

**Bi-Annual Beverly Clark & Lynnmarie Johnson  
American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan  
Bar Study Scholarship**

**Background**

**Beverly Clark** (Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Sarnia Reserve).  
Mary 21, 1939 - February 16, 2013.

Beverly received her BA in 1961 and her MA in 1963 from the University of Michigan. Prior to entering into the practice of law, Beverly was a public school teacher. She received her JD from Wayne State University in 1972. Her law practice focused on family law in the Detroit area. In 1983, Beverly became the first woman President of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (now known as the Michigan Association for Justice). She served on the Detroit Human Relations Commission as a Chair and Vice-Chair. She was the first Native American Commissioner for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and served between 1982 and 1991. She was the 2006 awardee of the American Indian Law Section's Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award and served on the Board for Michigan Indian Legal Services.

**Lynnmarie Johnson** (Saginaw Chippewa descendant).  
December 15, 1960 – July 21, 2015.

Lynnmarie was born in Flint, Michigan, and was a resident of the Flint area all of her life. On February 23, 1980, she married Michael Bryan Johnson. Lynnmarie received her BBA from the University of Michigan in 1991, after receiving her AA, with honors, in 1989 from Mott Community College. Lynnmarie graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1994. Not only was she a licensed attorney, but she was also a certified public accountant. Her law practice had a focus on Bankruptcy and Estate Planning. She was a past Chair of the American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and a board member for both Michigan Indian Legal Services and Legal Services of Eastern Michigan.

**Requirements**

The following guidelines will be used in administering and making awards from the Beverly Clark & Lynnmarie Johnson American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan Bar Study Scholarship.

Applicants must:

- Be an actively enrolled 3L law student in or a recent law school graduate.
- Intend to sit for the Michigan Bar Examination.
- Compose and submit a Letter of Interest in the scholarship, which outlines your commitment to Indian Country and/or to Native American communities.
- Submit a current resume and a recent law school transcript.

### **Submission Deadline**

Applications are due for the 2024 January scholarship by January 5, 2024, at 5 p.m. EST and shall be submitted by email to [kpetersen@rosettela.com](mailto:kpetersen@rosettela.com)

Applications are due for the 2024 June scholarship by June 5, 2024, at 5 p.m. EST and shall be submitted by email to [kpetersen@rosettela.com](mailto:kpetersen@rosettela.com)

### **Selection**

The American Indian Law Section Council will select the recipient based on the above guidelines. Applicants will be notified via e-mail regarding their status after the selection committee has met. Applicants will be asked to attend the annual meeting of the section that is held in the fall of each year to be acknowledged as the scholarship recipient(s).

### **Award**

There may be one or more scholarships awarded bi-annually, with the dollar amount and number of awards during each period being based on the available funds each year as determined by the Section Council. The aggregate total maximum award amount to be distributed for each year shall be \$3,000 to one or more recipients as determined by the Section Council.