JUSTICE PAULINE DAVIS HANSON SCHOLARSHIP
Established and Awarded by Fresno County Women Lawyers

As a tribute to the memory of the late Associate Justice Pauline Davis Hanson, Fresno County Women Lawyers has established a Scholarship to encourage and support outstanding academic achievement and commitment to service by women law students.

Justice Hanson was the first woman appointee to the Fresno County Superior Court and the first woman appointed to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. Always deeply concerned about legal and human issues, she adhered to a high standard for intellectual rigor and integrity which remains a rich legacy to women who follow her in legal careers. During her career as lawyer, judge, wife, mother and community activist, Justice Hanson made many friends and became a role model for women of varied backgrounds and aspirations. Her kind, open, and unpretentious manner endeared her to all whose paths crossed her own. She died August 19, 1989.

The Hanson Scholarship is an annual award to be presented to a current female law student for the following academic year in the amount of $2,000.00, paid at the beginning of the Fall 2013 Semester.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

Each candidate must be a female law student who has successfully completed at least one year of law school and has not graduated. Preference will be given to current or former residents of Fresno, Kings, Madera or Tulare Counties, especially if they intend to practice in these counties.

Primary considerations are academic achievement and the breadth and depth of the applicant’s extra-curricular and community activities. Financial need and demonstrated leadership capabilities are also taken into consideration. Applications may be obtained through your law school’s Financial Aid Office or from the Fresno County Women Lawyer’s Scholarship Committee by calling (559) 237-6800, faxing your request to (559) 237-6807, or e-mailing your request to nstegall@cv-familylaw.com. Completed applications must be received by the F.C.W.L. Scholarship Committee on or before 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2013.

Personal interviews, will be scheduled for finalists in Fresno, California on a Saturday in June 2013. The finalists will be notified by mail as far in advance as possible of all necessary appointments. Conference call interviews are not an option. A dinner in honor of Justice Pauline Hanson is held every fall, and it would be appreciated if the recipient would be present to be recognized at the dinner in 2013.

Each applicant is required to submit verification of law school grade point average and income with the application. Failure to include the required verifications will result in the application not being considered.

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