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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS BECAUSE IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

On January 27, 2015 the National Bar Association kicked off its national series called “Know Your Rights Because It Could Save Your Life” here at Howard University School of Law. The goal of the event was to educate the community about what rights they have when they encounter the police. The heated discussion provided the audience with different perspectives from a 20 year veteran police officer, a prosecutor, an ACLU attorney, a legal professor, and the president of the National Bar Association. Delroy Burton of the MPD stated, “Your attitude will set the tone for how officers treat you. We follow your lead.”

The topics of discussion ranged from racial profiling, police tactics such as de-escalation, impact of police killings on the black community, and police accountability. Additionally, the law school’s own Professor Josephine Ross provided a detailed speech about what rights people actually have, and how those rights play out both during and after encounters with the police.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

2015 ARNOLD & PORTER LLP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP
All current 1L students at an ABA-accredited law school are eligible to apply. The scholarship will provide tuition assistance to a first-year law student who (a) contributes to the diverse background of his or her law school’s student body; (b) demonstrates strong academic achievement; and (c) demonstrates and interest in promoting diversity in the legal profession. A student’s need for financial assistance will be considered but is not required. The deadline for entries is February 15, 2015. For more information and to submit an application, please go to – http://arnoldporter.webfactional.com/environment/scholarship.html

2015 STUDENT LEGAL WRITING COMPETITION
This competition is open to all students attending an ABA-accredited law school. Entries must be original, unpublished work. Articles should be between 25-50 double-spaced pages and should include footnotes in Bluebook format. There is no entry form of any kind. Articles should be submitted in Word format. All author-identifying information should be removed from the article. A separate title page should be attached and must contain the article’s title, the student's name, and the student's contact information including street address, phone number(s), and email address.

Award: Submissions will be blindly evaluated by a committee of Forum members. A single winning paper, as judged by the selection committee, will be awarded a prize of $1,000 and a trip to attend the Forum’s Annual Conference, May 20-22, 2015, in Washington, D.C., airfare and lodging included*. All entries must be postmarked or emailed by March 6, 2015. Please contact Dawn R. Holiday at dawn.holiday@americanbar.org, if you have any questions.

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IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

Thursday, February 12, 2015
Zumba Class @ 12:30 PM
Paulie Murray Conference Room

Sunday, February 15, 2015
Priority Deadline for FASFA Applications

Monday, February 16, 2015
President's Day
School Closed