

**Annual Beverly Clark & Lynnmarie Johnson
American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan
Bar Study Scholarship**

Background

Beverly Clark (Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Sarnia Reserve).

Mary 21, 1939 - February 16, 2013.

Beverly received her BA in 1961 and her MA in 1963 from the University of Michigan. Prior to entering into the practice of law, Beverly was a public school teacher. She received her JD from Wayne State University in 1972. Her law practice focused on family law in the Detroit area. In 1983, Beverly became the first woman President of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (now known as the Michigan Association for Justice). She served on the Detroit Human Relations Commission as a Chair and Vice-Chair. She was the first Native American Commissioner for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and served between 1982 and 1991. She was the 2006 awardee of the American Indian Law Section's Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award and served on the Board for Michigan Indian Legal Services.

Lynnmarie Johnson (Saginaw Chippewa descendant).

December 15, 1960 – July 21, 2015.

Lynnmarie was born in Flint, Michigan and was a resident of the Flint area all of her life. On February 23, 1980 she married Michael Bryan Johnson. Lynnmarie received her BBA from the University of Michigan in 1991, after receiving her AA, with honors, in 1989 from Mott Community College. Lynnmarie graduated from University of Michigan Law School in 1994. Not only was she a licensed attorney, she was also a certified public accountant. Her law practice had a focus on Bankruptcy and Estate Planning. She was a past Chair of the American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and a board member for both Michigan Indian Legal Services and Legal Services of Eastern Michigan.

Requirements

The following guidelines will be used in administering and making awards from the Beverly Clark & Lynnmarie Johnson American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Bar Study Scholarship.

Applicants must:

- Be an actively enrolled 3L law student in or a recent graduate of one of the law schools located in the State of Michigan.
- Compose and submit a Letter of Interest in the scholarship, which outlines your commitment to Indian Country and/or to Native American communities.
- Submit a current resume and a recent law school transcript.

Submission Deadline

Applications are due on January 25, 2021 at 5pm by email to amy.wesaw@nhbp-nsn.gov

Selection

The American Indian Law Section Council will select the recipient based on the above guidelines. Applicants will be notified via e-mail regarding their status after the selection committee has met.

Award

This shall be a one-time award, with the dollar amount and number of awards being based on the available funds each year. The aggregate total maximum award amount to be distributed shall be \$1500 per year to one or more recipients. e.g. Three Recipients * Three \$500 awards = \$1500.