

# RAISING THE BAR

Howard University School of Law Alumni Newsletter

July 2017

## HUSL Alumni Newsletter Presented by the Office of the Dean

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide the Howard University School of Law community and alumni with information regarding alumni events, and to highlight Law School community accomplishments.

### Message from the Dean:

This continues to be an exciting time at Howard University School of Law. We just graduated another outstanding class and we are set to bring in more than 150 new law students this fall. Thanks to all of you for giving back to the law school with your time, talents, and resources.

Please visit our new website frequently for news and events, faculty, student, and alumni spotlights, giving opportunities and most importantly announcement, helpful advice, scheduling, law school requirements and more.

<http://law.howard.edu/>



Newly Renovated Entrance to Charles Hamilton Houston Hall—HUSL

*“Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on”.*

*- Thurgood Marshall*

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## 2017 Alumni Fundraising Receptions

### Florida 2017 Alumni Fundraiser Reception

The Alumni Reception was held on April 8, 2017, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL at the home of Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard O.I. Brown



(HUSL class of '86) & Attorney Donise Brown (HUSL class of '85). The host committee included Jean Marie Middleton (HUSL class of '86), Miesha S. Darrough, Harry C. Wallace (HUSL class of '86), Stephanie R. Wallace, and Iola Thomas Mosley (HUSL class of '86). Great event!

### Atlanta 2017 Alumni Fundraiser Reception

The Alumni Reception was held on April 20, 2017 in Atlanta, GA. Hosted by Mayor Kasim Reed (HUSL class of '95) and Ms. Candace Byrd, Esq. (HUSL class of '95) in the Mayor's Suite. The event was a great success.



### New York 2017 Alumni Fundraiser Reception



The Alumni Reception was held on May, 25, 2017 in New York, NY. The event was hosted by the Howard University School of Law Alumni Club of New York, lead by Dwane Omar Jones, Esq. (HUSL class of '11), NYHUSL President.

NYHUSL has a goal set to raise \$100,000 for an endowed New York Howard University School of Law Scholarship. A total of \$50,000 was raised during the event and several pledges have been made to be paid monthly to assist NYHUSL in reaching their goal of \$100,000. Job well done!

### Louisiana 2017 Alumni Fundraiser Reception

The Alumni Reception was held on June 22, 2017 in New Orleans, LA. James J. Carter, Esq., (HUSL class of '97) was the Host for this event. The goal set for the Louisiana Alumni was \$100,000.

Through the gifts made at the event and pledges for future contributions, Louisiana will likely meet their goal by the end of the year.



## Major Giving

2017, has been a great year for giving to Howard University School of Law (HUSL). Howard University School of Law received four Major Gifts this quarter from James Carter, Esq., Kevin Mahoney, Esq., Gregory Nixon, Esq., as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard O.I. Brown & Donise Brown, Esq.

On behalf of the Howard University School of Law (HUSL) community, Dean Holley-Walker expresses her gratitude to all of you for your generous contributions to the law school.

### James Carter, Esq. Endowed Scholarship Fund



James J. Carter, Esq., '97

In February 2017, James Carter, Esq., established the James Carter, Esq. Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be issued to HUSL students who meet the criteria set forth in the agreement to assist with financial needs. Mr. Carter is a native of New Orleans and the Managing Partner at Carter & McKee, LLC law firm. He is also a distinguished civil trial attorney. Mr. Carter earned his Bachelor of Arts from HU and went on to earn his JD from HUSL (class of 1997). He serves as national trial counsel for various law firms and has elite memberships in the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Mr. Carter was also the host of the New Orleans, LA Alumni Fundraiser Reception held on June 22, 2017 that was a huge success. Mr. Carter stated:

“Howard University School of Law has a special place in my heart and profound significance to the world. Immersed in Howard’s unparalleled legacy of greatness, I encountered brilliant faculty, students and staff who collectively helped to make me the person I am today. I am eternally grateful for the HUSL pioneers who insisted on producing future generations of *Social Engineers*.”



Gregory Nixon, Esq.

### The Moot Court Room Renovation Fundraising Campaign

In March 2016, Gregory S. Nixon, Esq., made a major gift to the HUSL Moot Court Renovation Fundraising Campaign. From March 2016—June 2017, Mr. Nixon has selflessly raised and personally given close to \$100,000 for the HUSL Moot Court Renovation Fundraising Campaign.

Mr. Nixon is a Managing Director and Partner at Cerberus Capital Management – Cerberus Operations. He previously served in executive positions at McKinsey and Company, Booz Allen Hamilton, and DynCorp International. Mr. Nixon is a Georgetown University Law Center graduate and a friend of HUSL who believes:

“The lasting impact of the Howard University School of Law on American society has been profound. In many respects, including its impact on constitutional matters, this excellent law school has been at the forefront and is essential.”

### Kevin Mahoney Endowed Scholarship Fund



Kevin Mahoney, Esq., '02

In March 2017, Kevin Mahoney, Esq., established the Kevin Mahoney Endowed Scholarship fund in the amount of \$100,000.

Mr. Mahoney is the founding Principal of the Mahoney Law Group, APC., located in Long Beach, CA. Mr. Mahoney is also an active HUSL Alumni (class of 2002) and believes:

“The cliché “to whom much is given much is owed” resonates with me. In giving back to Howard it wasn’t even a question of if, it was simply how much. The rich history of HUSL requires those of us who have reached a certain level of success to give back to ensure that the future generation of social engineers are not deterred from higher education solely because of finances. It is my hope that this gift will help alleviate that concern for HUSL students and foster more giving by our Alumni. I am thankful that HUSL gave me the opportunity to be associated with such a rich history and I can only hope to make HUSL proud.”

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### Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard O.I. Brown & Attorney Donise Brown



Richard Brown, Esq. '86

In April 2017, Richard O.I. Brown, Esq., and his wife Donise Brown, Esq. pledged a major gift to Howard University School of Law.

Richard O. I. Brown is the Assistant U.S. Attorney, Asset Forfeiture Attorney—Southern District of Florida and a HUSL alumni (class of '86). Donise Brown is the Director, Corporate Counsel, Real Estate Law and Corporate Affairs at Starbucks Corporation and a HUSL alumni as well (class of '85).

The Browns not only pledged a major gift to HUSL, but they were also the hosts of the HUSL 2017 Florida Alumni Fund-raising Reception in Fort Lauderdale, FL in April 2017.



Donise Brown, Esq. '85

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HUSL?



### THE THURGOOD MARSHALL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER

On June 8, 2017, the Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the law school's Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center. This is a historic moment for our law school and the university, and one that was many years in the making.

The Civil Rights Center will expand the work that the law school has been doing in our civil rights clinic, through community-based litigation, policy work, and advocacy. The Center will also put on world-class conferences, and establish an online platform that will become a repository for cutting edge legal scholarship in the field of civil and human rights.

A special thanks to Dr. Wayne Frederick for his unwavering support of this endeavor. Also, a special thanks to the faculty for their enthusiasm and passion for the start up this effort.

There will be a formal grand opening of the center in fall 2017.



The HUSL Baccalaureate Ceremony was held on Friday, May 12, 2017. HUSL alumna **Monique Pressley '97**, was the keynote speaker. Ms. Pressley is a

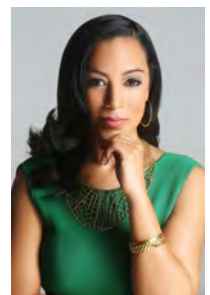
skilled trial attorney, television legal analyst/contributor, crisis manager, radio host, noted speaker, adjunct law professor, certified leadership trainer and ordained minister. Her words of inspiration were very encouraging to the HUSL Class of 2017.



**HUSL 2017 Hooding Ceremony**

The HUSL Hooding Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 13, 2017. **Attorney Angela Rye** was the keynote speaker.

Ms. Rye is Principal and CEO of IM-PACT Strategies. She is a CNN Political Commentator and NPR Political Analyst. Her speech was well received by the HUSL Class of 2017.



On behalf of the Howard University School of Law Community, we would like to congratulate HUSL ALUMNI on their achievements.

Three HUSL Alumni were inducted into the Washington Bar Association (WBA) Hall of Fame. Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Donald A. Thigpen, Jr., and William C. E. Robinson.



## Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby

In February 2017, the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission designated Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby to serve as chief judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby assumed the office on March 18, 2017. Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was also inducted into the Washington Bar Association (WBA) Hall of Fame in June 2017.

Chief Judge Blackburne-Rigsby is a 1987 graduate of Howard University School of Law and an active supporter of HUSL.



## William C.E. Robinson

In June 2017, Attorney William C. E. Robinson, Corporate Secretary at GEICO, and co-author of "Corporate Counsel Solutions – Employment Policies and Practices", was inducted into the Washington Bar Association (WBA) Hall of Fame.

Mr. Robinson is a 1983 graduate of Howard University School of Law.



## Donald A. Thigpen, Jr.

In June 2017, Attorney Donald A. Thigpen, Jr., Retired, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia; General Practice Attorney, was inducted into the Washington Bar Association (WBA) Hall of Fame.

Mr. Thigpen is a 1974 graduate of Howard University School of Law.



## Rev. Lee Clayton Goodman, Esq.

The City of Ferguson, Missouri has selected The Rev. Lee Clayton Goodman, Esq. to serve as the City's Municipal Prosecutor. Rev. Goodman is pastor of the St. John AME Church in St. Louis Missouri. He was appointed as pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church in

2013, and as an inspiring preacher, began his ministry motivated by the theme "I only got a minute". This theme embodies the urgency of the moment in history.

Rev. Goodman is a 1991 graduate of Howard University School of Law.



## Justice Ive Arlington Swan

In March 2017, Associate Justice Ive Arlington Swan of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court was recently appointed to serve a second ten-year term as a member of the Court. Justice Swan is grateful to be a member of a generation of Virgin Islanders

who left home with a commitment to be educated and to return and perform public service.

Justice Swan is a 1970 graduate of Howard University School of Law.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!**

Please submit alumni news to Shalonda Colbert at [scolbert@law.howard.edu](mailto:scolbert@law.howard.edu)

# HUSL Faculty and Staff Achievements

## Faculty on the move!

- ⇒ **Professor Cheryl Nichols** - Professor Nichols has published her new textbook, “Broker-Dealer Regulation: Cases and Analysis”. <http://www.cap-press.com/books/isbn/9780769891972/Broker-Dealer-Regulation>
- ⇒ **Professor Sha Shana Crichton** - Professor Crichton won the 2017 Warren Rosmarin Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service at the HUSL Hooding ceremony. Also, Professor Crichton's paper 44 Syracuse J. Int'l L. and Commerce 1 (2016), was ranked #8 in SSRN's monthly top ten most downloaded papers in June 2017 for the topic: AARN: Latin America & South America. [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2970263](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2970263)
- ⇒ **Professor W. Sherman Rogers** - Professor Rogers recently published a new article in The Journal of business, Entrepreneurship & the Law titled “Occupational Licensing: Quality Control or Enterprise Killer? Problems that Arise When People Must Get the Government’s Permission to Work”.  
<http://digitalcommons.pepperdine.edu/jbel/vol10/iss2/1/>
- ⇒ **Professor Andrew Gavil** - Professor Gavil recently wrote a blog on TheHill.com website about “FTC needs to help promote competition in the contact lens marketplace”. <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/healthcare/338715-ftc-needs-to-help-promote-competition-in-the-contact-lens>

## Staff on the move!

- \* **Mr. Jerome Roberson**, HUSL Facilities Director, was awarded his degree in Doctor of Philosophy, Organization & Management, with a specialization in Leadership.
- \* **Ms. Marylyn Toran**, HUSL Clinical Administrative Coordinator, earned her Masters Degree in Education - School Counseling.
- \* **Mr. Seth Kronemer**, HUSL Library Archivist, co-authored with Andrew T. Sulavik, the following article: “Repurposing RDA’s Descriptive Standards to Facilitate Humanities Research: Making a Case for Howard University’s “Portal to the Black Experience” and Similar Neotraditional Research Tools” The article was in the Reference and User Services Quarterly; a double-blind peer-reviewed journal published by the American Library Association.

## SAVE THE DATES



Friday, August 18, 2017  
HUSL Pinning Ceremony  
Class of 2020



Friday, September 15, 2017  
HUSL will host “Singing of  
A New American.” Pauli  
Murray’s Legacy and Jus-  
tice in the 21st Century.



Friday, October 13, 2017  
The 14th Annual Wiley  
Branton/Howard Law  
Journal Symposium.



Friday, October 20, 2017  
The 3rd Annual HUSL  
Homecoming alumni  
Reception.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit our website at [www.law.howard.edu](http://www.law.howard.edu)

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# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## MOOT COURT ROOM CHAIR CAMPAIGN

Howard University School of Law has launched a campaign to renovate our Moot Court Room. The newly renovated Moot Court Room will be renamed to "*The Honorable Damon J. Keith Moot Court*". In an effort to reach our target goal of raising \$2 million dollars by 2019, we are offering you the opportunity to secure a chair for \$5,000.



# Howard University School of Law

## Pledge Form

**Yes, I SUPPORT THE MOOT COURT ROOM CHAIR CAMPAIGN!**

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(title, first, middle initial, last)

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I (we) would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid:

Now (\$5,000) \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly (30 mos. \$166.67) \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly (10 qtrs. \$500.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly (2yrs. \$2,500.00) \_\_\_\_\_

\*(amounts above is a reflection of the first payments being made July 2017, and final payment December 1, 2019)

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Please make check payable to: **Howard University School of Law**

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2900 Van Ness Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20008

Memo: **Moot Court Room Chair Campaign**

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 will not match my contribution

**Thank You For Your Gift.**