

Winstead Names Recipients of 2017 Juris Doctor Scholarship

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DALLAS, April 28, 2017 – Winstead PC is pleased to announce two recipients of the 2017 Juris Doctor Scholarships, a program designed to benefit outstanding first-year ethnically diverse law students. The scholarship recipients are **Jaqueline Del Villar** from the University of Houston Law Center and **Aaron Diggins** from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

The Winstead Juris Doctor Scholarship assists exceptional first-year ethnically diverse law students at U of H and SMU. The scholarship selection process begins with submission of a written application, a 500-word personal statement, a transcript of first-semester grades, and the candidate's resume. In addition to a cash award, each winner is offered a position in Winstead's Summer Associate Program. This is the 10th year of Winstead's Juris Doctor Scholarship program. "We are pleased to provide this recognition and support to these outstanding students," noted Yasmin Atasi, who chairs the firm's diversity recruitment & outreach program. "Our goal is to provide resources and experience so these bright students may develop into the exceptional attorneys we know they can be."

A unique feature of Winstead's scholarship award is a \$1,500 grant presented to each winner's student interest group of choice. In the case of this year's winners, Winstead will present \$1,500 to the Hispanic Law Students Association at University of Houston Law Center on behalf of Del Villar and the Black Law Students Association at SMU on behalf of Diggins.

Del Villar and Diggins will be honored at two separate receptions hosted by Winstead the week of April 24, in the firm's Dallas and Houston offices. The receptions give the winners and their families, the law school staff, and Winstead clients and attorneys a chance to meet and celebrate the accomplishments of the scholarship winners.

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