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MBF UPDATE March 2009

Welcome to the MBF Update!

The MBF is pleased to introduce our new monthly e-newsletter. The MBF Update replaces our traditional print newsletter and will keep all of our friends up to date with the latest Foundation news. We hope you will find it a great fit into the online environment in which we all increasingly live and work.

MBF Kicks Off 45th Anniversary

This year, we proudly mark the Foundation's 45th year of funding legal aid programs that increase access to justice for low-income citizens across Massachusetts. What began as a small group of lawyers wanting to give back to the profession and to the community, has grown into the state's premier legal charity.

Throughout 2009, the MBF will celebrate its anniversary with a variety of statewide fundraising and outreach activities. We hope you will join us as we reaffirm the Foundation's mission and work to increase resources available to legal aid organizations. This effort is critical and timely. The recession has brought devastating budget cuts to our legal aid programs at a time when the legal needs of low-income individuals and families continue to increase.

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culminate with a celebration dinner and fundraiser on January 14, 2010, at the Colonnade Hotel, in Boston.

2009/2010 IOLTA Grant Process Underway

Spring is in the air, which means that the MBF is gearing up for another IOLTA grant season. In March, the MBF received 186 applications requesting nearly \$7.7 million in grants.

During this time of economic uncertainty, we know how vital it is that funds be distributed as efficiently and effectively as possible. To date, IOLTA revenues are down approximately 67% as compared to last year. We are grateful to have over 170 MBF Fellows volunteering on Grant Advisory Committees to assist us in such a challenging year!

2009 Annual Meeting Recap



At the MBF's recent Annual Meeting, **Justice John M. Greaney** (Ret.) was honored with the Great Friend of Justice Award, **Matt Selig** of Health Law Advocates presented

the Grantee address, and **Laurence M. Johnson** of Davis Malm & D'Agostine was elected to a second term as president. Over 150 MBF Fellows, grantees and friends attended the meeting and reception, held on Jan. 22 at the Social Law Library in Boston.

The MBF also inducted its officers and trustees for 2009:

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Laurence M. Johnson, Davis, Malm & D'Agostine

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The Foundation wishes to thank the following members of the legal community who have recently joined the MBF Society of Fellows, and in doing so have made a commitment to increasing legal aid for the poor in our state:

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