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Bingham, Howard Launch Diversity Fellowship:

Partnership with Howard University School of Law Will Provide \$10,000 Tuition Grant, Summer-Associate Position to First-Year Student in Firm's D.C. Office; Aims To Promote Diversity Among New Generation of Leaders in Legal Profession

WASHINGTON (February 5, 2008) – Bingham McCutchen LLP has launched the Bingham McCutchen Howard University School of Law 1L Diversity Fellowship, the most recent example of Bingham's commitment to recruiting, retaining and advancing lawyers who will contribute to the diversity of the firm and legal profession.

The fellowship will provide one candidate from the Howard University School of Law with a summer-associate position at Bingham's Washington, D.C., office upon successful completion of the first year of law school. The candidate then will receive a \$10,000 tuition grant at the end of that summer. The fellowship is renewable for the third year of law school.

"This fellowship significantly enhances Bingham's strong ties to the Howard University School of Law, and it underscores the firm's commitment to diversity in the legal profession," said Bingham partner Thurgood Marshall Jr., co-chair of the Washington office Hiring Committee. "This program recognizes the important role that Howard plays in developing top-flight legal talent."

The fellowship is part of Bingham's continued dedication to maintaining a diverse workplace as it has expanded to 13 offices worldwide. Women make up 38 percent of Bingham's lawyers, and 16 percent are minorities. In 2007, 56 percent of the firm's summer associates were women, and 37 percent were minorities.

Bingham has been ranked by *Multicultural Law* magazine as one of the top 25 U.S. law firms for diversity. It recently was named for the fourth straight year as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" by *FORTUNE* magazine.

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“Bingham has become an outstanding partner with our school in nurturing a new generation of leaders in the legal profession,” said Kurt Schmoke, dean of the Howard University School of Law. “The fellowship that Bingham recently announced demonstrates its ongoing commitment to promote diversity and support the talented young people who comprise the Howard Law student body. Since its founding in 1869, our law school has been at the forefront of legal education and has graduated more African-American lawyers and judges than any other law school in the United States. We remain true to our mission of training lawyers to be excellent practitioners and social engineers.”

Applications for the 2008 fellowship will be accepted until February 15, and the recipient will be notified by March 7. Visit www.bingham.com/howardfellowship.html for more information.

Bingham McCutchen LLP – www.bingham.com – is a national law firm with global capabilities, with nearly 1,000 attorneys in 13 offices. The firm represents clients in cross-border restructurings and insolvencies, high-stakes litigation, complex financing and regulatory matters, government affairs, and a wide variety of sophisticated corporate and technology transactions.

Howard University is a private, comprehensive research university that is comprised of 12 schools and colleges. Founded in 1867, students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Since 1998, the University has produced two Rhodes Scholars, a Truman Scholar, a Marshall Scholar, 19 Fulbright Scholars and 10 Pickering Fellows. Howard also produces more on-campus African-American Ph.D. recipients than any other university in the United States. For more information on Howard University, call 202-238-2330, or visit the University’s Web site, www.howard.edu.

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