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**UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS, CECIL C. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENT
AUGUSTA AKPOTU AWARDED SECOND ANNUAL DIVERSITY SCHOLARS AWARD**

MEMPHIS, TENN. - Constangy, Brooks & Smith is proud to present its second annual Diversity Scholars Award for the State of Tennessee to University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law student Ms. Augusta Akpotu. Akpotu, a second-year law student, will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Constangy initiated the award program in order to recognize the achievements of deserving law students and help defray the considerable expense of law school, while promoting diversity in the legal profession. The firm awards scholarships to a second year law student in each of the regions where it has offices. Award recipients were selected based on the following criteria: academic achievement; commitment to diversity in the community, or in the student's school or work environment; and personal achievement in overcoming challenges to reach goals.

Akpotu is the president of the Association for Trial Lawyers of America and International Law Students Association. She is also the professional liaison co-chair of the law school's chapter of the Black Law Students Association and a member of the Association of Women Attorneys.

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