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Chapman Awards Fifth Maynard H. Jackson Jr. Diversity Scholarship

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Chapman is proud to announce that Travis King, a 3L at Chicago-Kent College of Law, is the recipient of the fifth annual Chapman and Cutler LLP Maynard H. Jackson Jr. Diversity Scholarship.

Travis, who grew up in Brooklyn, New York, enrolled in the United States Army after earning an associate degree. In the military, he deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He grew as a leader, working his way up from Enlisted Soldier to Commissioned Officer where he had the opportunity to serve in the role of Commander. He was awarded two Army Commendation Medals and two Army Achievement Medals. Travis continues to serve in the US Army Reserves. In law school, Travis is an active member of the Black Law Students Association and the Chicago-Kent Lambdas, an LGBTQ+ law student association and openly shares his experiences and serves as an example to young people struggling to overcome bias, realize a sense of belonging, and achieve success in their lives.

The scholarship is named for the late Maynard Jackson, a public finance partner at Chapman (1982-1990), who was the first African-American Mayor of Atlanta (he was elected in 1973 and served three terms: 1974-1982, 1990-1994). Applications for the \$10,000 scholarship were received from second year law students from across the country who demonstrated a commitment to diversity, not only in racial or gender diversity, but in a broader view such as military experience, overcoming adversity, LGBTQ+ status, gender orientation, and socioeconomic disadvantages.