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Akron Bar Foundation Scholarships are typically awarded to students who have been accepted to law school, and to children of deceased attorneys. Applicants are interviewed by a committee of the Akron Bar Association, who also select the scholarship recipients.

Applicants for an Akron Bar Foundation scholarship will have an affiliation with Summit County and a demonstrated history of community involvement. They must be in good academic standing with their respective schools, and have financial need.

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to become student members of the Akron Bar Association and to become active members in the Akron Bar Association upon joining the legal profession.

The Foundation is grateful to the many individuals who perpetuate this fund, through their regular giving to the Foundation, and through the named scholarships established in honor of friends and colleagues.

**The Seed of the Scholarship Fund:
Charles Travers Grant Memorial Fund
established 1946**

In 1946, the **Charles Travers Grant Memorial Fund** was created by his will to award the winner of an annual essay contest, which was open to second-year law students from the Akron area.

Mr. Grant had served as president of the Akron Bar Association from 1906-1907 and 1914-1915; Akron Bar Association records show that the “law firm of Charles T. Grant and Orlando Wilcox [Akron Bar Association president 1902-1906]” was located in Akron as early as 1892. Mr. Grant later joined with Frank Rockwell to form Rockwell & Grant, the precursor to Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP.



According to Akron Bar Association files, the Akron Bar Association Foundation, originally incorporated in March, 1961, existed solely to administer the Grant Memorial Fund. More than a decade later, in 1972, at David L. Brennan’s suggestion, the Foundation began to actively solicit additional funds for the purpose of granting scholarships to deserving students. Mr. Grant’s memorial fund of \$5,000, now referred to as the **Charles Travers Grant Scholarship**, was seed for the many other gifts to come.

Developing Roots

The Ernest L. Cunningham Scholarship established 1972

The newly created scholarship fund was off to a running start in 1972 with the establishment of the **Ernest L. Cunningham Scholarship**, “to be granted to such deserving student, preferably a law student, as determined by the Trustees of the Akron Bar Association Foundation. . . . Such scholarship shall be in perpetuity. . . .”



This scholarship was created in honor of Mr. Cunningham with gifts from Richard T. Cunningham and David L. Brennan. At that time, gifts to the fund of \$10,000 and above were recommended to name a scholarship.

A native of Illinois, Ernest L. Cunningham (b. 1897) was admitted to practice in 1922. He joined the firm then known as Sieber, Sieber & Amer in 1933; at his death in 1971, the firm was known as Amer, Cunningham, Cunningham & Brennan.

**The H.W. Schwab Scholarship
established 1973**

HW. Schwab (1892-1969) was born in Cincinnati Ohio, to a farming family. He attended law school at the University of Cincinnati, and obtained his degree prior to entering the service during WWI.

Mr. Schwab was admitted to practice in 1917. Around 1918, he successfully interviewed with Firestone Tire and Rubber to become one of their in-house counsel, and subsequently handled substantial real estate matters in the developing Firestone Park area.

In 1927, Mr. Schwab moved the family home from Diagonal Road to Elmdale, at the west end of Clemmer. The home still stands today. Coincidentally, this new home was fewer than 500 feet from the property owned by Harvey Firestone, who hired him.

Mr. Schwab practiced law in a Main Street office until the First Central Tower was completed (in 1931) when he became one of the initial tenants, and remained so until his death in September 1969. Some of his former Akron affiliations include a short stint with Wendell L. Wilkie (who ran for president against FDR), Schwab & Scanlon (Chick, Tim's father), Schwab & Weick (Paul C), and finally, from 1955 to 1969, Schwab, Sager & Grosenbaugh.

The scholarship in Mr. Schwab's name was established in 1973 by his son, H. W. Schwab, Jr. and his partners Rex Sager and Kean Grosenbaugh.

The Gillum H. Doolittle Scholarship established 1973

Gillum H. Doolittle was born on a horse farm in Burton, Geauga County, in 1883; his ancestors came to this country in the seventeenth century, and his family was among the early settlers in the Western Reserve. He graduated from Burton High School in 1902 and then entered Adelbert College, Western Reserve University, graduating in 1906. In 1908, he graduated from the Franklin Thomas Backus Law School of Western Reserve University, received his LL.B. degree, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar.



While in private practice, Mr. Doolittle served as Akron Bar Association president from 1930 to 1931. He served as law director for the City of Akron from 1932 to 1933, then joined the firm of Rockwell & Grant, the parent firm of today's Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs, in 1934. Mr. Doolittle died in 1973.

The Gillum H. Doolittle Scholarship was established in 1973 with both a bequest from his will, and with a gift from his firm Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, to honor an attorney known to his colleagues as an eminently fair and just man.

**The Howard C. Walker Scholarship
established 1974**

Howard C. Walker was born in 1902 in Massachusetts, and in 1905 came with his family to Akron, where he attended Henry School and Central High School. He graduated from Amherst College in 1923, received his law degree from Western Reserve University Law School in 1926, and was admitted to practice the same year.



**HOWARD C. WALKER
1950-51**

He began practice with Benner, Harter, Walker & Watters, and two years later formed the firm of A.M. & H.C. Walker, an office that practiced for the next twenty years. Mr. Walker later became a partner in Slabaugh, Walker, Pflueger, Roderick & Myers (now Roderick Linton Belfance), where he practiced until his death in 1973.

Mr. Walker served as president of the Akron Bar Association (1950-1951), and was a founder of the Legal Aid Society; he served as president of the Akron Public Library, as trustee of the Akron Metropolitan Park Board, and as councilman for the Eighth Ward of the City of Akron.

The Edmund Burroughs Scholarship established 1981

Edmond Burroughs, born in Amherst, Massachusetts on February 16, 1890, spent his early childhood in Wabash, Indiana, where his father was president of Wabash College. He came to Ohio at the age of eight when his father became chaplain at Oberlin College. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Oberlin in 1911, and from Harvard Law School in 1914, where he edited the Harvard Law Review.



After active service as an artillery officer in the United States Army in France during World War I, Mr. Burroughs practiced law with M.B. and H. H. Johnson in Cleveland, organized the firm of Herberich, Burroughs & Bailey in 1920, then later left to form the firm of Burroughs & Burroughs with his brother Ralph. He served as Akron Bar Association president from 1933 to 1934. Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs took its present and permanent name when Mr. Burroughs joined the firm in 1943.

The Edmund Burroughs Scholarship was established shortly after his death in 1981 by the firm Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, "to encourage men and women with [his] ideals and standards to enter the legal profession who, but for this financial assistance, might be unable to do so."

The Bernard J. Amer Scholarship established 1985

Bernard J. Amer was born in 1896. An Akron native, he graduated from St. Mary's High School and then worked at B. F. Goodrich as a stenographer while he was reading the law with Senator Seiber. He was proudly admitted to the Bar in 1918, and was asked to join that firm which became known as Seiber, Seiber and Amer in 1920. The firm went through many name changes until it became Amer Cunningham and Brennan, which survived his death.



Mr. Amer served as president of the Akron Bar Association from 1945 to 1946. He truly loved the law and believed that it should always be a protection for the "little man." Unabashedly partisan, Mr. Amer felt that if his clients were smart enough to hire him, there was no question about the fact that justice should be on their side. Mr. Amer died in 1985.

The Bernard J. Amer Scholarship was established by the law firm Amer Cunningham Brennan Co., LPA "to establish a scholarship in the name of our beloved and esteemed partner, Bernard J. Amer."

The Joseph D. Roulhac Scholarship established 1987

Joseph D. Roulhac began practicing law in Akron, Ohio in 1949, and became the first African-American prosecutor in Summit County in 1957. He was sworn in as the first African-American Judge of the Akron Municipal Court in 1967.



Judge Roulhac was born in Selma, Alabama, in 1916, the son of Rev. Robert and Minerva Roulhac. He attended Stillman College in Tuscaloosa in 1936, and received his master's degree and law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He and Frances, his wife of 65 years, moved to Akron in 1948, two years after his four-year stint in the Army.

The Joseph D. Roulhac Scholarship was established in his honor upon his retirement from 20 years on the bench, by Resolution of the Foundation. The Resolution stated, "He is an active participant in many community affairs. His conduct on the bench and in all of his personal affairs has been exemplary, and consistent with his extremely high standards of personal conduct. His reputation for integrity and fair dealing has endeared him to the hearts of all who have come into contact with him. He is a credit to his family, his community, and to the legal profession. In every way, Judge Joseph D. Roulhac is a true gentlemen and scholar." Judge Roulhac passed in March, 2008.

The Paul C. Weick Scholarship established 1988

Paul C. Weick was born in Youngstown in 1899. He earned the LL.B. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1920 and, after some time in private practice, was appointed to U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. He was later appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, by President Eisenhower on September 10, 1959, becoming Chief Justice on November 21, 1963. He held that position until August 25, 1969.



PAUL C. WEICK
1942-43

Jack Weisensell recalls working for Judge Weick in 1985 and 1986, when the Judge was in his 80s, and still maintaining a Senior Judge case load. Jack writes that the Judge was widely respected for his opinions relating to railroad law, and in fact, a hard-bound set of books containing all of his writings and numerous published opinions was published by West Publishing.

Judge Weick was president of the Akron Bar Association from 1942 to 1943. The Paul C. Weick Scholarship was established in his honor, during his lifetime, by Resolution of the Akron Bar Scholarship Foundation, with a grant from the Foundation.

**The Edward J. Mahoney Scholarship
established 1989**

Edward J. Mahoney was born in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, in 1924, but lived most of his life in Cuyahoga Falls. He entered The University of Akron following high school graduation, but his education was interrupted by World War II, when he served as a navigator in the United States Army Air Corps, logging over 750 combat hours in the South Pacific. Upon his return from the service, he earned his B.A. in 1947 and his J.D. from Western Reserve University Law School in 1950.

Mr. Mahoney was a practicing attorney until 1959, when he was elected as Judge of the Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court, then to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 1969, and finally to the Ninth District Court of Appeals in 1973, where he remained until his retirement. He died in January 2004.

Judge Mahoney was active in numerous civic, social, and charitable organizations, and, as noted in the program when he received the Thomas More award in 1986, his counsel was sought by many young people. His family has written that he positively influenced the lives of many young men, which laid the foundation for lifelong relationships.

The Edward J. Mahoney Scholarship was established in his honor, during his lifetime, by Resolution of the Akron Bar Scholarship Foundation, with a grant from the Foundation.

The Joseph F. Cook Memorial Scholarship established 1998

Joseph F. Cook, known as “a lawyer’s lawyer,” was known for his integrity, his commitment to the profession, and his service to the community. He was born and lived in Akron, Ohio (1926-1998). Following his graduation from Buchtel High School, he served in the United States Army, returning home to earn a degree in business administration from The University of Akron (where he was a member and chapter president of Phi Delta Theta), and the LL.B. from Case Western Reserve University Law School.



JOSEPH F. COOK
1978-79

Mr. Cook was admitted to the bar in 1952, and began practicing law with the firm of Hershey & Browne, where he remained for 25 years. He later joined the law firm Amer, Cunningham & Brennan Co., LPA., where he remained until his death in 1998. Mr. Cook was a 45-year member of the Akron Bar Association, serving as its president from 1978 to 1979, and as president of the Ohio State Bar Association from 1987 to 1988. In 1991, he received the prestigious Sir Thomas More Award.

The Joseph F. Cook Memorial Scholarship was established in May, 1998 by Amer, Cunningham & Brennan in honor of Mr. Cook’s strong commitment to the Akron Bar Association Foundation.

**The Ernest R. Genovese,
Genovese & Pullekens Scholarship
established 1999**

Ernest R. Genovese was born in Peninsula, Ohio, in 1905, received his J.D. from Ohio Northern University, and was admitted to the bar in 1930. He served in the United States Army in counter-intelligence during World War II, serving in Australia and the Philippines, and was sent into the invasion of Luzon on January 9, 1945, under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.



ERNEST R. GENOVESE
1953-54

Mr. Genovese served as law director for many local communities, including Hudson, Boston Township/ Peninsula, Norton, Twinsburg, Stow, Macedonia, and Lakemore, and incorporated several of those communities. He was active in numerous civic organizations, including the Summit County Board of Health, serving as president of that organization for 25 years. Mr. Genovese was proud and honored to have served as president of the Akron Bar Association from 1953 to 1954. He died in May of 1999.

The Ernest R. Genovese, Genovese & Pullekens Scholarship, was established in Mr. Genovese's will, with a generous bequest. Edward C. Pullekens, Mr. Genovese's friend and law partner, has written that Mr. Genovese established the Scholarship with the hope that his show of support would be an incentive to other small law practices.

**The Paul K. Christoff Memorial Scholarship
established 2001**

Paul K. Christoff was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1924. His family moved to Akron in 1932, where he lived the remainder of his life. Mr. Christoff served with distinction in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, as a communications and radar officer and first lieutenant in the Pacific Theater.



**PAUL K. CHRISTOFF
1972-73**

Following the war, he attended Kenyon College and Yale University, graduating from The University of Akron before entering law school at Western Reserve University, where he graduated in 1950 with an LL.B., J.D. He was admitted to the Bar and set up his practice shortly before he was recalled to serve during the Korean Conflict, where he was promoted to Captain and served with the Air Force Judge Advocate General from 1950 to 1952.

Mr. Christoff was a partner in the firm of Christoff, Haskins, Fiocca & Morris at the time of his death in 1998. He had served as president of the Akron Bar Association from 1972 to 1973, governor for the Akron District of the Ohio State Bar Association from 1991 to 1994, delegate to the American Bar Association's Council of Delegates, member of the Professional Ethics and Legal Education

Committees of the Ohio State Bar Association, and delegate to the State Conclave on Legal Education.

Mr. Christoff served his community as a founding member, president, and trustee of the Akron Round Table, president of Downtown Kiwanis Club and Macedonian Businessmen's Association, and trustee of the Summit County Mental Health Board and Akron School Teacher's Arbitration Panel. He also quietly provided support and assistance to community organizations including the Interval Brotherhood Home and St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and to numerous individuals.

Mr. Christoff was a long-time board member of the Akron Bar Scholarship Foundation, and had served as its President in its early years. In recognition of that relationship, and in honor of his service to his profession and to his community, his family established the Paul K. Christoff Memorial Scholarship.

Qualified candidates for the Paul K. Christoff Memorial Scholarship must be enrolled full-time at The University of Akron School of Law, have completed one full year at the school, maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average during that full year, and have financial need.

**The David L. Brennan Scholarship
established in his honor
December 6, 2008**

David L. Brennan is truly dedicated to providing opportunities for education and learning to all those possessing a desire to learn and grow. His efforts in the early 1980s were critical to the establishment of the Akron Bar Scholarship Foundation. The resulting annual scholarships, available to law students and to the children of deceased lawyers, have been an important resource for many students.



Along with his family and friends, the Akron Bar Foundation is proud to recognize this educational pioneer, whose efforts in the area of educational alternatives and scholarship remain one of the many shining accomplishments of a great member of our society. Gifts from family and friends helped establish the David L. Brennan Scholarship Fund, which will be designated to scholarships for students attending The University of Akron School of Law.

The ABF and the entire legal community applaud Mr. Brennan for his selfless dedication and unwavering support and diligence in his quest to educate and enhance the lives of all citizens.

**The Judge Linda B. Kersker Scholarship
established in her memory
December 5, 2009**



Judge Linda B. Kersker (1947 to 2009) was born in Akron, Ohio, and graduated from Firestone High School (she wrote their *alma mater*), Denison University, and the University of Michigan School of Law. She was a partner (litigation) at the law firm Brouse McDowell for over 30 years before her appointment to the Akron Municipal Court in February 2009.

While a highly respected member of the Akron legal community, Judge Kersker was also a dedicated 16-year member and three-term president of the Akron Board of Education, and served on numerous charitable boards.

The Judge Linda B. Kersker Scholarship Fund was established by family and friends in her memory. The Fund is designated for annual scholarships to female students who have been admitted to The University of Akron School of Law. The Scholarship award may cover tuition, fees, and books, all or in part.

**Akron Bar Foundation Scholarship Recipients
1972 through 2009**

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