

## **KAREN PEDERSEN STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP**

Presented by Women Lawyers of Sacramento

**DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:** In 2008, Women Lawyers of Sacramento (“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 \$2,500

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:** March 25, 2019

**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 Vanessa Raven, WLS Grants and Awards Committee Co-Chair, at [Vanessa.n.raven@gmail.com](mailto:Vanessa.n.raven@gmail.com) no later than March 25, 2019:

- 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 April 25, 2019 at the WLS Luncheon at Lucca Restaurant.