



## The King Scholars Program

The Dean Charles H. King Scholars Program recognizes and supports a select group of highly talented students whose application credentials suggest that they will become the academic leaders at MSU College of Law. The King Scholars Program provides multiple benefits to students who participate, including a full-tuition scholarship that is renewable for up to 88 credit hours, the opportunity to participate in specialized professional development opportunities, recognition at the honors convocation at graduation, and designation as a King Scholar on the Law College transcript. With approximately 20 in each class, King Scholars are able to form cohesive and lasting personal and professional relationships with one another and with members of the faculty.

### Opportunities and Benefits of Participation

- One-on-one advising with the King Scholars Program director
- Special presentations during the first semester by, for example, *Michigan State Law Review* and Moot Court & Advocacy Board representatives, the assistant dean for career development, and Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge David McKeague
- Assignment of a King Scholar student mentor during the 1L year
- Online publication of the King Scholars senior writing seminar paper

### Program Courses

- *Perspectives on Law for King Scholars*: This optional one-credit legal book discussion class is offered to 1Ls in the spring.
- *King Scholars Jurisprudence*: This exclusive two-credit course is taught only to King Scholars in their 2L year.
- *King Scholars Seminar*: King Scholars fulfill the program's final paper requirement through this two-credit senior writing seminar during their last regular semester at the Law College. Past King Scholar senior seminar papers include the following (visit [www.law.msu.edu/king](http://www.law.msu.edu/king) for a full list):
  - "Ten Years After *Brogan v. United States*: An Empirical Look at the 'False Statements' Statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1001"
  - "The Supreme Court's Misstep: Revisiting the Holding of Corporation of *Presiding Bishop of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints v. Amos* to Formulate an Appropriate Definition of 'Nonprofit' Activity"
  - "Should Former Gang Members be Eligible for Asylum?: The Way Immigration Judges Currently Decide the Issue and Necessary Changes to the Current Scheme"

### Academic Performance Requirements for Continuation

In order to remain in the program, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher and complete all required academic courses and activities from the time they enter the program until graduation. (Note: A King Scholar whose GPA falls below 3.50 but not below 3.0 will be permitted to retain the full-tuition scholarship, but will not be able to participate in the King Scholars Program.)

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King Scholars consistently form a core group of academic leaders in each class of the student body. Participation in the program helps ensure that King Scholars are well-prepared for careers in top law firms, judicial clerkships, and other prominent positions across the country. Positions held by MSU Law graduates who were King Scholars include:

- Mergers and acquisitions attorney, Ernst & Young, New York City
  - Clerk for the Honorable David W. McKeague of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
  - Clerk for the Honorable Raymond W. Gruender of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
  - Assistant U.S. Attorney at U.S. Attorney's Office in Tucson, Arizona
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