INTRODUCTION
The fund was established in 2002 by Aird & Berlis LLP. Aird & Berlis LLP is a leading Canadian law firm based in Toronto, serving clients across Canada and globally. The firm’s practice encompasses all principal areas of business law, including corporate/commercial, corporate finance, banking, insolvency and restructuring, energy, environmental, infrastructure/P3, technology and intellectual property, litigation, labour and employment, municipal and land use planning, real estate and tax. The firm’s diverse client base ranges from entrepreneurs to multinational corporations.

PURPOSE OF FUND
Award a prize for overall excellence in the first year of the JD program.

PRIZE DETAILS
Eligibility Criteria
The applicant must:
1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with the protected/refugee status or an international student;
2. be registered as a full-time student in the English JD program of the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section of the University of Ottawa; and
3. have achieved the highest or second-highest CGPA in the first year of the JD program.

Value of the award: Minimum $1,500
Number of awards: Two
Frequency of the award: Annual
Level or program of study: Undergraduate

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
No application is required, the prize is awarded automatically.