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Yankwitt LLP Establishes Scholarship at Pace Law for Students of Color Committed to Social Justice

White Plains, NY (March 10, 2021) – Yankwitt LLP is thrilled to announce a newly established scholarship at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University – the Yankwitt LLP Immediate Impact Scholarship – which will be awarded to an incoming first year student of color who expresses an interest in social justice and demonstrates financial need.

The intent of the scholarship is to encourage racial and ethnic minority students to apply to law school and to promote diversity within the legal sector where minorities are significantly underrepresented.

"As a White Plains resident and managing partner of a Westchester-based law firm, I am committed to giving back to the community in which I live and work," shared Russell Yankwitt, who founded the firm in 2009.

Yankwitt, a graduate of the Cornell Law School, has supported Westchester's only law school for many years by serving on the Board of Visitors, providing internships to students, and financially. "This scholarship is especially important to me and my firm, as it will go to an individual committed to social justice, a core value for the legal community – always, but especially now. I have been fortunate to have had the assistance of others, so this is one of the ways I can pay it forward during a time when many individuals and institutions are in dire need of support as a result of COVID-19."

"This new scholarship will help provide Haub Law students with the opportunity to also pay it forward by advocating for social justice," said Haub Law Dean Horace Anderson.

In addition to supporting Haub Law, Yankwitt LLP and its attorneys are active in other Westchester-based organizations including Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, for which Yankwitt serves on the board of directors and the firm handles pro bono matters; the Justice Brandeis Law Society; and the Westchester County Bar Association, as well as national organizations such as the Federal Bar Council, on which Yankwitt serves on its executive committee as a vice president.

More information about Haub Law is available on the school website.

About Yankwitt LLP

Founded in 2009, Yankwitt LLP is an elite trial and litigation law firm based in White Plains, New York. With one of the largest litigation teams in Westchester County, Yankwitt LLP represents businesses and high-net-worth individuals in their litigations across a broad range of matters. The firm also routinely handles complex cases in Westchester on behalf of national law firms and often serves as trial counsel for other local law firms on their high stakes matters.