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David Shrager honors father's legacy with HSBD Scholarship

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Attorney David Shrager of Shrager Defense Attorneys has created an annual scholarship to enable a member of the ACBA's Homer S. Brown Division (HSBD) to attend the annual Bench-Bar Conference. The scholarship will cover registration to the bar association's biggest event as well as hotel room fees.

Shrager said the scholarship is intended to honor and preserve the memory of his father Donald, who died in August 2019, as well as promote diversity at the conference. Shrager shared the Bench-Bar experience with his father every year since he became an attorney until 2018, the last time Donald was able to attend.

"Because of COVID, the last Bench-Bar was in 2019," David said. "Dad was in the hospital that year. He worked as a personal injury lawyer for over 50 years, up to age 81, until he fell and broke his hip. He loved coming into the office every day, even with his oxygen tank. He loved the law and he loved Bench-Bar."

"The Homer S. Brown Division of the ACBA is grateful to attorney David - Shrager for his generous support of both the division and its involvement in the Annual Bench-Bar conference," said Morgan Moody, HSBD Chair. "The HSBD typically provides a scholarship each year to one of its members to attend the Bench-Bar Conference and we're thrilled to have David cover those costs this year."

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"The Bench-Bar Conference is a memorable, educational and fun-filled event that many of us look forward to each year," said Moody. "As someone who has regularly attended Bench-Bar and currently serves on the planning committee, I am extremely happy that we will once again be able to provide a black attorney with the opportunity to attend the Bench-Bar Conference."

"I know my fellow ACBA members would agree that further diversifying this event will only add to its overall quality and success. We at the HSBD thank attorney Shrager for his efforts to support diversity within the ACBA and more specifically the Bench-Bar Conference."

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a member of the Homer S. Brown Division, must have been in practice for 10 years or less and must not have an employer who will cover their cost to attend. The application can be found on the Homer S. Brown Division page on the ACBA website at *ACBA.org*. The deadline to apply is May 6, 2022.