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24th Annual Donald L. Hollowell Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration

APRIL 24, 2016 • 12–2 PM
PHILIP H. CORBOY LAW CENTER • KASBEER HALL, 15TH FLOOR
25 EAST PEARSON STREET, CHICAGO
Special Recognition

DONALD L. HOLLOWELL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
CARLA KUPE-ARION (JD ‘08)

Following law school, Carla joined the City of Chicago Law Department as an assistant corporation counsel. In 2011, she was assigned to the Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division. In that position she defends members of the Chicago Police Department in state and federal court against allegations of misconduct and claims against the City of Chicago. Carla is an active member of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. She is one of two regional trainers for the National NOBLE’s “The Law and Your Community,” a program which equips the community with law literacy as to their civil rights and basic criminal laws that apply to their lives. She currently oversees the roll-out of this program in Chicago Public Schools.

NORMAN C. AMAKER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
CANDACE MOORE (JD ‘13)

Candace Moore is a staff attorney for the Educational Equity Project where she advocates for the educational rights of young people through a lens of racial and social justice. She was instrumental in the Chicago Lawyers’ Committee’s re-launch of the Educational Equity Project. Candace’s work has focused on organizing legal advocacy resources to address disparate discipline and barriers to enrollment for students throughout Chicago and its surrounding communities. She also works in partnership with community-based reformers and institutional policy makers to achieve sustainable and meaningful solutions. She is a proud graduate of both Loyola University Chicago’s undergraduate program and the School of Law.

BLSA DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD
DEAN DAVID YELLEN

During his tenure as dean of the School of Law at Loyola University Chicago, David has engaged in an effective, multifaceted effort to expand diversity in legal education and the profession. To provide a forum for alumni, students, faculty, and staff to discuss issues affecting people of color as they go through law school and begin their careers, he created the Dean’s Diversity Council at Loyola in 2007. Over the past several years, Loyola has significantly increased its enrollment of underrepresented students in the first-year class. For the past four years, Loyola has been one of 10 schools to receive the Law School Admission Council’s 2014 Diversity Matters Award for its commitment to minority student outreach programs. After serving the past eleven years as dean and professor of law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, David Yellen will be leaving Loyola at the end of June to assume the position of president for Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.
Event Schedule

OPENING REMARKS
Associate Dean James Faught

INTRODUCTION
Carrera Thibodeaux, BLSA Vice-President

INVOCATION
Associate Dean Jean Gaspardo

BRUNCH SERVICE

PRESENTATION OF THE NORMAN C. AMAKER
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Alison Hill, BLSA Secretary

PRESENTATION OF THE DONALD L. HOLLOWELL
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Louis-Raymond Gomes, BLSA Treasurer

PRESENTATION OF THE BLSA DIVERSITY
AND INCLUSION AWARD
Kenneth Little, BLSA President

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Carrera Thibodeaux, BLSA Vice-President

RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2016
Ama Gyimah

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2016-17
BLSA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CLOSING REMARKS
Kenneth Little, BLSA President
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ALUMNI BRUNCH COMMITTEE
Nana Otutua-Amoah
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BLSA CONTRIBUTORS
Professor Mary Bird (JD ’87)
Phillip Brigham (JD ’09, LLM ’10)
Elisabeth Brookover
Dennericka Brooks (JD ’07)
Associate Dean James Faught (JD ’76)
Assistant Dean Jean Gaspardo (MBA ’99, JD ’94)
Jamel Greer (JD ’14)
Professor Josie Gough (BA ’74, MEd ’78, JD ’84)
Professor Zelda Harris
Lindsey Johnson (JD ’12)
Associate Dean Michael Kaufman
Giselle Santibanez-Bania (JD ’99)
Johanne Verpil (JD ’14)
La’Mont Williams (JD ’14)
Professor Neil Williams
Dean David Yellen