RAISING THE BAR

Howard University School of Law Alumni Newsletter

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HUSL Alumni Newsletter Introduction

Presented by the Office of the Dean

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

Message from the Dean:

Welcome to RAISING THE BAR, the Howard University School of Law Alumni Newsletter.

Our law school is defined by our tradition of producing lawyer-leaders who make significant changes in the world. Howard University School of Law students, faculty, staff, and alumni are deeply engaged in our mission of pursuing social justice in the 21st century. Our social justice mission is defined broadly to include civil rights, criminal justice, environmental justice, human rights, and inclusion and opportunity in the corporate and financial world.

“The nation is depending on you to move our beloved country forward in its never-ending fight to fulfill the promises of the Constitution and finally, to undo the yoke of bondage we, as a people, have worn too long....”

- Julian Dugas

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Howard University School of Law Holy Cross Building.
2nd Annual HUSL Homecoming Alumni Reception 2016

The Annual HUSL Homecoming Alumni Reception & Open House was a successful event! More than 200 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of HUSL came to the event to enjoy food, networking, music, and a fun night.


This is an event you don’t want to miss next year!

LA 2016 Alumni Fundraiser Reception

The Alumni Reception hosted on November 5, 2016, in Los Angeles, CA was a great turnout! The reception was hosted at the home of Attorney Alvin Pitman (HUSL Class of 1978) & Attorney Carla Pittman (HUSL Class of 1980). The Host Committee for the reception were: Kevin Mahoney, Charles King, Dennis Ellis, Margo Bouchet, Clarence A. Daniels, Jr., Dr. Money I. Daniels, Larkin Arnold, Jr., Cynthia Arnold, and Dean Danielle Holley-Walker. The event raised more than $250,000.00.
Major Giving

In December 2016, Howard University School of Law received three Major Gifts in the form of Scholarships, from Dr. Eleanor M. Ramsey, Ms. Gina Ferguson Adams, and Mr. Dennis S. Ellis.

On behalf of the Howard University School of Law (HUSL) community, Dean Holley-Walker expresses her gratitude to Dr. Ramsey, Mr. Ellis, and Ms. Adams, for their generous contributions to the law school.

Dr. Eleanor M. Ramsey
The Honorable Henry Ramsey Jr. Endowed Scholars

Dr. Eleanor Ramsey, made a major gift to the law school in honor of her late husband Dean Henry Ramsey, Jr. Dean Ramsey served as dean of the law school from 1990 - 1996. The gift will provide scholarships to students who are committed to studying how race and culture impact lives, and students committed to social justice and activism.

Dr. Ramsey, holds a doctorate degree in anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. She earned a baccalaureate from Hunter College, New York, NY.

Dr. Ramsey is the president of Mason Tillman Associates, LTD, where she directs the firm’s disparity studies.

Gina Ferguson Adams Scholarship Fund

In December 2016, Ms. Gina Ferguson Adams established a scholarship fund to be used to assist a student who attended D.C. Public Schools and will be in attending Howard University School of Law. Ms. Adams is currently the Corporate Vice President for Government Affairs at FedEx Corporation and is responsible for shaping and promoting the interest of all FedEx Corporation operating companies. She also oversees one of the five largest corporate PACs in the United States for her company, which serves more than 220 countries and territories with operations that include 684 aircraft and over 80,000 vehicles and 285,000 team members to make more than 8 million shipments each business day.

Ms. Ferguson Adams established the scholarship fund because she believes it is her duty. She attributes her success to the education that she received at HUSL, and now that she is in the position to give back, she wants to help someone else achieve their goals. Ms. Ferguson Adams believes that others should give to scholarship funds because the legacy of Howard University is critical to, not only the success of students who have already graduated, but to those who need alumni help. She wants to encourage and challenge HUSL graduates to make sure that they are doing everything within their power to help carry on the legacy of Howard University School of Law.

To Give, Please Visit: WWW.LAW.HOWARD.EDU/GIVE/
On behalf of the Howard University School of Law Community, we would like to congratulate HUSL ALUMNI on their achievements.

Macro Ventures Brings Us ‘Fences’

Charles King’s brainchild has produced one of the most Oscar-worthy films of 2016, based on the play by August Wilson.

Headline: BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE

In 2015, Charles King (HUSL Class of ’96), founded MACRO a newly formed production company with a focus on creating film, television and digital content for African-American, Latino and Multicultural consumers. King has been featured in many national media outlets and publications, including NPR, Essence, The Weekly Variety, and the Los Angeles Times. He also is a member of the Howard University School of Law Board of Visitors.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HUSL?

⇒ 13th Annual James M. Nabrit Jr. Lecture
March 23, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm (HUSL Moot Court Room)
Guest Speaker: Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

⇒ Florida HUSL Alumni Reception
April 8, 2017 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the home of Donise and Richard Brown

⇒ New York HUSL Alumni Reception
May 25, 2017 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Long Gallery Harlem

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WANJI WALCOTT

In February 2017, Ms. Wanji Walcott was named SVP, General Counsel of Paypal. She is responsible for the day to day global legal function of the corporation.

Ms. Walcott is a 1994 graduate of Howard University School of Law and served on the Dean Search Committee in 2014. She has been named Savoy Magazine’s 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers.