

# APALSA

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

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On behalf of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) at the University of Michigan Law School, we are writing to thank you for your previous generosity and to encourage you to sponsor our sixth annual **APALSA Origins Banquet**. Origins is a celebration of Asian Pacific American diversity and culture. This year, the banquet will take place on March 25, 2011 and will feature a prominent Asian Pacific American speaker, dinner, music and the announcement of the 2011 recipients of the **APALSA Public Interest Fellowship**.

Your firm's generosity and additional proceeds from the Origins Banquet help support the APALSA Public Interest Fellowship, established four years ago to provide financial support to outstanding APALSA members who undertake unpaid public interest work during their first-year summer. From 2005 to 2010, APALSA has been able to increase the total award from \$1,500 to \$8,000. Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more information about the Public Interest Fellowship.

In an effort to provide increased financial support to deserving first-year law students and with the Law School's assistance, APALSA has established an endowment, so that our fellowship can eventually become self-funded and provide for our fellowship program for many years to come. We hope that you will aid us in this endeavor by becoming a sponsor of the Origins Banquet. Different levels of sponsorship are detailed on the next page. Purchasing a table and/or tickets to the show for your own associates or for Michigan Law students can also provide your firm with an excellent opportunity to interact with the student body in an informal, entertaining setting. We are also interested in any other kinds of support your firm might be able to offer in assisting us to achieve our shared goals of diversity in the workplace and giving back to the community.

We encourage you to visit our website at <http://students.law.umich.edu/apalsa/> for more information about our organization. For your convenience, we have included a donation form along with this letter. The growth of the APALSA Origins Banquet and the establishment of this endowment is truly a momentous undertaking for our organization, and we sincerely hope that you will once again be able to help us in our efforts. Please feel free to contact any of us should you have any questions. We deeply appreciate your past support and look forward to working with you in the future!

Sincerely yours,

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**PLEASE SUPPORT THE 2011 APALSA ORIGINS BANQUET  
AND 1L FELLOWSHIP!**

**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:**

**DIAMOND—\$4,000**

- Sponsorship includes a \$3,200 *tax-deductible* gift exclusively to the Public Interest Fellowship and Endowment
- Full page of recognition in the Origins program
- Recognition on the APALSA website as a Diamond Sponsor (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Appearance of your logo on the APALSA website (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Placement of your firm's promotional material (recruiting materials, etc.) at the banquet
- Table consisting of eight (8) tickets to the Origins Banquet and recognition of your firm's sponsorship at the table\*
- Your firm's logo (3.25" x 2") in the "Continuing Sponsors" section of the 2011 Origins program
- Appearance as a designated Diamond Sponsor on APALSA's promotional materials for the Origins Banquet (posted flyers, etc.)

**PLATINUM—\$2,000**

- Sponsorship includes a \$1,600 *tax-deductible* gift exclusively to the Public Interest Fellowship and Endowment
- Half-page of recognition in the Origins program
- Recognition on the APALSA website as a Platinum Sponsor (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Appearance of your logo on the APALSA website (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Placement of your firm's promotional material (recruiting materials, etc.) at the banquet
- Table consisting of eight (8) tickets to the Origins Banquet and recognition of your firm's sponsorship at the table\*

**GOLD—\$1,000**

- Sponsorship includes a \$800 *tax-deductible* gift exclusively to the Public Interest Fellowship and Endowment
- Quarter-page of recognition in the Origins program
- Recognition on the APALSA website as a Gold Sponsor (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Appearance of your logo on the APALSA website (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Placement of your firm's promotional material (recruiting materials, etc.) at the banquet
- Six (6) tickets to the Origins Banquet\*

**SILVER—\$500**

- Sponsorship includes a \$400 *tax-deductible* gift exclusively to the Public Interest Fellowship and Endowment
- One-eighth-page of recognition (3.25" x 2") in the Origins program
- Recognition on the APALSA website as a Silver Sponsor (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Appearance of your logo on the APALSA website (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Placement of your firm's promotional material (recruiting materials, etc.) at the banquet
- Four (4) tickets to the Origins Banquet\*

**BRONZE—\$250**

- Sponsorship includes a \$200 *tax-deductible* gift exclusively to the Public Interest Fellowship and Endowment
- Acknowledgement in the Origins program
- Recognition on the APALSA website as a Bronze Sponsor (hyperlinked to your firm's website)
- Two (2) tickets to the Origins Banquet\*

\* *Additional tickets available for purchase.*

To support the APALSA Public Interest Fellowship, please return the below form postmarked by Wednesday, **March 16, 2011**. If you would like to contribute in any other fashion, or if you have any further questions, feel free to contact Cara Wall (cbibiana@umich.edu).

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**Yes, we would like to support the APALSA Public Interest Fellowship!**

I would like to be a:

- Diamond Sponsor (\$4,000)
- Platinum Sponsor (\$2,000)
- Gold Sponsor (\$1,000)
- Silver Sponsor (\$500)
- Bronze Sponsor (\$250)
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

and/or I would like to purchase:

- # of tables: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$160/table = \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20/person = \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks or money orders payable to “The University of Michigan”, and indicate “APALSA Banquet and Fellowship” on the payment.

Contact Information

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

Attn: Melissa Montague– Gift Processing and Records  
APALSA Fellowship  
The University of Michigan Law School Development  
109 East Madison, Suite 3000  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2943

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OF THE BANQUET AND FELLOWSHIP!**

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## **About APALSA**

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) serves as an academic, social and political resource for students in the Law School, welcoming all students who express an interest in issues affecting people of Pan-Asian descent. In recent years, APALSA has made itself increasingly visible within the law school community and to the administration, and has strengthened its voice in efforts to redefine the role of Asian Pacific Americans both in the Law School and in the law.

APALSA has coordinated efforts within the Law School and among student organizations to educate the community about political issues such as affirmative action, representation of 9/11 detainees, hate crimes, Proposal 2, which was on the 2006 ballot in the state of Michigan and, more recently, Census outreach for the 2010 Census.

APALSA also sponsors social events throughout the year, and provides social, academic and professional support to incoming 1Ls and transfer students through its Mentor-Mentee program. Furthermore, APALSA has a strong tradition of being active in the community. In the past, APALSA has hosted a university-wide basketball tournament to raise money for charity, organized a Minority Bone Marrow Drive and volunteered for Gandhi Service Day.

As part of our recruiting efforts, APALSA participates in a panel advising undergraduate students on applying to law school. We have worked closely with the Admissions Office to ensure that Asian students continue to be a visible and active presence at the Law School and have hosted events during Preview Weekends to meet and inform prospective students interested in APALSA's activities.

## **About the APALSA Public Interest Fellowship**

Created in 2005, the APALSA Public Interest Fellowship is dedicated to providing funding to highly qualified first-year student members who work for public interest organizations during their first-year summers. Those who hold an unpaid clerkship or government position are also eligible to apply. The goal is to encourage Asian American law students to go into the public or nonprofit sector where they can contribute to the Asian American community either directly (i.e. serving low-income Asian American individuals) or indirectly (i.e. increasing Asian American diversity by entering into a legal field where Asian Americans have traditionally been underrepresented).

## **About the University of Michigan Law School**

Situated in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the University of Michigan Law School is consistently ranked among the top ten legal institutions in the country. Diversity has been a cornerstone of the law school since its beginning. It was the second American university to confer a law degree to an African American and the first major law school to admit a woman, who, in 1871, became the first woman in the nation to earn a law degree and also be admitted to the bar.

The 1,085 students that make up Michigan Law today come from 48 states and 27 foreign countries – providing an intellectually rich and diverse environment through which students can develop as attorneys and individuals. The school also has renowned clinical programs as well as programs in International and Comparative Law, Law and Economics, Refugee and Asylum Law and Japanese Legal Studies. Finally, Michigan Law has more than 50 student organizations and 6 journals through which students can get involved in extracurricular activities and create a community for themselves during their time here.