



McGlinchey Stafford Awards Diversity Fellowship to First-Year Law Student Kenneth Barnes

McGlinchey News Release

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McGlinchey Stafford PLLC announced today that it has awarded Kenneth Barnes the 2013 1L Diversity Fellowship, a distinguished honor given each year to a first year law student. The McGlinchey Stafford 1L Diversity Fellowship represents the firm's active commitment to a diverse workplace and the inclusion and retention of talented professionals.

Mr. Barnes is a dynamic leader and is well-deserving of this prestigious fellowship from McGlinchey Stafford. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and is currently attending Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Before attending law school, Mr. Barnes was the founder and CEO of Knightcrawler Marketing LLC, a marketing firm based in Baton Rouge, LA. This year the program received more than 50 applications and the firm selected Mr. Barnes because of his proven leadership skills and excellent academic record.

The 2013 Diversity Fellowship includes a six week paid summer associate position in the firm's New Orleans office, a \$5,000 scholarship and formal mentoring by McGlinchey Stafford attorneys throughout the recipient's law school career. As the 2013 Diversity Fellow, Mr. Barnes will also participate in the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Scholars Retreat, which brings together diverse law students from around the country to learn about interview skills, transitioning from law school into practice, the state of diversity in the legal profession and the value of networking, to build relationships among one another and to meet and interact with general counsel and managing partners of the LCLD member organizations nationwide.

The McGlinchey Stafford 1L Diversity Fellowship represents the firm's long-term commitment to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive work place and to promoting diversity within the legal profession. From the firm's inception, McGlinchey Stafford has challenged the status quo and earned a reputation as a progressive, merit-based business that rewards individual achievement and potential. The firm's commitment to diversity is reflected in McGlinchey Stafford's work as a member of the LCLD and as an active supporter of the National Bar Association and Association of Women Attorneys, among others. The McGlinchey Stafford 1L Diversity Fellowship is simply one aspect of the firm's commitment to attracting, developing and promoting diverse attorneys and starts at the beginning of a lawyer's career – the first year of law school.

About McGlinchey Stafford:

McGlinchey Stafford is a full-service law firm providing innovative legal counsel to business clients nationwide. Guiding clients wherever business and law intersect, McGlinchey Stafford's 170 attorneys are based in 15 offices in Alabama, California, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington, DC.

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