

The Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court is proud to offer the Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship for law students from the Eastern District of Texas. This scholarship is part of the Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court's commitment to assisting aspiring law students from circumstances of need become lawyers of high ethics, civility, and professionalism.

Eligibility

Law students and prospective law students from the Eastern District of Texas who are enrolled or have been accepted to an ABA accredited law school in the United States are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Selection Criteria

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship review board based on the following criteria:

- Residence in the Eastern District of Texas
- Demonstrated financial need or hardship
- Commitment, qualities and actions toward ethics, civility, and professionalism
- Academic merit or other qualities showing a likelihood of law school success
- Written and/or oral communications skills
- Leadership qualities and community involvement
- Member of a historically under represented group in the practice of law (including race, sex, ethnicity, disability, and/or first generation college graduate)

Financial Award

Recipients of the Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship will receive \$7,500.00 payable for the fall semester after selection as a recipient.

Application Process

Applications will be accepted January 1st through March 31th each year. Recipients will be announced in May. Applicants will submit the following documents for consideration:

- Completed Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship application form;
- Resume;
- Academic transcripts (law school, undergraduate/graduate school);
- Contact information for three references; and
- One page statement describing how (a) ethics, civility and professionalism have been a focus of the applicant and (b) the applicants circumstances of financial need or hardship.¹

¹ Selections for scholarships by the Inn are final and not subject to review by the American Inns of Court Foundation. All materials submitted by applicants shall become the property of the Inn, for disposal or to be retained as the Inn sees fit. Awards of scholarships will include Inn press releases, may reveal information about the applicant from the application materials and interview, and may become known to the applicants' fellow students, law school faculty and administration, family, friends and others.

**Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court
Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Application Form**

(Please type)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Please briefly explain under what, if any, historically under-represented group in the practice of law the applicant falls within (e.g., race, sex, ethnicity, disability, and/or first generation college graduate, etc.):

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____²

This application form, when completed, and with accompanying materials, should be submitted by e-mail to:

The Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
c/o The Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court
tjw.inn.of.court@emafirm.com

²The applicant represents by the applicant's signature that the applicant understands that (a) selections for scholarships by the Inn are final and not subject to review by the American Inns of Court Foundation, (b) all materials submitted by applicants shall become the property of the Inn, for disposal or to be retained as the Inn sees fit, and (c) awards of scholarships shall include Inn press releases, may reveal information about the applicant from the application process, and may become known to the applicants' fellow students, law school faculty and administration, family, friends and others.

About Franklin Jones, Jr.

Franklin Jones, Jr. practiced law in Marshall, Texas from 1954 to 2008. Franklin was the third generation of his family to practice law in Marshall, following his father Franklin, Sr., and his grandfather Sol Jones, who founded the Jones firm in the late 19th century.

A graduate of his beloved University of Texas, Franklin distinguished himself as one of the preeminent civil trial lawyers in Texas. He believed strongly in his chosen profession and the importance of providing leadership to it. Accordingly, Franklin served as President of his local and regional bar associations, as Director of the State Bar from 1967-1970, and as Vice President in 1970-71. He became the 100th President of the State Bar of Texas in 1980, the highest position a Texas lawyer can achieve.

Franklin also served for many years on the State Bar Administration of Justice Committee, a prestigious committee comprised of the leading lawyers and judges in Texas, whose purpose was to draft new Rules of Civil Procedure for Texas' lawyers and judges. Franklin also chaired the State Bar's Committee on Group and Prepaid Legal Services, 1971-1977, and was widely thought of as "the father of prepaid legal services" in Texas. He served as President of the Texas Legal Protection Plan, 1977-1979, as Chairman of the Disciplinary Review Committee from 1984-1987, as a member of the Supreme Court Grievance Oversight Committee, 1987-1990, and as a Trustee of the Texas Center for Ethics and Professionalism. He was repeatedly appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to its Advisory Committee and served from 1982-2000, probably the longest term of any lawyer in Texas.

Franklin was board certified in the fields of Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. On June 25, 2004, Franklin received the Outstanding Fifty Year Lawyer Award of the Texas Bar Foundation, one of its highest honors.

Franklin not only freely donated his time to make his profession better, but he also was very generous with his resources. He served as a Trustee of The University of Texas Law School Foundation, was a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Franklin was active in the affairs of The American Bar Association as well. He served as State Bar Delegate to the House of Delegates, 1983-1988, and as a member of the Governing Council of the Litigation Section, 1986-1989. He was named as a member of the ABA Commission to Improve the Liability Insurance System, 1987-1989.

Franklin was recognized by his peers as an outstanding trial lawyer and as a person whose integrity was above reproach. This is confirmed by his induction into the American College of Trial Lawyers, The International Academy of Trial Lawyers and The American Board of Trial Advocates. This recognition by his peers was more significant to him than all the many other professional honors he received. Mr. Jones personified the ideals of high ethics, civility, and professionalism in the practice of law. As an example for other members of the bar he set the gold standard. He served unselfishly as mentor to countless members of the bar. Because he so exemplified these qualities that form the core of the American Inns of Court, we are honored to offer this scholarship in the name of our friend, and a charter member of this Inn, Franklin Jones, Jr.

/s/ T. John Ward