

Congratulations 2006-2007 FLI Graduates!



On May 19 FLI held its **1st Annual Graduation Celebration**. During our BBQ lunch, we recognized FLI alumni; scholarship and internship awardees; successes of present FLI participants; and explored a Street Law activity. Thank you to all the FLI participants and family members that attended this event! See page 2 for list of all 2006/2007 FLI Graduates.

\$\$ Reminder—Congratulations to all our FLI graduating seniors! You are one-step closer to your life and career goals. Make sure you apply for your \$250 FLI scholarship. Contact Josh at 206-267-7052 or joshi@kcba.org

Summer Activity

Are you looking for an interesting summer activity? Visit a local courthouse and watch civil and criminal trials. Begin by reviewing the cases and trials using the Court's daily calendar. The calendars will provide you information on the judge, room assignments, and case names.

Calendars are available at the courthouse and at www.metrokc.gov/kcsc/.
King County Courthouse
516 – 3rd Avenue
Hours: 8:30AM – 4:30PM, Monday - Friday



Announcing FLI's Summer Internship Winners!

After a very difficult selection process, FLI is pleased to announce the following Summer Interns:

Law Firm Internship at Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC
B'lake Okimow, Chief Sealth High School

Judicial Internship at the Regional Justice Center
Vinh Dinh, Evergreen High School
Gloria Lee, Cleveland High School
Nyalang Madut, Garfield High School
Amanda Simington, Renton High School
Dominique Shannon-Galloway, Chief Sealth High School

FLI interns will spend the summer working and job shadowing in law offices and courts to learn about a law career.

Congratulations to our 2007 interns, and a **HUGE thank you to intern sponsors Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC, and Judge Mary I Yu and Bailiff Nilly Park of King County Superior Court for providing this opportunity!**



Attorney General Rob McKenna with Renton High School FLI students and teacher/FLI Board Director Eric Hougan

2006-2007 Year in Review The 2006/2007 FLI program year was defined by growth. This growth was made possible by the commitment of our sponsors, FLI's Board of Directors and committee members, KCBF, KCBA, mentors, school liaisons and others. Over 100 volunteers from the bar, bench and law schools offered unique experiences and encouragement to FLI students.

78 students from 18 schools participated in FLI this year, the largest group ever. FLI students participated in tours of the Seattle University and University of Washington Schools of Law, observed trials and met with Judges and court staff at the Court of Appeals, Superior Court and Regional Justice Center, visited a law firm, and even met with Attorney General Rob McKenna and his staff.

FLI launched the Summer Internship program with an amazing group of students. Additionally, FLI awarded 14 scholarships to alumni entering colleges all over the country.

Thank you sponsors, mentors, volunteers and students for a great year, we can't wait for 2007/2008!



FLI Attorney Spotlight—Melissa Bartholomew, Lead Licensing Attorney, Office of the Attorney General

Interviewed by Karen W. Murray, FLI Board of Directors and Attorney at Law

I first met Melissa in 1997 when she first arrived in Seattle after graduating from Howard University, School of Law. I immediately knew she would be someone you soon would not forget. Therefore, when considering who should be featured in “Spotlight”, I immediately thought of her because of what she does and because of what she brings to the legal community. The following interview clearly demonstrates why she was chosen.

Did you always want to be an attorney?

No. I started out as a journalism major in college because I loved to write.

What made you want to be an attorney?

I minored in history in college. During my junior year, I took a civil rights history class and learned about the role of the black lawyer in the civil rights movement, including the role of Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall. I attended Howard University, and that history class was particularly meaningful because so many of the lawyers that we studied had been trained at Howard University School of Law, including Marshall. Houston was a former Dean of the law school. Both played prominent roles in the civil rights movement. As a result of studying this rich legal history, I realized that lawyers could have a significant impact on society. As I contemplated what career to pursue, I decided to pursue law because I wanted to do work that would allow me to have a direct, positive impact on people. I wanted to be a “social engineer” like Houston and Marshall.

While growing up, did you have a mentor or a role model who influenced you?

I have had several, but my parents have had the biggest influence on my life. My parents are educated and have advanced degrees. They modeled a strong work ethic and stressed the importance of education. They also modeled unconditional love and compassion, which they richly displayed on me and my sister. Because our household was loving and supportive, I grew up in an atmosphere that allowed me to thrive. My grandfather has also played a significant role in my life. He is a Baptist preacher and I grew up sitting in the church pews listening to him deliver the word about faith and social justice. He planted the seeds that contributed to my spiritual development and my commitment to social justice.

Could you please describe what type of student you were while attending high school? As an undergraduate? As a law student?

I was always a hard worker. I studied hard and received good grades. There were some subjects that were more difficult than others, but I was a diligent student. If there was a subject that I struggled in, I always got a tutor or stayed after class to get help from my teacher. I continued to work hard in law school. I had some challenges during my first year, but I worked harder, changed my study habits, and did much better my second and third years.

Please outline your educational background.

I graduated from Howard University, School of Communications, in 1994, and from Howard University, School of Law, in 1997.

Read the rest of the interview with Ms. Bartholomew online at www.futureofthelaw.org and learn what it takes to have a career in the law.

Congratulations to the FLI Class of 2006/2007!

Gerald Allen; Claudia Almanza; Christine Alpasan; Trawanda Anderson; Brionna Anderson; Joshua Arsenaux; Aaron Broussard; Camille Brown; Phillip Bruan; Jia-Hua Chang; Lyndon Dacuan; Jasmine Davis; Astrid Diaz; Vinh Dinh; Paris Duggins; Victor Facundo; Tasha Fairman; Chanler Frazer; Crystal Grandberry; Yodit Hagos; Monique Hamilton; Hassan Hassan; Christina Hay; Stephanie Hay; Rita Helmbrecht; Tuoung Hoang; Julia Huang; Sandy Ikesakes; Maria Jerome; Duron Jones; Marika Jones; Emma Jornlin; Shawn Juarez; Jemella Kennebrew; Angela Keomalavong; Margaret Kimuhu; Yen Lam; Uyen Le; Gloria Lee; Tequila Logan; Nyalang Madut; Aileen Meriales; Alicia Morales; Austin Nguyen; Blake Okimow; Delane Parker; David Patton; Christy Pham; Valezrina Pham; Andru Pulu; Jordan Rayray; Leonardo Rozal; Donna Saechao; Alejandra Sanchez; Zohal Sarwary; Dominique Shannon-Galloway; Shona Shaw; Amanda Simington; Ashanti Simmons; Hannah Sims; Keiera Smith; Miesha Swensen; Khoanh Ta; Abel Teklai; Shakara Thomas; Brandon Thornton; Choung Tonnu; Amanda Tran; Jairo Vargas; Nikita Vasser; Amy Vu; Chia Washington; Leslie Wong; Kline Wright; Carmen Yu; Mintwab Zemeadim; Solomiya Zhuk.