



The New York Bar Foundation

The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship, created and funded by the Intellectual Property Law Section

2015

GUIDELINES

The New York Bar Foundation is accepting grant applications for *The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship, created and funded by the Intellectual Property Law Section* which is to be conducted in summer 2015.

One grant, valued at \$5,000.00, will be awarded to a public interest intellectual property organization or charity to conduct the fellowship. The fellowship will take place in summer 2015 and the organization will offer the fellowship to students enrolled in law school located in New York State during the 2015 spring semester, as well as persons who received their JD any time within the last 3 years. The fellow will assist the organization with matters relating to intellectual property law.

The deadline to submit a grant application to request funding to conduct the fellowship is **Sunday, February 1, 2015.**

The fellowship is named to honor and recognize former long-time member and leader of the Intellectual Property Law Section, Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter, for her singular and extraordinary contributions that have brought about the section’s success and growth.

The fellowship is funded through gifts to the Foundation from the Intellectual Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Grant Application Required

Public interest legal organizations or charities interested in conducting *The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship, created and funded by the Intellectual Property Law Section* in summer 2015 must submit a grant proposal to The New York Bar Foundation on or before Sunday, February 1, 2015.

Grant applications are available at www.tnybf.org - click on “Apply for a Grant” on the right side of the home page or go to <http://www.tnybf.org/grantapp.htm>

The fellowship program goals are to increase the representation of lawyers in intellectual property law and to provide students with an opportunity to experience intellectual property law practice.

The Fellowship

1. One grant, valued at \$5,000.00, will be awarded by The New York Bar Foundation to a public interest intellectual property organization or charity to conduct the fellowship.
2. The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellow will be selected by the grantee organization according to the following guidelines:
The fellowship will be presented to a student attending a law school in New York State to assist with the organization's intellectual property law matters. The student must be enrolled in law school located in New York State during 2015 or have received their J.D. any time within the last 3 years to participate in the summer 2015 fellowship.
3. The grant award will provide funding for the fellow.
4. The grant award recipient will be determined by the Foundation's Board of Directors by April 11, 2015 and the grantee will be notified in May 2015.
5. The fellowship will take place during **summer 2015** for a period of ten weeks from **June 2 to August 8, 2015**. The work requirement per week is 35 hours at the minimum but should not exceed 40 hours.
6. The Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellow will be invited to be a guest member of the NYSBA Intellectual Property Law Section and to attend the section's executive committee meetings during the term of the fellowship.

Fellowship Eligibility

For the fellowship, the grantee organization will consider students who are enrolled in law school located in New York State during the 2015 spring semester, a person that has received their J.D. any time within the last 3 years, and who are capable of fulfilling the requested work hours and responsibilities at the grantee organization.

Fellowship Requirement

At the conclusion of the Fellowship, the recipient will be required to produce a summary evaluation report that may be produced as an article in the Intellectual Property Law Section Newsletter and/or the Foundation's Newsletter.

Housing and Other Expenses

Housing, transportation and all other expenses related to participation in the fellowship will be provided by the student.

For more information, please contact the Foundation at mocclair@tnybf.org or 518/487-5651.

Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter, Esq.



Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter

Miriam “Mimi” Maccoby Netter’s continued overriding interests in law had been influenced by her dedication to education for all, keeping current with emerging areas of the law, and mentoring of attorneys. She had placed an emphasis on women because of their difficulty in gaining access to many areas of legal practice.

Ms. Netter was born in Mount Vernon, NY, graduated from Brown University (Providence RI) and then from Albany Law School (Albany NY) with honors. She was a law review editor and received many awards evidencing her high academic achievements. She then went on to engage in the general practice of law representing universities, colleges, corporations, individuals, and not for profit organizations, and was afforded the opportunity to work with startup companies in developing intellectual property law and to serve on the Albany Law School Center for Law and Innovation.

Ms. Netter found it increasingly rewarding to assist both charitable organizations and women. As a partial result of her efforts, she received the inaugural Ruth M. Miner award from The Legal Aid Society of Northeast New York; The Community Service Award of the Wildwood Programs; The Third Age Achievement Award in the field of law of the Senior Services Foundation of Albany; The Governor’s Award for Leadership in Lighting at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; the Special Service Award from the Kidney Foundation of Northeast NY where she served as legal counsel for 18 years; and the Shining Star award from Capital Repertory Theatre. She served as an officer and/or board member for many of these organizations. Perhaps most important were her efforts to obtain funding for and promotion of the highly prized annual Kate Stoneman Award at Albany Law School. The award, given to the keynote speaker at the annual Kate Stoneman event, has been named in her honor.

Ms. Netter became an early member of the New York State Bar Association’s (NYSBA) Intellectual Property Law (IP) Section in order to share her early knowledge of IP and to learn from others in similar situations. Her involvement with NYSBA included service as Vice President of the Third Judicial Department, chair of the Membership Committee, on the Bylaws Committee, longtime IP section Copyright Committee co-chair, continuing member of the IP Executive Committee, and chair of the Special Committee on Committees as well as many other committees and initiatives. As a member of the Committee on Attorney Professionalism, Ms. Netter initiated the prestigious annually-conferred Award for Attorney Professionalism. She was a constant promoter of diversity in the profession and its leadership. She passed away in September 2010 after a lengthy illness.



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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Social Security #: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School Address: _____
(if different)

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Law School attending: _____

- Day student Evening student

Year of Law School Study as of December 1, 2014: _____

Please indicate minority status below:

- Black/African American
- Latino/a -- person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American origin
- Native American or Alaskan native -- person having origins in any of the original peoples of America
- Asian or Pacific Islander -- person having origins in any of the Far East Countries, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands

Prior Education

Dates	College Name	Address	Major	Attended	Degree

Attach the following materials to this application:

1. A cover letter which indicates your interest in the practice of intellectual property and the receipt of this Fellowship.
2. An undergraduate transcript. (Transcripts need not be official; finalists may be asked to provide official transcripts.)
3. A resume describing your prior employment and other relevant activities and qualifications.
4. Two letters of recommendation. (These may be the same as used for law school applications.)
5. One writing sample on any topic related to the law. (Must be at least five but shall not exceed 10 double-spaced typewritten pages.)

Fellowship Requirement

At the conclusion of the Fellowship, the recipient will be required to produce a summary evaluation report that may be produced as an article in the Intellectual Property Law Section Newsletter and/or the Foundation's Newsletter.

Application deadline: All materials must be submitted by mail with a postmark on or before Sunday, February 1, 2015 OR by e-mail no later than 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

Mail applications to: THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION
ONE ELK STREET
ALBANY, NY 12207

OR e-mail to: moclair@tnybf.org

Certification

I hereby certify that all of the statements contained and information provided in this application, and in the attachments hereto, are truthful, to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the 2015 Miriam Maccoby Netter Fellowship.

Applicant's Signature