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Joseph P. Mettner Foundation Awards 2019 Scholarship to Hannah Stewart

Madison, WI. – The Joseph P. Mettner Foundation (jPMF) has announced that it is awarding its Annual jPMF Scholarship to Hannah Stewart, from DePere, Wisconsin, a third year law student at the University of Wisconsin Law School. The \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to law students planning careers in public service, and honors the life of Joe Mettner, also from DePere, who held a passion for public policy and was a devoted public servant himself.

“We continue to be impressed with the quality of applicants pursuing careers in public service at the University of Wisconsin Law School. The future public law and policy leaders are well prepared to carry on the tradition of the Joseph Mettner Foundation,” said Michelle Mettner, who, along with friends of Joe, formed the foundation in honor of her late husband.

“Hannah is a great example of the future lawyers the Foundation seeks to support --- a commitment to public service and high value in equitable application of the judicial process in criminal justice arena”, said Ms. Mettner.

Hannah seeks to return to the Green Bay area and work for the District Attorney’s office upon graduation. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service and has interned with the US Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Wisconsin; worked to support the Wisconsin Public Interest Law Foundation and volunteered as an Income Tax Assistant with the Richard Dilley Tax Center, preparing taxes for low income individuals and families. “I am honored to receive this scholarship and carry on Joseph Mettner’s legacy of public service. This award will allow me to continue my work towards a legal career that promotes the Foundation’s ideal of service,” said Ms. Stewart.

The jPMF was created in 2010 to honor the life of Joe Mettner by providing financial assistance to law students in need who are pursuing a career in public service. He attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration (1986) and a juris doctorate (1992). He began working for Governor Tommy Thompson while still in law school and, in 1993, Governor Thompson appointed him to serve as a Commissioner on the Tax Appeals Commission. He served in that role until 1996, when he was appointed as one of three members—and later as chairman—of the state's Public Service Commission.

Past jPMF Scholarship Recipients:

2011 - Jamie Yoon

2012 - Scott Zehr

2013 - Colin McGinn

2014 - Sydney Hawthorne

2015 - Michael Polich

2016 - Whitney Ederer

2017 - Marisol Gonzalez Castillo

2018 – Robert Lundberg