



Non Profit Seeks Pro Bono Counsel to Review Its Diversity Scholarship Program

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Project Title

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Scope of Work

Non profit organization seeks a review of its scholarship program that includes the following: risk assessment, First Amendment protections, & grant v gift distinctions.

Timing

None

Jurisdiction

TX, Federal

Contact Information

Please contact Guerby Noel (guerby@lawfirmantiracismalliance.org) if you are interested in taking on this matter.

Description

Texas Appleseed is a research and policy organization dedicated to promoting social, economic, and racial justice for all Texans. Given the evolving legal landscape surrounding affirmative action and diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, Texas Appleseed is currently seeking a pro bono partner to review the structure and advertisement of our Diversity Legal Scholars Program. Our Diversity Legal Scholars program is designed to make law schools more accessible to low-income students of color. The program provides scholarships that cover the full

cost of a Kaplan LSAT preparation course, along with mentorship and access to an online community. Our goals are to protect against claims of racial discrimination while maintaining the integrity and purpose of our scholarship.

With this in mind, we are asking for assistance in 3 key areas:

1. **Risk Assessment:** Assess and highlight risks associated with the structure and advertisement of our Diversity Legal Scholars program within the changing landscape of race and the law.
2. **First Amendment Protections:** Provide an overview of the First Amendment protections afforded to 501(c)(3)s and advise regarding the best ways to leverage the charitable aspect of our organization.
3. **Grant vs. Gift Distinctions:** Advise on opportunities to clarify the nature of our scholarships to maximize legal protections and align with our mission.

Subtasks (0)