

## Insights

### **Krieg DeVault, along with clients Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. and Cummins Inc., award \$10,000 in Diversity based scholarships**

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Indianapolis, Indiana - On Friday, March 6, 2009, Krieg DeVault, in partnership with clients Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. ("Rolls-Royce") and Cummins Inc. ("Cummins"), awarded \$10,000 in scholarship money as part of the firm's inaugural 2009 Diversity Scholarship program.

Mr. Vijay Patel and Ms. Yonghao Hou, both students at Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis were selected by Krieg DeVault, Rolls-Royce, and Cummins for their initiatives in exemplifying and furthering diversity at their law school as well as to outstanding academic and personal achievement. Law students from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis, Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington, Valparaiso University School of Law, and Notre Dame Law School were eligible to submit scholarship applications.

Krieg DeVault partnered with Rolls-Royce to award a \$5,000 general legal diversity scholarship to a law student and Krieg DeVault and Cummins awarded a \$5,000 Intellectual Property diversity scholarship to a law student with interest in pursuing intellectual property law. Both corporations were invited to be scholarship partners because of the level of dedication each demonstrates by a long standing commitment to attracting a qualified and diverse work force, including seeking and retaining attorneys with diverse backgrounds.

"We feel that partnering with Krieg DeVault in awarding a diversity focused scholarship was the perfect fit for our organization," said Angela McDonald-Fisher, legal counsel for Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. "There is a natural match between Krieg DeVault's diversity vision and the diversity goals of Rolls-Royce."

"Cummins is delighted to partner in awarding an Intellectual Property focused diversity scholarship", said Bruce Schelkopf, Chief Counsel of Global Intellectual Property and President of Cummins Intellectual Property, Inc. "The program highlights an important need and further demonstrates the importance of diversity in both of our organizations."

#### **About the scholarship recipients**

Ms. Yonghao Hou is expected to earn her Juris Doctor from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis in 2010. She has served as patent agent and law clerk for both Sommer Barnard PC (now Taft Law) and Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, a Research Associate at Indiana University School of Medicine, and a Postdoctoral Research Associate at



Washington University School of Medicine. Hou earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Virology and Molecular Biology from Wuhan University in Wuhan, China in 1994, her Master of Science degree in Immunology and Molecular Virology from the Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Preventive Medicine in Beijing, China in 1997, and her PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the Indiana University School of Medicine - Indianapolis in 2002. She is fluent in English and Chinese.

Mr. Vijay Patel is the Asian Law Student Association President and a Moot Court Society Member at Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis. He has served as a Summer Law Clerk for British Petroleum Legal Department, Law Clerk for Wright and Associates, and a Litigation Support Associate for Sidley Austin LLP in California. He is a current student member of the Indianapolis American Inn of Court. Patel earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at the University of Southern California in 2007 and is expected to earn his Juris Doctor from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis in 2010. He is fluent in English, Gujarati, and Hindi.

### **About Krieg DeVault LLP**

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