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**Trayvon Martin’s Legacy: Why the Fight for Justice Must Continue**

On September 23rd, we welcomed back Sybrina Fulton and Benjamin Crump, who were able to provide us with their reflections on the Zimmerman trial as well as their continued fight for justice in this country. “We are back here (at Howard Law School) because this is where it all began,” said Ms. Fulton.

The discussion included the reading of a poem from Tiffany Lindsay, HUSL Class of 2011, as well as a painting with interactive digital media that was presented by the artist Edward Fontno and Producer Alanson Boyd.

Professor Lenese Herbert led the discussion with her words of perspective as a Former Assistant U.S. attorney. She encouraged students to consider careers as prosecutors as an additional way to positively contribute to our criminal justice system. Professor Michael Erik Dyson also offered words of inspiration and hope.

The event was followed by a reception with refreshments served in the Pauline Murray Conference Room.

**Upcoming Event: C. Clyde Ferguson Jr. Annual Lecture**

On Wednesday, October 9, Vincent Warren of the Center of Constitutional Rights (CCR) will deliver the C. Clyde Ferguson Jr. Annual Lecture. Mr. Warren is the executive director of the CCR and speaks on racial profiling, police brutality, criminal justice reform and civil rights. Join us on October 9 at 4pm in the Moot Court Room for what is sure to be a thought-provoking discussion.

**Panel on Race, Torture, and Execution: A Human Rights Analysis of the Death Penalty in U.S. Prisons**

Following the C. Clyde Ferguson Jr. Lecture, there will be a panel discussion at 6:30 p.m. on “Race, Torture, and Execution: A Human Rights Analysis of the Death Penalty in U.S. Prisons.” Howard University School of Law is partnering with Washington College of Law for this event. Mr. Vincent Warren will facilitate the panel discussion.

The reception begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the panel at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Washington College of Law in Room 603.
Deans of HBCU Law Schools Meeting at HUSL

On September 20, 2013, Dean Dark hosted a meeting of the Deans of the HBCUs law schools who were in Washington, D.C., participating in the 43rd Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's (CBCF). The purpose of the meeting was to engage in discussions about the value and importance of HBCU law schools.

Included in the discussions was a presentation made by Dean Emeritus Alice Gresham Bullock, "Why HBCUs are still needed today." The primary purpose of the meeting was to build relationships and to identify areas of mutual agreements where the deans might collaborate or work together with the goal of having one collective and unified voice when the deans are asked to comment on issues that are important to HBCU law schools in order to have more of an impact.

146th Convocation Key Note Address

On September 27th, at 11a.m. in Cramton Auditorium on the main campus, Howard University alumnus and Prince George’s County Executive Rushern L. Baker, Ill, served as the keynote speaker at Howard University’s 146th Convocation.

Sovereignty Symposium XXVII

The Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc. will host The Sovereignty Symposium XXVIII, June 4 – 5, 2014. The Symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. All students are invited to submit papers to the Chief Justice John B. Doolin writing competition.

The three winning papers will be published in the annual Symposium book of materials in Indian Law. Cash prizes of $750.00, $500.00, and $250.00. The Symposium also awards the Hargrave Prize of $1,500, $1,000 and $750.00 for the best three original and unpublished papers submitted by faculty or other legal scholars. The deadline is March 31, 2014. See the Office of Student Affairs for more details.

Larry Gibson Event

The law school was proud to host Professor Larry S. Gibson on September 24th. Professor Gibson discussed and signed his book, Young Thurgood, The Making of A Supreme Court Justice. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty alike to learn more about our 1933 alumnus.

Important Dates/Events

Wednesday, October 9, 2013: Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr. Lecture
Moot Court Room
4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 14, 2013: University Closed
Columbus Day Observed

Thursday, October 24, 2013: One Credit Mini-Courses end.

Monday, October 21, 2013: 2L & 3L academic advisement