



March 4, 2008

Dear Friend or Alum of Howard University School of Law:

On behalf of the Howard Public Interest Law Society, we are excited to request your participation in the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Howard Alumni Reception and Public Interest Fellowship Auction**. The event will raise money to fund Howard students working in public interest jobs next summer. As you remember, summer employment is a critical component of a student's legal education. However, unpaid summer positions are financially strenuous and prevent students from pursuing their career goals. As an agent of change, we are hoping you can support the next generation of public interest advocates. To this end, please donate to the auction and join us on Thursday, March 27, 2008, from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Howard University Law Library.

Through the **Public Interest Fellowship Program** we are able to continue Howard's rich legacy of advancing social justice. The fellowship program provides scholarships to students who take unpaid internships at public interest law organizations during their summer. Last year **every** student that applied received funding. Students worked across the nation at organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union, Neighborhood Legal Service Program, the Public Defender Service, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. This year's auction hopes to continue the tradition of supporting every Howard student that chooses to work in public interest through a significant stipend.

Your contribution will fund a student! We are hoping to raise \$75,000 through this year's auction. Popular items donated to last years auction included sports, music and theater tickets, weekends at hotels, spa treatments, a week at a Maine summer home, dining certificates, art, and jewelry. The donation is tax-deductible. If you would like to donate, please complete the attached donation form and return it to us by March 16, 2008, via facsimile or e-mail.

Even if you cannot make a donation, we look forward to seeing you on March 27<sup>th</sup>! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Howard students, faculty, and alumni. If you would like to attend, please complete the R.S.V.P. section on the attached donation form and return it to us by March 16, 2008.

Should you have any questions, please e-mail [HPILSauction@gmail.com](mailto:HPILSauction@gmail.com) or call (202) 806-8086. We look forward to your participation!

Very truly yours,

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