

# GATE CITY BAR ASSOCIATION

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## **Black Law Student Associations of:**

Emory University School of Law  
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## **Re: 2009 Hall of Fame Scholarship Applications**

Dear Black Law Student Association Member:

Established in 1948, the Gate City Bar Association is the oldest African American Bar Association in the State of Georgia. The Gate City Bar Association was organized by ten African American lawyers to provide the educational, social and community involvement of a professional association for African American lawyers, who had been excluded from participating in the segregated bar association in Atlanta and throughout the State. The mission of the Gate City Bar Association is to create in the community a practical appreciation for the legal profession; to encourage persons of outstanding promise to attend first rate law schools and return to the communities that need their services most; to oppose arbitrary and capricious laws in our state with all the force and fiber of which we are capable as an organization; to uphold and extend the principles of justice in every phase of American life to the end that no one shall be discriminated against because of color, race, religious beliefs or national origin.

This year, the Gate City Bar Association and the Gate City Foundation will host the annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner on Friday, November 13, 2009 at 6:30p.m. at the Intercontinental Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

We are proud to announce that the 2009 inductees into the Gate City Hall of Fame are:

**Howard Moore**  
**Founding Partner**  
**Moore & Moore, Attorneys at Law**

**Senator Leroy R. Johnson**  
**Founder**  
**Leroy R. Johnson & Associates**

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**The Honorable Brenda Cole**  
**Judge, State Court of Fulton County**

**Lawrence Ashe**  
**Founding Partner**  
**Ashe, Rafuse & Hill**

**Charles Huddleson**  
**Partner**  
**Baker, Donnelson & Bearman**

During the ceremony, we will present scholarships to law school students. These scholarships are awarded annually to minority law students, in good standing, who are either currently enrolled in a Georgia law school, or who are Georgia residents enrolled in an out-of-state law school. Consistent with the mission of the Gate City Bar, the purpose of the scholarship is to encourage persons of outstanding promise to attend first-rate law schools and return to the communities that need their services most, taking into account the financial need and merit of the law student. The Gate City Bar Foundation's Scholarship Committee is charged with overseeing the administration of the Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and notify applicants of the status of their application.

Candidates for a Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship are analyzed through a two-tier process including an application and associated documentation, as well as a rigorous interview. During this interview, the Scholarship Committee explores the applicant's background, community involvement and other activities or circumstances the candidate believes qualifies him or her for a Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship.

First year students, in their first semester of law school are not eligible to apply for a Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship. The Gate City Bar Foundation Scholarship is a one-time award; thus former recipients are ineligible. Previous applicants who meet the requirements but were not selected are welcome to re-apply for the scholarship.

I am enclosing an application packet for dissemination to your eligible members. **Applications can also be downloaded at [gatecitybar.org](http://gatecitybar.org)**  
As noted in the application packet, critical deadlines are as follows:

**Application Deadline**  
**Finalist Interviews**  
**Award Notifications**  
**Hall of Fame Dinner**

**Friday, October 23, 2009**  
**Saturday, October 31, 2009**  
**Monday, November 2, 2009**  
**Friday, November 13, 2009**

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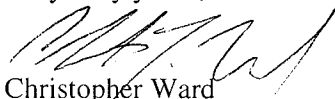
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We welcome and encourage members of your organization to apply. Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments at (404) 506-4856 or [ceward@southernco.com](mailto:ceward@southernco.com)

Very truly yours,



Christopher Ward  
Chair, Scholarship Committee

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