



## The Richard Linn American Inn of Court Mark T. Banner Scholarship for Law Students 2011 Winners

In 2011, The Richard Linn American Inn of Court was proud to two Mark T. Banner Scholarships to two outstanding law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of ethics, civility and professionalism. It is also intended to advance those with backgrounds historically underrepresented in the fields of intellectual property law.

### **Fabiola Rivas**

Ms. Rivas attends the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C., and expects to graduate in spring 2012. Recently she was award a Google Policy Fellowship and will work for the National Hispanic Institute. She is a Dean Fellow for Vitoria Philips and is working on the topic of hate speech and disparagement. She is a junior researcher for the Government Research Group dealing with FOIA requests. She is a Latina of Mexican decent and female.

Ms. Rivas is active in many IP related organizations including the Communication & Media Law Society, the Intellectual Property Law Society, and the Sports & Entertainment Law Society, and is taking courses in cyberspace law and international trademark law. Her primary interest in intellectual proper law is with the intersection of IP licensing and sports law. Her commitment to IP law started with a job at JumpTV where she negotiated license agreements for broadcasting rights to international sporting events.

Ms. Rivas mentors high school and college students through the Latino Law Student Association and the Black Law Student Association. She finds these two groups share many of the same struggles and goals. She selected American University for its diversity and the diversity of Washington DC.

Ms. Rivas also plays on a nationally competitive Gaelic football team.

### **Damon Gupta**

Mr. Gupta attends Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago, in the Intellectual Property Certificate Program, and expects to graduate in the spring of 2012. He has demonstrated his oral advocacy in moot competitions where he was a finalist in the Kent moot court and finished 6th in the NAPABA Thomas Tang International Moot Court Competition. He studied molecular genetics at Ohio State and received a masters in cardiovascular science from Baylor College of Medicine. He is a first generation Asian-Indian American.

Further demonstrating his commitment to intellectual property law, Mr. Gupta participates in several IP based organizations including AIPLA, IPLAC, and the Chicago IP Alliance. He works part time at two law firms assisting with IP prosecution and litigation matters.

Mr. Gupta wrote an article on judicial recusal and substitution as part of his judicial externship with the Honorable Margaret Mullen in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit (Waukegan, IL). It is now part of the bench book for that court. During a personal interview, Mr. Gupta demonstrated an impressive understanding of the law and professionalism in his interactions with his classmates and co-workers.