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# MBF UPDATE

## July 2009

### RSVP for the MBF's Annual Fall Grantee Receptions!

Join with colleagues and friends to celebrate the many accomplishments of the 2009/ 2010 MBF Grantees and our 2009 Legal Intern Fellows.

There will be two receptions:

Boston - **September 24, 2009** / 5-7 pm  
MBA Offices - 20 West Street, Boston

Springfield - **October 1, 2009** / 4:30-6:30 pm  
Location to be Announced

[Click here](#) to RSVP on-line today!

### The MBF's Anniversary Sponsor Drive is Underway - Has Your Company Signed On?

The MBF thanks the following firms who have made a commitment to support legal aid programs in our state through their sponsorship of the MBF's Anniversary Campaign:

[COSGROVE, EISENBERG AND KILEY, P.C.](#)

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### 2008 Annual Report Now Available!

It certainly had its ups and downs, but the MBF is proud of its accomplishments in 2008 and its ability to remain strong during a very difficult economic climate.

[Click here](#) to view a pdf of the MBF's 2008 Annual Report.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

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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.

## MBF Society of Fellows

### New Fellows

The MBF offers thanks and a warm welcome to our newest Fellows:

#### **Mary M. Ferriter**

Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile, Boston

#### **Barbara M. Hyland**

Donahue, Hyland & Donahue, Holyoke

#### **Christopher L. Jefford**

Bonner, Kiernan, Trebach & Crociata, LLP, Boston

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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**Support the work of the MBF!**

**To make a Contribution:**



Click the following button:



Please call Susannah Thomas at 617-338-0647.



[Click here to download a mail-in contribution form](#)

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**Paul C. Nightingale**  
HP Hood, LLC, Lynnfield

**Thomas A. Sebestyen**  
Attorney at Law, Pittsfield

**Benjamin Smith**  
Smith & Gerrard, Pittsfield

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### **Fellows Taking the Lead**

MBF Life Fellow **Colleen C. Currie** of Northampton recently increased her commitment to the MBF by becoming a Louis D. Brandeis Lead Fellow.

Colleen reports that after having participated in the recent grant review process, and realizing "how dismal the numbers were" she was inspired to give more. "It was high time to do what little I could- and I hope others are inspired to do the same."

Colleen arranged a monthly contribution which is directly debited from her credit card. Did you know you could do the same? Call Susannah Thomas at 617-338-0647 to learn more about this option.

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### **Recommend a Colleague to Join the MBF Society of Fellows**

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..

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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.

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

## MBF Honor Gift Program

An honor gift is a meaningful way to pay tribute to a family member, friend, or colleague while at the same time supporting the delivery of legal aid programs for the poor in our state.

Whether to recognize a birthday or graduation, mark a law firm milestone, or memorialize a colleague's legacy, an honor gift to the MBF will have a lasting impact in the legal community. The MBF will acknowledge your generous gift with a personal note sent directly to your designee.

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