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MSU Law Announces New Scholarship Opportunities for Part-Time, Public Interest, and Career Transition Students

East Lansing, MI – Michigan State University College of Law Dean Joan W. Howarth has approved three new categories of scholarships to assist incoming MSU Law students. The Career-Transition Scholarships, Part-Time Program Scholarships, and Public Interest Scholarships and Stipends, which will be awarded to students entering the Law College in the fall 2010, are new MSU Law scholarships to recognize students based on their career situation and financial need.

"MSU Law is deeply committed to providing the highest quality legal education to students from all walks of life, no matter their economic circumstances," says Dean Howarth. "Today's economy makes these values more important than ever, so we are responding by creating three new categories of scholarships. Our new Career Transition Scholarships will help experienced adults make a transition to a career in law. Our new Part-time Program Scholarships will assist students who need to attend law school part-time, because of other obligations, including work. Our Public Interest Scholarships and Stipends will support students committed to public interest work, with scholarship aid and summer stipends. Our College and our profession will undoubtedly benefit from the successful and determined students who will qualify for these scholarships," she says.

Details of each scholarship are as follows:

- **Career Transition Scholarships:** To assist incoming law students who bring to the Law College a minimum of five years of full-time work experience, graduate study, or a similar amount of time as a full-time caregiver of a family member. As many as three Career-Transition Scholarships will be awarded annually, with awards up to \$17,000 per year.
- **Part-Time Program Scholarships:** To assist incoming law students whose work or family obligations require them to enroll in the Law College on a part-time basis during the day. As many as three Part-Time Scholarships will be awarded annually, with awards up to \$12,000 per year.
- **Public Interest Scholarships and Stipends:** To cover the cost of tuition for a three-credit-hour externship course (to be completed the summer following the first year of law school) and a stipend of \$3,000 to assist with summer living expenses associated with the externship. As many as five Public-Interest Scholarships/Stipends will be awarded annually.

To be considered for these awards, an applicant must submit a brief statement and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Individuals who are

provided other types of scholarship aid from the Law College will be exempted from consideration of these awards. The priority deadline for applying for these awards is February 15, 2010.

Additional information regarding these scholarships, other awards provided by the College of Law, and admissions standards and procedures may be obtained by contacting the [Office of Admissions](#).

[Michigan State University College of Law](#) is a leading institution of legal education with a long history of creating practice-ready attorneys. As one of a few private law schools affiliated with a major research university, MSU Law offers comprehensive interdisciplinary opportunities combined with a personalized legal education. After a hundred years as a private and independent Law College, the affiliation with MSU has put the Law College on an upward trajectory of national and international reputation and reach. MSU Law professors are gifted teachers and distinguished scholars. Law College curriculum is rigorous and challenging and the facility is equipped with the latest resources-all affirming MSU Law's commitment to educating 21st century lawyers.

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