

Androscoggin County Bar Association Honorable Robert W. Clifford Scholarship

The Androscoggin County Bar Association (“Bar Association”) is proud to offer law school students the Honorable Robert W. Clifford Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. It must be used for full-time study of the law at either the University of Maine School of Law or an accredited law school.

The Honorable Robert W. Clifford is an active-retired justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Prior to entering active-retired status, he was the longest-serving justice on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. He was appointed to this position on August 1, 1986, by then-governor Joseph Brennan. He was reappointed to seven-year terms in 1993, 2000, and 2007.

Justice Clifford grew up in Lewiston, Maine. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1959 and earned a law degree from Boston College Law School in 1962. He then served in the United States Army from 1962 until 1964, attaining the rank of Captain. Upon leaving the armed forces, Justice Clifford practiced law in Lewiston-Auburn for fifteen years with the firm Clifford & Clifford. He was also an alderman, a two-time Mayor of Lewiston, and served in the Maine legislature.

During his legislative tenure, Justice Clifford represented the Senate on the Commission to Revise Maine's Probate Laws, which drafted Maine's current Probate Code. In 1978 and 1979 he was the Chairman of the Lewiston Charter Commission, which drafted Lewiston's current City charter.

On June 8, 1979, former Governor Joseph Brennan appointed Justice Clifford to the Maine Superior Court, of which he became the first Chief Justice in 1984, a position he would hold until his appointment to the Supreme Judicial Court in 1986.

Throughout his distinguished career, Justice Clifford has served his home community with compassion, dignity, and intellectual vigor. He has been a faithful supporter of the Androscoggin County Bar Association, which is proud to honor his legacy through this scholarship. We welcome applications from qualified law students. To apply, please complete the attached form and submit your materials to the Bar Association on or before July 1st to AndroscogginCountyBar@gmail.com. The winner will be notified in August and the scholarship proceeds will be disbursed directly to the law school that the winner is attending.

Eligibility Requirements & Rules:

1. Applicant must be from Androscoggin County: i.e. lived in Androscoggin County at time graduated from high school or a current resident of Androscoggin County (with exception of college address).
2. Must complete a one-page essay regarding why they deserve award and/or how they would be a good reflection of what Justice Clifford achieved/is achieving.

3. Must show proof of acceptance or enrollment to an accredited law school.
4. Must agree to authorize Bar Association to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected.
5. An individual can receive the award more than once.
6. If there are no eligible candidates, the scholarship amount is added to the next year's award.
7. Award recipient may be asked to attend a dinner meeting of the Androscoggin County Bar Association to be recognized.
8. The Bar Association reserves the right to amend or modify these requirements in its discretion.

Please type or print the following information

Applicant's full legal name:

Permanent mailing address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - _____ Date of birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____

Name, address & telephone number of the college/university you are currently attending:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: (____) ____ - _____

College GPA: _____ (Must be on the 4.0 scale)

Date of Graduation/Anticipated Graduation: ____/____/____

High School Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Name, address & telephone number of the law school you are planning to attend, or are attending:

Do you have a family member who is or was a member of the Androscoggin County Bar Association? If yes, who:

Do you have any other connections to the Androscoggin County Bar Association?

If yes, who: _____

I hereby give my consent to be photographed and for such photographs to be published or submitted for publication by the Androscoggin County Bar Association.

Applicant's Signature

Date: _____