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MBF UPDATE May 2009

MBF Awards Fellowships to Law Students for Work at Mass. Legal Aid Organizations



2009 MBF Legal Intern Fellows:

Beth Goldstein, Martha Drane, Kelly Samuels, Heather O'Connor, Rachel Culley. Not pictured: Erin Cox

To encourage careers in public interest law, the Foundation awards Fellowships, including \$6,000 stipends, to law students who intern at Massachusetts legal aid organizations during the summer months. Funded through the MBF Fellows Fund and the Smith Family Fund, the Foundation's Legal Intern Fellowship Program (LIFP) serves as a springboard to public interest law careers for the area's most promising law students.

The MBF is pleased to announce the 2009 Legal Intern Fellows as follows:

MBF Fellows (funded through the MBF Fellows Fund):

Erin Cox
Boston College Law School
Internship: Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project

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Rachel Culley

University of Michigan
Internship: Greater Boston Legal Services/ Housing Unit

Martha Drane

New England School of Law
Internship: Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

Beth Goldstein

Boston University Law School
Internship: Massachusetts Advocates for Children

Kelly Samuels

Western New England College
Internship: Western Mass. Legal Services/ Family Law Program

**Smith Family Fellow
(funded through the Smith Family Fund):**

Heather O'Connor

Roger Williams University
Internship: South Coastal Counties Legal Services/ Homelessness Prevention Project

For more information about the MBF's Legal Intern Fellowship Program, please [click here](#).

Support Our Spring Appeal

Your gift to the MBF during our Spring Appeal will allow us to better help our grantees at a time when they need it the most.

The recession has brought devastating budget cuts to our legal aid programs just when, due to these same economic factors, the legal needs of low-income individuals and families are soaring.

Please click the "Donate" button on the right to make a donation to our Spring Appeal. All gifts are 100% tax deductible.

MBF Society of Fellows

Thank you, IOLTA Grant Review Volunteers!

For the last two months, the MBF has benefited from the assistance of over 170 MBF Fellows who volunteered their time and expertise to reviewing applications to the Foundation's 2009/2010 IOLTA Grants Program.

Fellows ensure each application receives a thorough, impartial review. This year, the MBF received 186 applications requesting almost \$7.7 million. Grant awards will be announced next month.

SAVE THE DATE!!



Join the MBF to celebrate its 45th year at a Gala Dinner Fundraiser at the Boston Colonnade Hotel.

January 14, 2010

See old friends, meet new friends, and support a great cause! This event is on a Thursday night. Why not plan ahead for a winter getaway weekend?

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New Life Fellow

Many thanks to Attorney **Anthony R. DiPietro** of Lynnfield who recently became a Life Fellow of the Foundation by completing his fellowship pledge!

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The MBF is celebrating its 45th anniversary with a yearlong campaign of fundraising activities to strengthen the Foundation's ability to fund legal assistance programs for low-income individuals and families in communities across the Commonwealth. We'll cap off the year with the MBF's Anniversary Gala Dinner and Fundraiser at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston, on January 14, 2010.

The Foundation is currently seeking law firms, corporations, and individuals to assist in this effort by becoming anniversary sponsors.

In addition to supporting a great cause, sponsoring the MBF's Anniversary Campaign presents a tremendous opportunity to get the word out about your organization to a focused audience of the legal community. Your sponsorship will be featured throughout the year in all campaign and event publicity.

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