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MBF UPDATE

October 2009

Governor Deval Patrick to be Honored at Anniversary Event in January



Governor Deval Patrick will be presented with the 2010 Great Friend of Justice Award at the MBF's 45th Anniversary Gala on January 14, 2010 at the Colonnade Hotel in Boston.

The Foundation's Great Friend of Justice Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary passion for justice, consistent with the Foundation's values and mission.

Governor Patrick's contributions to the Massachusetts legal system, service to the citizens of the Commonwealth, and commitment to civil rights and access to justice exemplify the values that this award recognizes.

Invitations to this event will arrive in December. For advance ticket and table sales, or for information about sponsoring this event, please [email](#) the MBF development office.

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Welcome New MBF Fellows!

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

Louis D. Brandeis Fellow:

Joseph C. Hutcheson, II
Dassault Systemes Americas
Lowell, MA

Foundation Fellow:

Alan J. Klevan
Klevan & Klevan, LLP
Wellesley, MA



45th Anniversary Campaign

Thank You to Our Anniversary Sponsors to Date!

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

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**Make a gift to the MBF's
2009 Annual Appeal!**

ONLINE:

Click the following button:



BY PHONE:

Please call Susannah Thomas at **617-338-0647**.

BY MAIL:

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

SAVE THE DATE!



Help celebrate our 45th year at our anniversary dinner at the Boston Colonnade Hotel.

January 14, 2010

See old friends, meet new friends, and support a great cause!

Did you know that one of the best ways to support the MBF takes just a few minutes and doesn't cost you a cent?

Recommend a Colleague to Join the MBF Society of Fellows!

[Click here](#) to recommend a new Fellow today.



PEABODY & ARNOLD LLP
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Support the MBF's mission by adding your firm's name to the list!

[Click here](#) to download a pdf of the MBF's sponsorship opportunity guide.

MBF Seeks Silent Auction Donations!

Help the MBF raise more funds for legal aid by donating an item to our Anniversary Campaign's Online Silent Auction.

The auction will begin on December 14th and will conclude at our Anniversary Dinner on January 14th. To make this effort a success, we hope to include fun and creative items from all across the Commonwealth!

Ideal auction items include:

- Tickets for a local sports team event
- Time at a vacation home
- Gift certificates to local restaurants, theaters, hotels, or spas
- Artwork, jewelry, and other collectibles

We will collect items from now until early December, but the sooner we receive your items the better. [Click here](#) to add your item to our auction catalog. To discuss your donation, please contact the MBF development office at 617-338-0647.

Foundation Celebrates Work of Grantees, Honors Scott Foster at Western Mass. Grantee Reception

2008 Annual Report Now Available!

It certainly had its ups and downs, but the Foundation is very 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.



Find us on Facebook!

The MBF now has a 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!

On October 1st, MBF Grantees, Fellows and friends covered at the offices of **Egan, Flanagan & Cohen** in Springfield to celebrate the work of this year's IOLTA grant recipients and Legal Intern Fellows. **Bulkley Richardson & Gelinas** attorney **Scott Foster** was honored with the 2009 MBF President's Award for his volunteerism and commitment to expanding access to justice in our state.



MBA President Valerie Yarashus of Meehan, Boyle, Black & Bogdanow, MBF President Laurence Johnson of Davis Malm & D'Agostine, MBF Executive Director Elizabeth Lynch, and 2009 MBF President's Award recipient Scott Foster of Bulkley Richardson & Gelinas



Jonathan Mannina of Legal Assistance Corp. of Central Mass., Faye Rachlin and Wendy Berg of Western Mass. Legal Services, Jamie Williamson of the Fair Housing Center



MBF Fellows Mary Jo Kennedy of Bulkley Richardson & Gelinas and David Roulston of the Franklin County Bar Advocates



MBF Trustee Wendy Sibbison, Katie Schendel of the Franklin County Bar Association and Chris Baronas of the Mass. Bar Association

For more photos of the 2009 MBF Grantee Receptions, please [click here](#).

MBA Seeks Nominations for 2009-2010 Access to Justice Awards

The Massachusetts Bar Association is currently accepting nominations for the 2009-2010 Access to Justice Awards. The categories of awards are as follows:

- **Legal Services Award**
- **Pro Bono Award for Law Firms**
- **Pro Bono Publico Award**
- **Defender Award**
- **Prosecutor Award**

Awards will be presented at the MBA's Access to Justice Awards Luncheon on Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Westin Copley Place, Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA.

For more information about the criteria for each award and the nomination process please [email](#) Jean Stevens, MBA Section Administrator.

The nomination deadline is **November 10, 2009**.

MBF Fellows: Is the MBF Listed in your Company Bio? It should be!

Your bio on your company website is often the first thing potential new clients see when they are considering hiring an attorney. Make sure that your membership in the MBF's Society of Fellows is highlighted in your list of achievements

and community activities.

Prospective clients should be aware of your philanthropic spirit and your commitment to expanding access to justice in our state.

Copy and paste the following line into your bio, or email it to your firm's marketing director today:

"Fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the state's premier legal charity dedicated to increasing access to justice."

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