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Letter to Temple Bar Scholarships Selection Committee

Roger J. Miner

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
SECOND CIRCUIT

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UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
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May 22, 1997

Temple Bar Scholarships
c/o American Inns of Court
127 South Peyton St., Suite 201
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Selection Committee:

I take great pleasure in recommending Frank J. LaSalle for selection as a Temple Bar Scholar. Mr. LaSalle has served as a law clerk in my Chambers since August 27, 1997. He has performed his duties with great distinction, and I believe that his personal qualities make him an ideal candidate for participation in the Temple Bar program.

Mr. LaSalle has a most distinguished academic record and came to me highly recommended by the faculty of his law school. He has pursued every task assigned to him in my Chambers with intelligence, vigor and dispatch. His analytical ability and writing skills are of the highest order. He is very personable and maintains his composure at all times. During his clerkship, he has demonstrated great interest in the international law issues presented to his court.

In my opinion, Frank J. LaSalle will benefit greatly from a program designed to introduce him to the English legal system. He is scheduled to begin employment with a leading New York City firm at the conclusion of his clerkship, and that firm would also benefit from the excellent experience that he would gain from the program. I recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,



Roger J. Miner

RJM/sjh

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TEMPLE BAR FOUNDATION

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Temple Bar Foundation was created in 1991 by the Right Honorable Lord Denning of Witchurch, former Master of the Rolls, and the late Honorable Warren E. Burger, former Chief Justice of the United States, to further the development of strengthened ties between leading members of the English and American bars and to advocate greater attention to the professional ethical standards those establishments share.

WHAT IS THE TEMPLE BAR?

The Temple Bar was a great stone gate, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, that stood as an entrance to central London. Just outside the Temple Bar is where the guilds of lawyers organized into what would become the Inns of Court in an area that is now considered "Legal London." The archway stood until 1878, when modern progress forced its removal to the countryside of England. It was the last of the original gates to remain standing.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Temple Bar Foundation works closely with key legal institutions in London to offer a challenging annual program for Temple Bar Foundation scholars. The Temple Bar Foundation selects four outstanding young lawyers from the United States who would benefit from a one-month program designed to introduce them to the English legal system. First, this program provides the scholars with advance material to help familiarize them with the English legal system. The scholarship begins at the end of September, when the scholars

travel to London for two weeks of mini-pupillage in leading barristers chambers, and two weeks of clerkship for a High Court Justice.

During this time, the scholars will receive intense exposure to the English legal system, learning first-hand from some of the most senior members of the legal profession.

In the first week of the scholarship, the scholars attend the ceremonial opening of the legal year at Westminster Abbey and a reception held in their honor by the U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

HOW ARE SCHOLARS SELECTED?

Individuals interested in participating as a Temple Bar scholar must submit a resume and personal statement to the selection committee no later than April 30. Scholars will be selected by May 31.

The three principle selection criteria for Temple Bar Foundation scholars are

- high academic achievement in law school
- experience as a law clerk for a justice of a leading appellate court, including the Supreme Court of the United States
- demonstrated interest in international law issues

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Scholars are provided air transportation, lodging and a modest stipend to help cover their expenses for the duration of the program. Entertainment and additional travel expenses are the responsibility of the scholar, as are any costs associated with a lengthened stay.

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To : Circuit Judges

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FROM : *SF* STEVEN FLANDERS, CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE

ROGER J. MINER
U.S. CIRCUIT JUDGE
ALBANY NEW YORK

SUBJECT : Law Clerk Scholarships

The Associate Director of the American Inns of Court has asked me to pass on to you the attached brochures, which offer scholarships to incumbent law clerks for a one-month program designed to introduce them to the English legal system. If you have any clerks who might be interested in such a thing, you may want to send a nomination letter, with resume.

I note that the nominations must be received by May 30, because the awards are made on June 2.

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Enc.

May 23, 1997

Temple Bar Scholarships
c/o American Inns of Court
127 South Peyton Street, Suite 201
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Selection Committee:

I write to express my interest in participating in the Temple Bar Foundation scholar program this coming September. I am currently clerking for the Honorable Roger J. Miner of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and will be concluding my clerkship in early September.

My interests in the English legal system, borne in part from law school study, include the historical origins of Anglo-American law, and the continuing influence that English law exerts on the development of the American legal system. From an academic perspective, there is a great deal that American lawyers and academics can learn from the comparative study of the English legal system. Many of the concerns facing the American legal system similarly arise in the English system and are met with differing solutions. By examining the way in which those concerns are confronted in England, we can gain greater insight into the ways we address our concerns at home. Your program presents a unique opportunity to investigate these issues, and would be a substantial step in pursuit of my academic interest.

On a more practical level, I will be entering practice in New York as a litigation associate this coming Fall. With the increasing internationalization of the New York legal practice, I expect a familiarity with English legal practice would be invaluable. In light of the prominence of English law in many areas impacting international business, I expect the opportunity to participate in your program to make me better prepared to participate in a more global legal community.

I have enclosed for your consideration my resume and a letter of nomination from Judge Miner. If I can provide any further information or answer any questions, please contact me at (518) 431-0402. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Frank J. LaSalle
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