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LEGACY OF THE INDIANA LAWYERS ALLIANCE TO CONTINUE WITH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AT THE INDIANA BAR FOUNDATION

The Indiana Lawyers Alliance (ILA) formally dissolved the 46-year-old organization at its recent general membership meeting held during the Indiana State Bar Association's fall meeting. Citing declining membership and leadership, the Board of Directors and members voted to disband the organization and use its remaining funds to establish an endowment with the Indiana Bar Foundation's Cornerstone Society to be used for law school scholarships.

The annual scholarship, the Jack Lyle Scholarship Sponsored by the Indiana Lawyers Alliance, will be awarded to a student or students studying at one of the four American Bar Association Accredited Law Schools in Indiana. The scholarships will be awarded based on need, academic record and intentions to stay in Indiana after graduation.

"As you can imagine, this has been a difficult time for all involved, both those making the decisions and those supporting the decisions. But together . . . we believe we have fashioned an enduring way to continue the ILA legacy and its commitment to the legal community," said Melba Hopper, President of the Indiana Lawyers Alliance.

"While we are losing an organization that has been a tremendous asset to the legal community for 46 years, we are pleased to assist the Indiana Lawyers Alliance continue its commitment through this scholarship fund. We are also fortunate that many of the ILA members will continue their involvement with law-related education programs through the Indiana State Bar Association and the Foundation," said Charles Dunlap, Executive Director of the Indiana Bar Foundation.

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