

Foundation of the FBA Presents 2017 McNew Scholarship to Valerie Brummel of Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

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Sharon O'Grady is the president of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association. She has served as a deputy attorney general for the state of California since 2013. Prior to that she was in private practice for more than 30 years, most recently with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLC.

The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association is pleased to announce that Valerie Brummel of Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law is the 2017 recipient of the Robert A. McNew Law Student Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to a current law student who is a Federal Bar Association law student associate member in good standing. Applicants must exhibit professionalism and integrity in their personal and professional lives as demonstrated in their application materials. In a pool of well-qualified applicants, Brummel stood out.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Brummel worked as a summer associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and served as a judicial extern to Hon. Robert M. Dow Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She has secured a judicial clerkship with Hon. Milton Shadur of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois after her graduation from law school in May 2017.

Brummel is a founder and served as the first president of the Federal Bar Association Law School Division Chapter at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. Under her leadership, in a single semester the new chapter sponsored three successful events. She has a wealth of extracurricular experience, much of it focused on teaching and mentoring her peers.

During college, she served as a legislative intern, first to Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich., 1979-2015) and later to Rep. John David Dingell Jr. (D-Mich., 1955-2015), giving her an opportunity to observe the federal government at work and to learn the power of the federal government to create change at a local level. She hopes to use her law degree to influence law and public policy, and to use the law as a vehicle for positive change.

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