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FY18 Diversity Grant Recipients

Minnesota Chapter *(June)*

Twin Cities Asian Pacific American Community Outreach and Diversity Programming on Economic Espionage and National Security: Bias in the Criminal Justice System?

The chapter will host a community-based program on the topic of bias in the criminal justice system as it relates to the ever-emerging issue of economic espionage and national security. The target audience for our program will be our Twin Cities population of A.P.A.s and Asian immigrants working in the S.T.E.M. industries as well as local attorneys interested in both the topic and service to those communities.

Middle District of Florida Chapter *(December)*

Pathway to the Bankruptcy Bench: Building a Pipeline

The program's overarching objective is to create diversity on the bench of the Bankruptcy Courts. The Courts of Appeals and District Courts though by no means as diverse as we would like-are much farther along than the bankruptcy bench in reflecting the populations they serve. For example, out of the 373 or so bankruptcy judges in the nation, only 13 are African American. The immediate objective of the program is to create interest in the practice of bankruptcy law by diverse young lawyers and law students so as to attempt to create a "pipeline." You see, the main impediment to diversity in the bankruptcy bench is lack of diverse candidates.

Minnesota Chapter *(December)*

Four-Part Hate Crime CLE Series

This grant will be used to support a series of four CLEs in the District of Minnesota on the topic of hate crimes. By choosing four different locations and subtopics, we hope to inform a variety of audiences on this critical issue, including practicing lawyers, federal judges, law students, and members of the broader community. We also hope these events will promote awareness, participation and diversity in our local chapter and help recruit new members. Grant funding will pay for seminar hospitality costs and travel expenses for some of the proposed speakers at these events.