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DANA A. THOMPSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Dana A. Thompson Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in recognition of her service to Wayne State University as a member of the Board of Governors from January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2022.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education at Wayne State University.

Background

Dana Alicia Thompson is a clinical professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School and is the founding director of the University of Michigan Law School's Entrepreneurship Clinic where she represents University of Michigan student-led startup ventures and other ventures.

Before joining Michigan Law, Governor Thompson taught at Wayne State University Law School and founded and directed Wayne Law's Small Business Enterprises and Nonprofit Corporations Clinic. At Wayne Law, she was also the director of the Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African American Legal History.

Prior to entering academia, Governor Thompson practiced at Morrison and Foerster, LLP in San Francisco, then at Miller, Starr and Regalia, where she specialized in commercial real estate and corporate law.

Governor Thompson received her AB in Political Science and French from Bryn Mawr College and her JD from the University of Michigan Law School where she was an editor of the Michigan Law Review. She is married and she and her husband have a son.

This scholarship is created through a transfer of \$25,000 from the President's Enhancement Fund.

Endowment Amount

\$25,000