanta, serving three terms (1974-1982, 1990-1994), during which, among his many accomplishments, he instituted affirmative action programs to advance opportunities for minority-owned and women-owned businesses. After leaving office as mayor, he served as the first chairman of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute and subsequently founded the American Voters League.