Law firm shells out for new scholarship

LAW firm Minter Ellison has teamed up with UniSA to create a law scholarship.

The Minter Ellison Law Scholarship is worth up to $16,000, or $4000 a year for a maximum of four years, and will support full-time students from backgrounds that are now underrepresented in the SA legal profession.

These include indigenous students, those from non-English speaking backgrounds, financially disadvantaged people and those with a disability.

This scholarship is one of three equity-based awards offered by the UniSA School of Law.

Minter Ellison managing partner Nigel McBride said the firm had a history of supporting people in need in the community.

“We would like the recipient to develop a practical understanding of the legal profession not only through their study, but also through contact with a group of junior Minter Ellison lawyers who will share their experiences with the student,” he said.

“By giving someone this opportunity, we hope that they can inspire those in a similar situation to go to university and pursue their dreams.”

UniSA foundation dean of law Professor Paul Fairall said to win a scholarship had present and future value. “It will provide money for books and rent,” he said. “We are very pleased to be able to offer such support in partnership with our external donors.”

The winner of the inaugural scholarship is 18-year-old Ben Clarke, right, of Mawson Lakes, shown with Minter Ellison director Angela Martin.

“With something to focus on and work towards, and without sounding too presumptuous, (I hope to) one day work at the Minter Ellison law firm,” he said.

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