

# Nexsen Pruet Diversity Scholarship - 2008 Recipients



**Tamekia L. Brandon**

Law School: North Carolina Central University School of Law

Hometown: Durham, NC



**Rasheim Donaldson**

Law School: Wake Forest University School of Law

Hometown: New York, New York



**Courtney D. Earle**

Law School: University of South Carolina School of Law

Hometown: Columbia, SC



**Melissa Garcia**

Law School: University of South Carolina School of Law

Hometown: Summerville, SC

*Not pictured*

**Precious Green**

Law School: North Carolina Central University School of Law

Hometown: Columbia, SC

**Ana-Cristina Jimenez**

Law School: Wake Forest University School of Law

Hometown: Miami, FL



**Danielle McLean**

Law School: University of North Carolina School of Law

Hometown: Rowland, NC



**Nader Raja**

Law School: Wake Forest University School of Law

Hometown: Fairfax, VA



**Azaria Tesfa**

Law School: Wake Forest University School of Law

Hometown: Baltimore, MD



**Neubia Williams**

Law School: Wake Forest University School of Law

Hometown: Wilmington, NC



# Nexsen Pruet Awards Six Scholarships to Minority Law School Students

February 10, 2009

**Nexsen Pruet announced today that six minority law school students from North and South Carolina have earned scholarships through the firm's Diversity Scholarship Program.**

Nexsen Pruet annually awards scholarships to exceptional minority students who are entering their first year of law school and planning careers in North or South Carolina. In addition to the \$3,000 scholarship, the students may be considered for summer employment in one of the firm's eight offices.

"We believe strongly that our firm – and the entire legal profession – should mirror the communities and individuals we serve," said W. Leighton Lord, chairman of the board of Nexsen Pruet. "This program reflects that belief and underscores our ongoing commitment to diversity and the far-reaching benefits it provides."

The 2009 scholarship recipients include:

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| <p>Kenny Gardner<br/>Charleston School of Law</p>  | <p>Mariama A. Jefferson<br/>Charleston School of Law</p>  | <p>Sul Kim<br/>USC School of Law</p>            |
| <p>Danielle McLean<br/>UNC School of Law</p>      | <p>Tommy Preston, Jr.<br/>USC School of Law</p>          | <p>Robert P. Zuniga<br/>USC School of Law</p>  |

Students attending North Carolina Central University School of Law, the University of North Carolina at



Chapel Hill School of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, the University of South Carolina School of Law, and Charleston Law School are eligible.

Anyone interested in learning more about the **Nexsen Pruet Diversity Scholarships** can contact the firm via email at [diversity@nexsenpruet.com](mailto:diversity@nexsenpruet.com) or [click here](#).

#### **About Nexsen Pruet**

**Nexsen Pruet, LLC** is one of the largest law firms in the Carolinas, with more than 170 attorneys and offices in Columbia, Charleston, Greenville, Hilton Head, and Myrtle Beach, S.C., as well as Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh, N.C. Founded in 1945, Nexsen Pruet provides a broad range of legal services to the business community and represents companies and other entities in local, state, national, and international venues.

# Nexsen Pruet Awards Diversity Scholarships

Attorneys

Columbia ■ April 28, 2010

- Tushar Chikhliker

Nexsen Pruet is pleased to announce that the firm has awarded law school scholarships to three minority students from North and South Carolina.



The awards are made possible through the Nexsen Pruet Diversity Scholarship Program.

## 2010 Diversity Scholarship Recipients

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| <b>Andrew Charles Cooper</b>  | <b>Kenny Gardner</b>  | <b>Tiffany Rene Johnson</b>  |
| Univ. of South Carolina School of Law   | Charleston School of Law  | Wake Forest Univ. School of Law  |

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Each year, Nexsen Pruet awards scholarships to exceptional minority law school students who are planning legal careers in the Carolinas. In addition to the \$3,000 award, the students may be considered for summer employment in one of the firm's eight offices.

"Our commitment to diversity has far-reaching benefits in the communities where we work and live," said John Sowards, chairman of the board of Nexsen Pruet. "But, we understand that a scholarship program alone can not fix all of the socioeconomic disparities that persist in our country."

Students who attend North Carolina Central University School of Law, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, the University of South Carolina School of Law, and Charleston Law School are eligible to apply for the yearly scholarships. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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# Law Students Head Back to Class with Scholarship from Nexsen Pruet

Attorneys

- Helen Grant

August 15, 2011

Nexsen Pruet is pleased to announce that three law school students are headed back to class as recipients of the firm's 2011 Diversity Scholarships.



Annually, Nexsen Pruet awards scholarships to exceptional minority law school students who are planning legal careers in the Carolinas. In addition to the \$3,000 award, the students may be considered for summer employment in one of the firm's eight offices.

"From the Carolinas to California, diversity is sorely lacking in law practices," said Helen Grant, who leads Nexsen Pruet's diversity efforts. "In order to enhance the communities where we work and live, it's up to firms like ours to be proactive in the education, recruitment and retention of promising young attorneys from all walks of life."



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Deven S. Gray earned her undergraduate degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. She began law school at the University of South Carolina, but transferred to Duke University's School of Law this summer and expects to graduate in 2013. As a law student, she served the Midlands and Lowcountry of South Carolina through work with City Year in Columbia and the Lowcountry Food Bank in Charleston.

Fallon J. Speaker earned her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is working to graduate from the UNC Law School in 2013. As a law student, she has provided more than 100 hours of pro bono work to organizations such as the Innocence Project, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Guardian ad Litem.

Tansy Woan earned her undergraduate and masters degrees from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She began her law school career at the UNC Law School, but transferred to University of Pennsylvania Law School and is working toward graduation in 2013. Woan has been actively involved at school and in her community through work with the Take Back America Conference, *Asian Outlook* magazine and as well as Binghamton's Policy Debate Team.

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# Nexsen Pruet Sends Law Students Back to School with Diversity Scholarships



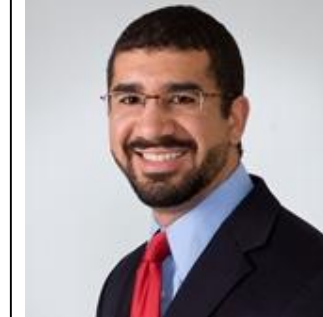
Attorneys

- Helen Grant

August 23, 2012

Nexsen Pruet is pleased to announce that Darrious Baker, Rachel Nicholas and Cameron Tanner have earned the firm's 2012 Diversity Scholarships. The awards are given annually to exceptional minority law students planning legal careers in the Carolinas.



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| <b>Darrious Baker</b>   | <b>Rachel Nicholas</b>  | <b>Cameron Tanner</b>  |
| University of SC  | University of NC  | Wake Forest University   |
| School of Law   | School of Law   | School of Law  |

In addition to the \$3,000 scholarship, the recipients may also be considered for summer employment in one of Nexsen Pruet's eight offices in North and South Carolina.

"We are committed to diversity in our firm – and in the legal profession as a whole – and believe we have an obligation to promote it in any way possible," said [Helen Grant](#), who leads Nexsen Pruet's diversity initiatives. "This honor underscores that dedication, and enables is to provide more and better opportunities to deserving law students."

Baker is a student at the [University of South Carolina School of Law](#). He earned his undergraduate degree from USC and a Master of Human Resources from the university's Darla Moore School of Business. Before attending law school, he had broad experience in the employment field, serving as director of human resources for the Chester County Schools; as director of the support staff for Barnwell School District 45; and as a human relations professional with International Paper.

Nicholas is a student at the [University of North Carolina School of Law](#). She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her master's from East Carolina University. As an undergraduate, she served as the first African-American student representative on the Lloyd International Honors College and as student body attorney general. She is also a member of the Pro Bono Committee in the Black Law Students Association and taught second grade thought the national service corp program [Teach for America](#).

Tanner attends the [Wake Forest University School of Law](#). He earned her undergraduate degree from Bowling Green University and taught high school for three years in Dorchester District 4. While there, he also started and coached the school's first soccer program and advised the Interact Club, a student organization focused on community service. Tanner earned

awards that included Rookie Teacher of the Year, as well as certificates of appreciation for excellence in student leadership.

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