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**STRAKER BAR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES APPLICATION
DEADLINE FOR THE A. KAY STANSFIELD SPINKS
LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN – March, 18, 2019 - The D. Augustus Straker Bar Foundation, Inc., announced today that the deadline for applications for its A. Kay Stanfield Spinks Law Student Scholarship is Friday, May 17, 2019. The Straker Foundation awards scholarships for African American students seeking financial assistance in the pursuit of a degree in law. There will be one or more scholarships awarded at the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's Annual Trailblazers Award and Scholarship Dinner, on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Community House in Birmingham, Michigan. Our first scholarships were presented at the 1999 Trailblazer's Dinner, and through the fundraising efforts of the Straker Bar Association, since that time we have awarded over \$100,000 to law students.

The A. Kay Stanfield Spinks Law Student Scholarship encourages law students to excel in their legal studies, with the ultimate goal of increasing African American representation within the practice of law. The program is also a fitting way for us to honor the memory of D. Augustus Straker, who in 1890 became the first African American attorney to argue a case before the Michigan Supreme Court and A. Kay Stanfield Spinks, for the founding the Straker Foundation and the establishment of the scholarship award.

To qualify for the Straker Scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in an ABA certified law school program and entering their second or third year of law school in the fall of 2019. An application form should be completed and submitted to the email address of Mr. Aaron V. Burrell at Aburrell@dickinsonwright.com not later than Friday, May 17, 2019. Students may contact their respective Law School Deans of Student Services or go to the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's website at <http://www.strakerlaw.org> to download an application.

Successful applicants must demonstrate scholarly dedication, be involved in school and community activities and be able to clearly articulate a vision which indicates prospects for long-term success in the practice of law in the State of Michigan, especially as it relates to representing people of color within the legal system.

The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association was formed on October 4, 1990, as a special purpose bar association recognized by the State Bar of Michigan. It was founded as a proactive organization of African American attorneys with the mission of promoting legal practice opportunities for people of color and to facilitate equal justice for all citizens. Membership includes a diverse coalition of lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals. The D. Augustus Straker Bar Foundation is a non-profit corporation established for charitable and jurisprudential purposes and to provide a source of educational scholarships.

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D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
Law Student Application

Please complete the following information. Your completed application must be received in the Foundation email address no later than Friday, May 17, 2019.

E-mailbox: ABurrell@dickinsonwright.com

Name:	
Address:	
Secondary Address*:	
[*Also include a secondary address and telephone number where you may be contacted if necessary]	
Telephone Number(s):	Email Address:
Home:	Primary:
School:	Alternate:
Mobile:	
Law School:	G.P.A. or Class Rank:

Only students entering their second or third year in the fall of 2019 are eligible to apply. Your application should be accompanied by: 1) your current resume (including school and community activities), and 2) A typewritten description of your career aspirations and why you should receive a scholarship, in 300 words or less. Your application will be judged based on its quality and content. **No additional writing samples will be considered.**

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Finalists may be contacted for a personal interview and/or requested to provide copies of their law school transcripts. Scholarship winners will be notified by Friday, May 24, 2019 and scholarships will be awarded June 6, 2019 at the Community House in Birmingham, Michigan during the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's Annual Trailblazer Award and Scholarship Dinner.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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