

# FRANCES NEWELL CARR SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED BY WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

## **DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

In 1992, WLS established a scholarship in honor of Justice Frances Newell Carr. The daughter of migrant farm workers, Frances Newell Carr often switched schools and quickly learned to take advantage of whatever educational opportunities were available. Naturally competitive, she learned to cut more grapes than anyone else did by the time she was ten years old. She decided to become a lawyer because "all the important men were always lawyers." She worked her way through college and law school, graduating from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1948. She and another woman classmate had difficulty finding employment until they found a lawyer who offered to let them both work full-time for a single \$200 a month salary. Frances Newell Carr was a founding member of WLS and its first president. In 1975, she became the first woman appointed to the Sacramento County Superior Court. Five years later, she was elevated to the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, where she served until her death in 1991. The Frances Newell Carr Scholarship is awarded to a financially needy first or second year law student with an outstanding academic record. Special consideration is given to candidates who have overcome personal adversity.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to \$2,000

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 14, 2016

## **CRITERIA:**

This scholarship will be awarded to a financially needy student who currently is a first or second year law student (or third year in a four-year program) and has an outstanding academic record. Special consideration is given to candidates who have overcome personal adversity.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

If interested in applying for this scholarship, please e-mail the following information to Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen at [elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com) no later than March 14, 2016:

- 1) Name
- 2) Address
- 3) Phone Number
- 4) Email
- 5) Current resume, including academic record
- 6) List and describe affiliations with past and present organizations
- 7) Describe how you meet the criteria for the scholarship

The Frances Newell Carr Scholarship will be awarded October 27, 2016 at the WLS Luncheon at Lucca Restaurant.

**JEAN C. McEVOY SCHOLARSHIP  
PRESENTED  
BY WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO**

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

In 2013, Women Lawyers of Sacramento (WLS) established a memorial scholarship in honor of Jean C. McEvoy, President of Women Lawyers of Sacramento in 2002. Jean McEvoy was a fervent advocate for supporting rights and opportunities for women locally and internationally. On an international level, she was active in the Black Sash movement in South Africa which opposed apartheid. On the local level, she was instrumental in promoting Operation Protect and Defend, a program that teaches constitutional law to high school students. For years, Jean was responsible for overseeing the essay contest that was a part of that project.

A private attorney with exceptional legal skills, she was known for being compassionate and committed to assisting people in need as she strongly advocated for conservatees and minor children in guardianships. She skillfully guided clients through estate planning and probate matters. Jean McEvoy was unparalleled in her encouragement of other women in their professional careers.

In 2010, Jean McEvoy was the recipient of the organizations' highest honor, the Francis Newell Carr Award. In 2013, the Sacramento County Bar Association selected Jean C. McEvoy as its posthumous recipient of their Distinguished Attorney of the Year Award.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to \$2,000.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 14, 2016

**CRITERIA:** Beginning in 2014, this scholarship will be awarded to a financially needy law student currently in the first or second year (or third year of a four year program). The successful candidate will have an interest in pursuing a legal career in either probate or elder law, and/or has a demonstrated interest in assisting seniors and children in achieving stability in their lives. Special consideration will be given to individuals who have entered law as a second profession and/or began law school at the age of 35 or later in life.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Please e-mail the following information to Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen at [elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com) no later than March 14, 2016:

- 1) Name
- 2) Address
- 3) Phone Number
- 4) Email
- 5) Current resume
- 6) List and describe affiliations with past and present organizations
- 7) Describe how you meet the criteria for the scholarship

The Jean C. McEvoy Scholarship will awarded at the WLS Annual ArtFest in September 2016.

**KAREN PEDERSEN STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP  
PRESENTED BY WOMEN LAWYERS OF  
SACRAMENTO**

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:** In 2008, WLS established a memorial scholarship in honor of Karen Pedersen Stevens. A passionate advocate for women's rights, Karen Pedersen Stevens began her successful career and journey soon after graduating from Vassar College in 1966. While working at the State Capitol, she was instrumental in helping the Senate Judiciary Committee draft California's "no-fault" divorce law. In 1973, she graduated from McGeorge School of Law, and immediately began her involvement in promoting women in the profession. Karen Pedersen Stevens was a founding member of California Women Lawyers, and she later served as a president of Women Lawyers of Sacramento. Her service and dedication to the legal community included her participation on the Attorney General's Women's Rights Task Force, State Bar's Board of Governors, California Young Lawyers' Board of Governors, and UOP McGeorge School of Law Board of Directors. Karen Stevens was also active in local bar activities, serving on the Judiciary Committee and as a Sacramento County Bar Association (SCBA) board member and officer. She resigned from her position as First Vice President on SCBA's board of directors to concentrate on fighting her brief, but courageous, battle with pancreatic cancer. In 2007, SCBA selected Karen Stevens as the posthumous recipient of the Distinguished Attorney of the Year Award.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to \$2,000

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 14, 2016

**CRITERIA:** This scholarship will be awarded to a financially needy student who is currently a first or second year law student (or third year in a four-year program). The successful candidate will have an interest in pursuing a legal career in family law and/or has assisted women and/or children (i.e. dissolution process, adoptions, etc.). Special consideration will be given to individuals who have a desire to start their own family law practice.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Please e-mail the following information to Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen at [elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com) no later than March 14, 2016:

- 1) Name
- 2) Address
- 3) Phone Number
- 4) Email
- 5) Current resume
- 6) List and describe affiliations with past and present organizations
- 7) Describe how you meet the criteria for the scholarship

The Karen Pedersen Stevens Scholarship will be awarded at the Sacramento County Bar Association's Annual Bench-Bar Reception to be held tentatively in October 2016.

**MARGARET A. FLYNN SCHOLARSHIP  
PRESENTED BY  
WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO**

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:** The Margaret A. Flynn scholarship was established by WLS in 1983 in honor of Sacramento County's first woman judge. Her appointment to the Sacramento County Municipal Court bench in 1964 was the result of WLS's first organized effort to get a woman appointed to the bench. A graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law, Judge Flynn served as Deputy Legislative Counsel, Principal Research Attorney and Clerk of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. Judge Flynn had a quick mind, an assertive manner, and little patience for red tape detail. The Margaret A. Flynn Scholarship is awarded to a financially needy first or second year law student who has engaged in exemplary community service. Special consideration is given to candidates whose community service has benefited women and/or children.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to \$2,000

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 14, 2016

**CRITERIA:** This scholarship will be awarded to a financially needy student who is currently a first or second year law student (or third year in a four-year program). The successful candidate will have engaged in exemplary community service. Special consideration is given to candidates whose community service has benefited women and/or children.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** If interested in applying for this scholarship, please e-mail the following information to Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen at [elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com) no later than March 14, 2016:

- 1) Name
- 2) Address
- 3) Phone Number
- 4) Email
- 5) Current resume
- 6) List and describe affiliations with past and present organizations
- 7) Describe how you meet the criteria for the scholarship

The Margaret A. Flynn Scholarship will be awarded at the October 27, 2016 WLS Luncheon at Lucca Restaurant.

**VIRGINIA S. MUELLER SCHOLARSHIP  
PRESENTED BY  
WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO**

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

In 1997, Women Lawyers of Sacramento ("WLS") established a scholarship in honor of Virginia S. Mueller, a trail-blazing Sacramento lawyer who has worked tirelessly to advance the position of women in the legal profession. Ms. Mueller has practiced law for over half a century, having become a member of the California Bar upon graduation from Cornell University Law School in 1946. In 1959, despite her gender, she was hired as the first woman deputy in the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office because she was clearly the most qualified candidate. Virginia Mueller was a founding member of Women Lawyers of Sacramento and served as its second president. Through her leadership positions in Women Lawyers of Sacramento, the National Association of Women Lawyers and many other organizations, Ms. Mueller has vigorously worked to end all forms of discrimination against women.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to \$2000

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 14, 2016

**CRITERIA:**

This scholarship is available to third year day or fourth year evening students who will be sitting for the 2015 California bar examination. Special consideration is given to candidates who have worked to expand opportunities for historically disadvantaged persons, including women.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

To apply for the Virginia S. Mueller scholarship, please e-mail the following information to the WLS Grants and Awards Committee Co- Chair, Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen at [elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethdietzen@yahoo.com) no later than March 14, 2016:

- 1) Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address
- 2) Current resume
- 3) Whether or not you are receiving any assistance for expenses affiliated with the bar examination, including, but not limited to, stipends or reimbursement from potential employers
- 4) Describe and discuss your affiliations with past and present organizations
- 5) Describe how you have worked to expand opportunities for historically disadvantaged persons, including women.

This Scholarship will be awarded at the WLS monthly luncheon on April 28, 2016.

**WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO (WLS)  
SCHOLARSHIP  
PRESENTED BY  
WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO**

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

The WLS scholarship is awarded to a financially needy student who will be a first or second year law student in the Fall of 2016. The successful candidate will possess achievements that are consistent with WLS's goals of advancing the position of women in law and society.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:** Up to \$2,000

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 14, 2016

**CRITERIA:** This scholarship will be awarded to a financially needy student who is currently a first or second year law student (or third year in a four-year program) and whose achievements are consistent with WLS's goals of advancing the position of women in law and society.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

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- 4) Email
- 5) Current resume
- 6) List and describe affiliations with past and present organizations
- 7) Describe how you meet the criteria for the scholarship

The WLS Scholarship will be awarded at the Unity Bar Dinner to be held tentatively in October 2016.