



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

July 5, 2018

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois has entered into an agreement with the Southern Illinois University Foundation to establish a law school scholarship fund. Southern Illinois University was chosen as the recipient, because it operates the only law school within the geographical confines of the Southern District of Illinois (comprising the 38 southernmost counties of the state). The scholarship fund was established with a one-time \$18,250 gift from the District Court's non-appropriated fund -- which derives its income from fees paid by lawyers who wish to practice on a single case basis rather than being generally admitted to the District's attorney roster. The SIU Foundation will serve as the fund's custodian.

The Dean of the SIU School of Law (or committee or persons authorized to act on behalf of the Dean) will determine the scholarship recipients and disbursement amounts.

Recipients must meet the following criteria:

- be a current student in the SIU School of Law;
- have a hometown in the Southern District of Illinois as defined by the U.S. District Court;
- be academically ranked in the top half of their law school class;
- have demonstrated financial need;
- have demonstrated commitment to pro bono work; and
- have submitted an essay of no more than 500 words regarding their perspective on the role of lawyers in society.

The Court will evaluate annually whether to re-fund the scholarship.

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