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### **Students Receive Donald W. Banner Corporate Intern Scholarship**

*Foundation awards two law students \$10,000 scholarships for outstanding performance in a corporate intellectual property law department internship.*

**Washington, DC, December 3** - Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation announced the winners of the 2008 Donald W. Banner Corporate Intern Scholarship today. Students Julia Kane and Kimberly Peaslee were selected to receive \$10,000 scholarships in recognition of their outstanding performance during a corporate intellectual property law internship. The students will receive their awards and be recognized for their accomplishments during a luncheon today in Washington, DC.

The mission of the scholarship program is to assist law students pursuing intellectual property law careers with their educational expenses and to encourage law students to seek internships with corporate intellectual property law departments. To increase awareness about corporate internship programs, the Foundation publishes a list of companies that offer IP department internships.

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Kane performed an internship with Microsoft Corporation and is expected to receive her Juris Doctor degree and Master's degree in Computer Science from Stanford Law School in June 2010. Kane has a Bachelor's degree in Math with Computer Science and a Master's degree in Planetary Astronomy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During her internship she helped create a Digital Rights Management (DRM) classification scheme and worked on copyright and trademark licensing issues, patent portfolio mapping, client counseling and legal research. Regarding her internship, Kane said, "Microsoft opened a new set of opportunities for me within the realm of intellectual property: a realm I look forward to exploring further."

Peaslee's award is based on her two internships with Merck & Co., Inc. She is expected to receive her Juris Doctor degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in May. Peaslee has a Doctorate degree in Chemistry from Dartmouth College. During her internship Peaslee worked on patent prosecution drafting a patent application for a process involving monoclonal antibodies. She also conducted prior art searches and helped to prepare clearance opinions. Concerning a career in intellectual property, Peaslee said, "I am hopeful that as an intellectual property owner's advocate I can help educate the public as to the many positive aspects of our patent system. Ultimately, I hope to be involved in legislation and policy-making to help innovators of all kinds realize their full potential."

The Foundation Board of Directors established the scholarship in honor of Donald W. Banner (1924-2006), a corporate intellectual property counsel, professor, U.S. Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, and co-founder of Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO). Mr. Banner was known worldwide as an advocate for effective intellectual property rights.

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## **About IPO Education Foundation**

Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to educational and charitable activities designed to improve intellectual property rights. IPO Foundation conducts programs to:

- Broaden public understanding of systems for protecting intellectual property;
- Sponsor awards for the purpose of recognizing outstanding achievement in the fields of invention, creativity, and IP rights; and
- Publish reports dealing with legal, economic, and other aspects of intellectual property.

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