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## MBF UPDATE

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### Commonwealth Museum Opens New Exhibit With Help From the MBF

With support from the MBF and many others, the Commonwealth Museum, the stewards of our state's treasured history and documents, recently celebrated the opening of a new permanent exhibit entitled "Our Common Wealth: the Massachusetts Experiment in Democracy."

The exhibit incorporates state of the art technology to trace the development of rights in Massachusetts from the 1600s to the present day. An MBF Fellows Fund grant of \$10,000 supported an

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interactive "Know Your Rights" exhibit through which visitors can test their knowledge of their civil rights in modern day situations.

The stars of the exhibit include many of the founding documents of the Commonwealth. Climate controlled cases display the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, "John Adams" Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, and unique royal charters. The copper plate used by Paul Revere to engrave his image of the Boston Massacre is another featured piece.

The combination of interactive exhibits, personal stories, and high tech theater truly appeals to all ages and brings Massachusetts history alive for all those who visit.

For more information, [click here](#) to visit the Commonwealth Museum web site.

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**Join the MBF's Cause on Facebook!**

The MBF has entered the world of social networking and now has a new cause page where visitors can learn about the mission of the MBF, click through to our website, and even make donations to support our efforts.

In fact, thanks to the efforts of MBF Trustee Bob Ambrogi, who asked his friends to donate to the cause in honor of his birthday, the MBF raised \$630 in 4 days through online contributions generated through the cause page.

[Click here](#) to read an article about our Facebook success which was featured in the on-line *ABA Journal*.

[Click here](#) to visit (or better yet *join*) our cause page today!

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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

THE  
**Colonnade**  
HOTEL

**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?**

**Support the work of the MBF!**

**To make a Contribution:**

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Please call Susannah Thomas at 617-338-0647.

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## **New Fellows**

The MBF offers thanks and welcome to our newest Fellows:

**Edward Bassett, Jr**, Mirick O,Connell, Worcester

**Amy Fracassini**, Davis Malm & D'Agostine, Boston

**Richard Sadowski**, Quinlan & Sadowski, Norwood

**Michele Washburn**, State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston

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## **Fellows: Recommend a Colleague Today!**

As an MBF Fellow, you are aware of the critical legal aid programs funded by the Foundation across the Commonwealth. We hope that you have found it rewarding to support the MBF in its work to help low-income families access desperately needed legal assistance.

Now more than ever, given these difficult economic times, the MBF needs to foster new energy and ideas to ensure that the Foundation continues to grow and thrive well into the future. Please take a moment to consider your co-workers, colleagues, and friends in the legal community. If you feel any among them shares in the aspiration of the MBF's mission, please recommend them for membership in the MBF Society of Fellows.

[Click here](#) to recommend a new Fellow, or call Susannah Thomas at 617-338-0647.

## **Become an Anniversary Sponsor**

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.

[Click here](#) to download a pdf of the MBF's sponsorship opportunity guide. To discuss opportunities further, call Susannah Thomas at 617-338-0647.

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