

## THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

### *2026 Intellectual Property Law Section Diversity Committee Miriam Maccoby Netter Scholarship*

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the **2026 Intellectual Property Law Section Diversity Committee, Miriam Maccoby Netter Scholarship**, established by The Foundation through a gift from the Intellectual Property Law Section of The New York State Bar Association. The Scholarship has been established 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 \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a law student who is enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the 2026-2027 academic year who has an interest in intellectual property. Current second year (2L) law students, third year (3L) law students and fourth year (4L) students are encouraged to apply. The recipient will be selected by a committee comprised of representatives from The New York Bar Foundation and the NYSBA Intellectual Property Law Section. The goal of the scholarship is to increase the diverse representation of lawyers in the practice of intellectual property law.

#### **The Intellectual Property Law Section Miriam Maccoby Netter Scholarship**

The scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled on a full-time basis during the 2026-2027 academic year in a law school in the State of New York.

1. \$5,000 scholarship
2. The recipient will receive a waiver of CLE programming fees for NYSBA Intellectual Property Law Section CLE programs during 2026 and 2027 (transportation and lodging costs will not be covered).
3. The scholarship recipient will be announced in October 2026.

#### **Eligibility**

1. The scholarship is open to all current second year (2L), third year (3L) and fourth year (4L) students who are enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the 2026-2027 academic year.
2. The student must have attained a 2.5 or equivalent GPA in law school.

#### **Payment of Scholarship**

A check, made payable to the law school and the student, will be sent to the school no later than the end of December 2026 to be applied to the student’s tuition, or used for technology, books, and/or other related law school expenses.

### **Scholarship Application Requirements**

The applicant must submit the following as a single PDF:

1. A completed application
2. Cover letter of interest
3. Unofficial law school transcript
4. Current Résumé
5. One letter of recommendation in support of your application is encouraged
6. Question responses

### **Deadline**

All materials must be submitted by email on or before **Friday, August 28, 2026.**

### **Judging**

Criteria for judging applications will be:

1. Content and quality of application materials
2. Demonstrated interest in Intellectual Property
3. Academic record
4. Letter of recommendation (if submitted)
5. Quality of written expression
6. Any other relevant factors

### **Submission**

Only single PDF files will be accepted.

All materials must be submitted on or before **Friday, August 28, 2026.**

**Email** submissions should be sent to [\*\*Ldorr@tnybf.org\*\*](mailto:Ldorr@tnybf.org)

Please include “**Netter Scholarship**” in the subject line.

## 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.

**2026**

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**APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different)

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

- Day student       Evening student       Dual degree program

Year of Law School Study as of September 1, 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of anticipated graduation from law school: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate membership in any of the following diversity groups:**

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black/African American
- Latino/a
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, or Asexual
- Native American or Alaskan native — person having origins in any of the original peoples of America
- Disabled
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions:**

In addition to submitting your resume and cover letter, kindly answer the following two questions on a separate page. Please include your name on the upper right corner of each page.

1. Why are you interested in intellectual property?
2. Share anything about yourself that you would like the selection committee to know (e.g., community service activities, challenges you have faced, achievements, interests, etc.).

**Include the following materials with this application:**

1. Cover letter
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**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 2026 Intellectual Property Law Section Miriam Maccoby Netter Scholarship.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Where did you hear of this Scholarship Opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_