



## ***OACTA Hilary S. Taylor Inclusion and Equity Scholarship***

The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) is pleased to announce, the OACTA Inclusion and Equity Scholarship has been re-named the ***OACTA Hilary S. Taylor Inclusion and Equity Scholarship***.

Mr. Hilary S. Taylor served as chair of OACTA's Diversity Committee from 2010-2017, was a member of the OACTA Board of Trustees in 2017 and was the recipient of the OACTA Frank Seth Hurd Member of the Year Award in 2014. Under Mr. Taylor's leadership, OACTA developed a Diversity Statement, initiated a Diversity Committee, was nationally recognized in 2011 as the recipient of the DRI (Defense Research Institute) State and Local Defense Organization Diversity Award, developed the OACTA Foundation to provide a funding source for the scholarship, and provided financial support to twenty-two (24) law students, to date, all in an effort to support and promote inclusion and equity in our profession and in the community.

OACTA Law Student Inclusion & Equity Scholarships are open to the following incoming second and third year law students who are enrolled in an Ohio law school or are a permanent Ohio resident: Minority law students; LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) law students, regardless of race or ethnicity; Female law students, regardless of race or ethnicity; or, Law students from economically impoverished families/backgrounds, regardless of race or ethnicity. The criteria include academic achievements; service to the community and to the cause of inclusion and equity; and experience or interest in a civil defense practice. Since established in 2011, OACTA has distributed twenty-two (24) scholarships to students at six (6) different Ohio law schools, totaling \$37,500.

Funding for these scholarships is provided by The OACTA Foundation. The OACTA Foundation, established in 2016, is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, funding projects consistent with the mission of OACTA. The scholarship was instrumental in the development of the OACTA Foundation.

Mr. Taylor and his family were present for the scholarship re-naming at the OACTA Legal Excellence Awards Luncheon on November 21, 2019.



