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STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION DONATES \$10,000 TO ESTABLISH LORRAINE POWER THARP SCHOLARSHIP WITH THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

*Annual Scholarship Available to Second- and Third-year Students Attending
Law Schools in New York State*

The New York Bar Foundation has established *The Real Property Law Section Lorraine Power Tharp Scholarship* with a gift of \$10,000 from the State Bar's Real Property Law Section. The scholarship has been created to honor the memory of former community leader and attorney, Lorraine Power Tharp, who previously served as president of the New York State Bar Association (2002-03) and as chair of the Real Property Law Section.

An annual scholarship, valued at \$1,500, will be awarded to a second- or third-year law student who best exemplifies the core values important to Ms. Tharp—academic excellence, a demonstrated interest in public service, high integrity and, if possible, an interest in real property law. This year's scholarship will be applied to the student's 2010/2011 academic year tuition.

Foundation President M. Catherine Richardson (Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC, Syracuse) said, "We are grateful to the Real Property Law Section for its gift to establish a scholarship in memory of Lorraine Power Tharp. She was a true leader who continually demonstrated her love for the law and the legal profession. Her commitment to serving her community and the Greater Capital Region was evidenced by the numerous volunteer leadership positions she held throughout her lifetime."

The deadline for submission of applications for this year's scholarship is September 30, 2010. Scholarship guidelines and an application can be accessed at www.tnybf.org or by calling 518/487-5651. Efforts will be made to honor Ms. Tharp's commitment to gender equality and diversity in the profession. To ensure geographic diversity, The Foundation will strive to select students attending New York law schools in different counties each year so that students from all

areas of the state will be able to benefit from the scholarship. A preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

“The Real Property Law Section is pleased to establish this scholarship in memory of our dear friend and colleague, Lorraine Power Tharp, who passed away in 2008,” said Real Property Law Section Chair Anne Reynolds Copps (Law Office of Anne Reynolds Copps). “Through the scholarship, the section’s members aspire to provide financial support to students attending law school today while at the same time honoring Lorraine’s extraordinary commitment to her profession and, in particular, to her practice of real property law.”

Ms. Tharp was born in Staten Island, but grew up in Massena, New York. She graduated from Smith College, after spending her junior year in Geneva, Switzerland at the Institute des Hautes Etudes Internationales, and received her J.D. from Cornell Law School. Following graduation, she worked in New York City with the firm of Wickes, Riddell, Bloomer, Jacobi & McGuire (subsequently merged into Morgan, Lewis & Bockius) where she was the firm’s first female associate attorney. She moved to the Capital District and worked at McNamee Lochner Titus and Williams, where she was also that firm’s first female associate. At the time of her death, Ms. Tharp was a partner in the firm of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, in Albany, and was the chair of the firm’s real estate practice group.

Elected in 1994 to membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Ms. Tharp was a fellow, director and treasurer of The New York Bar Foundation and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She also was a member of the American Bar Association, where she served as a delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, and a member of the Albany County and Saratoga County bar associations.

The New York Bar Foundation invites you to contribute to ***The Real Property Law Section Lorraine Power Tharp Scholarship Fund*** by sending your check, made payable to The New York Bar Foundation, One Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207, by credit card online at www.tnybf.org or by phone at 518/487-5651.

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is celebrating its 60th Anniversary of providing funding through its grant making program to facilitate the delivery of legal services; increase public understanding of the law; improve the justice system and the law; and enhance professional competence and ethics.

The Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association serves New York real property lawyers and the public, promotes the successful transaction of real estate business in New York State, and contributes to the sound development of real property law in New York State.

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