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Akron Bar Foundation Announces Grant and Scholarship Recipients

(Akron, Ohio, July 1, 2020) The Akron Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Akron Bar Association, has announced the recipients of its law school scholarships and community grants for 2020. In total, the Foundation is awarding in excess of \$184,000 this year.

Scholarship recipients were selected based on grade point average; affiliation with Summit County; a history of community involvement; and financial need. Qualified students were interviewed and the following were selected to share in the \$49,000 pool of available funds in varying amounts.

	Name	University
1	Katherine Karkoska	Case Western Reserve University of Law
2	Andrew Burton	University of Akron School of Law
3	Jacob Davis	University of Akron School of Law
4	Alexa Jesser	University of Cincinnati School of Law
5	Morgan Foster	University of Akron School of Law
6	Valarie Smith	University of Akron School of Law
7	David Robinson	University of Akron School of Law
8	Rebecca Cooper	University of Akron School of Law
9	Elizabeth Haavisto	University of Akron School of Law
10	Holly Spohn	University of Akron School of Law
11	Olivia Mullen	University of Akron School of Law
12	Matthew Brown	University of Akron School of Law
13	Raylyn Trice	University of Akron School of Law

The Akron Bar Foundation Grant Program provides funding to local 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations to fund law-related programs or projects that serve the Summit County community. This year \$103,000 was available via the general endowment fund of the Foundation as well as through its Law Library Committee endowment and Donnie Long Fund for the Akron-area Law and Leadership Institute. An additional \$27,000 from the Bradford M "Buck" Gearinger Fund was used to promote professionalism within the legal community and provide the required training and education to Summit County attorneys. Other recipients include:

	Organization	Program
1	Akron Bar Association	High School Mock Trial Program
2	Akron Bar Association	Juvenile Court Training Program for Appointed Counsel
3	Akron Law Library	Membership Support
4	Akron Municipal Court	RISE, Recovery Court, Peace of Mind & Family Intervention Court Materials
5	Battered Women's Shelter	Justice System Advocacy for Domestic Violence Victims
6	Broken Chains Ministry	Restorative Justice Program
7	Court Appointed Special Advocate Program of Summit County	Guardian ad Litem Training
8	Law and Leadership Institute	LLI Akron 2020 Summer Institute & Academic Year
9	Rape Crisis Center	Outreach, Education and Violence Prevention
10	Salvation Army	Community Service Worker Program
11	Scanlon Bell Inn of Courts	Scholarships for Inn of Courts Membership
12	University of Akron School of Law	Law Library
13	VALID Clinic	VALID Clinic
14	Victim Assistance Program	2019 Akron Municipal Court Advocacy Program

Through an annual contribution from the Romweber Trust, the Foundation supports two internships for law school students working in unpaid summer positions at non-profit or governmental agencies. The 2020 recipients each received a \$2,500 stipend for their summer roles.

	Name	University
1	Acadia Polocko	University of Akron School of Law
2	Rachel Stermer	University of Akron School of Law

For questions or further information regarding the Akron Bar Foundation and its grant and scholarship activities, contact the Development Director at 330-436-0103 or email ikelly@akronbar.org

The Akron Bar Foundation (Foundation) is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1985 to serve as the fundraising and charitable arm of the Akron Bar Association. This organization strives to broaden its role in the community by supporting philanthropic activities and 501(C)(3) nonprofit organizations.

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