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## President's Message

Dear WBA Members:

As president of the Washington Bar Association, I bring greetings from your executive committee, board of directors and council of past presidents.

The year 2015 will mark the 90th Anniversary of the Washington Bar Association. This affords us with an opportunity to reflect and learn lessons from the past as we look forward and pave the road for a sustained and bright future. Given the tremendous success of the 1st quarter of the WBA bar year, I can say we are on solid ground and are moving in the right direction.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the membership committee under the leadership of Natalie Walker, 1st Vice President and Membership Chair, WBA membership has increased by more than 50% in the first 3 months of the WBA bar year. Well done team!

To the new and "renewed" WBA members, I say welcome and offer a thank you to each of you for joining the "Renewed WBA". As a member of the WBA, please understand that you are now a part of one of the first and oldest African American Bar associations in the world. You are now a part of an organization that has a rich legacy and a tradition of service to which few can lay claim. Recognize that the rich tradition and bounty of African American legal talent in Washington, DC, is not present everywhere in America. As a member of the WBA, you will have an opportunity not afforded to all. Join us as we continue to use the legacy of the WBA as a platform upon which we can stand to advocate for the legal interest and rights of our people. That is the history, the tradition and the future of the WBA. [To listen to the full Message, please click [here!](#)]

Warm Regards,



**Karen E. Evans, WBA President**  
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**Calendar of Events**

[The particulars will be on the WBA web site]

**WBA General Body Meeting, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
D.C. Superior Court Jurors' Lounge, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.,

**Government Lawyers Committee, Meet & Greet, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
The Cochran Firm, 1100 New York Ave., NW, Suite 340 West

**WBA Career Fair for Law Students, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
UDC School of Law, 4340 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Building 52

**Annual Judicial Council Symposium, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 430 E St. N.W.

**Message from Judicial Council**

By Judge Fern Flanagan Saddler, Judicial Council Chair

Greetings and Happy New Year to All of You!

The Judicial Council is looking forward to many exciting upcoming events. Foremost on our minds is our signature program, the Annual Judicial Council Symposium, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** at the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (The Historic Courthouse), 430 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

This year's symposium concerns legal issues related to the cases of Michael Brown and Eric Garner. We encourage all Washington Bar Association members to attend and to invite your colleagues to the symposium. This year's panelists will include:

- **Professor Angela J. Davis**, Professor of Criminal Law, American University Washington College of Law.
- **Barbara R. Arwine, Esquire**, President and Executive Director, The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Judge H. Alexander Manuel is the Chair of the Symposium Committee.

Finally, our next scheduled meeting for the Judicial Council is **Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C. in the Judges' Dining Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Our colleague Judge David C. Simmons will lead a panel discussion on the topic of "What I know now as a Judge that I wish I had known when I first became a Judge."

Please come out and support the Judicial Council!

## Future Events

### WBA General Body Meeting: "Developing Business in the Legal Profession"

All members are invited to the Washington Bar Association's first membership meeting of 2015. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 6:00 pm at District of Columbia Superior Court Jurors' Lounge, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

We will discuss the state of the WBA, present committee reports; and discuss legal business development followed by a Q&A session. All members are invited and welcomed.

Come see for yourself what membership in the Washington Bar Association looks like!

### WBA Twelfth Annual Career Fair

By Jason A. Grant, Chair, WBA Career Fair

Dear WBA members:

On February 21, 2015, from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, The Washington Bar Association will host its Twelfth Annual Career Fair for Law Students. We are pleased to announce that, this year, the Greater Washington Area Chapter of the National Bar Association's Women Lawyers Division ('GWAC') and the Howard University School of Law Alumni Club of Greater Washington, DC ("HUSLAC-DC"), will serve as co-hosts. The fair will be held at the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, 4340 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Building 52, Washington, D.C. 20008.

In order to make this very important event a success, we need your assistance.

Despite gradual improvements in the economy, the job market is still particularly uncertain for law students. Thus, we are in need of employers from various law firms, federal and local government agencies, associations, non-profits, and corporations to interview law students for summer and/or semester internships. Volunteers are also needed to conduct mock interviews and resume workshops.

We truly hope you are able to participate. If interested, please contact the Chair of the WBA Career Fair, Jason A. Grant, at [wbacareerfair@gmail.com](mailto:wbacareerfair@gmail.com) and/or 202-587-5680.

Thank you in advance for your service.

Kind regards,







**The Washington Bar Association,  
The Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division  
of the National Bar Association  
And  
The Howard University School of Law Alumni Club of Greater  
Washington, DC  
Present**

**The Twelfth Annual Career Fair  
Saturday, February 21, 2015  
9:30am to 12:30pm**

**The University of the District of Columbia  
David A. Clarke School of Law  
4340 Connecticut Ave., NW  
Building 52  
Washington, D.C. 20008**

Meet with judges, law firms and government agencies from the DC Metropolitan area.  
Resume critiques and mock interviews will be available.

Law Students RSVP here: <http://goo.gl/forms/lG8oIVRnKN>  
Employers and Volunteers sign up here: <http://goo.gl/forms/QwmZY5Bb6u>

For more information contact: Jason A. Grant at [wbacareerfair@gmail.com](mailto:wbacareerfair@gmail.com)

## GOVERNMENT LAWYERS COMMITTEE MEET & GREET

Please join The Washington Bar Association's Government Lawyers Committee for a Meet and Greet on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm at The Cochran Firm, 1100 New York Ave., NW, Suite 340 West, Washington, D.C. 20005. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with other local and federal government lawyers, join the "new" WBA Government Lawyers Committee (opportunities to serve in leadership are available), and help shape its mission and goals.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Alex Smith by February 9, 2015 at ASmith@CochranFirm.com or 202-682-5800. You are encouraged to bring friends. Light Refreshments will be served.

## D.C. Legal Development

### "BAN-THE-BOX" LAW AIMS TO HELP RETURNING CITIZENS FIND EMPLOYMENT

By Melanie E. Bates, President of the Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women's Lawyers Division, National Bar Association (GWAC)



Upon release from incarceration, returning citizens face an overwhelming amount of obstacles and burdens when attempting to piece back their lives. Think about it.

Imagine being dropped off on a street corner with nothing but the clothes on your back – after being isolated from society for decades. How would you eat? Where would you sleep? Would you know how to get a driver's license? Find a job? Probably not. Without support and resources, returning citizens are often lost and forced to fend for themselves.

Approximately 60,000 District residents have criminal records.<sup>1</sup> Each year, an estimated 8,000 residents return to the District after serving prison sentences.<sup>2</sup> About a third of adults return to prison for more than five days within two years of release.<sup>3</sup> These statistics underscore the imperative need for reentry services in the District of Columbia.

### *Fair Criminal Record Screening Amendment Act of 2014*

Fortunately, the District has joined over 60 other jurisdictions in enacting legislation aimed at assisting returning citizens with obtaining employment.<sup>4</sup> The [Fair Criminal Record Screening Amendment Act of 2014](#), more commonly known as "Ban-the-Box," went into effect on December 18, 2014.<sup>5</sup> This legislation was introduced by

<sup>1</sup> Council for Court Excellence, *Unlocking Employment Opportunity for Previously Incarcerated Persons in the District of Columbia*, Page 9.

[http://www.courtexcellence.org/uploads/files/CCE\\_Reentry.pdf](http://www.courtexcellence.org/uploads/files/CCE_Reentry.pdf) (last visited: January 4, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> National Criminal Justice Reference Service, *Recidivism Research in the District of Columbia – A Review and Status Report*.

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/abstract.aspx?ID=67592> (last visited: January 4, 2015)

<sup>4</sup> Office of Human Rights, "OHR Begins Enforcing "Ban-the-Box" Law for Returning Citizens."

<http://ohr.dc.gov/release/ohr-begins-enforcing-%E2%80%99Cban-box%E2%80%99D-law-returning-citizens-0>

(last visited: January 4, 2015).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

Councilmembers Wells, Barry, McDuffie, Orange, Graham, Bowser, Bonds, and Chairman Mendelson. It was co-sponsored by Councilmembers Evans, Grosso, and Alexander.

“Ban-the-Box” refers to the prohibition of the use of a box on job applications that asks applicants to indicate whether they have a criminal record.<sup>6</sup> “The box” commonly appears on job applications and is often used to disqualify applicants with a criminal record because it offers a quick tool for employers to screen and differentiate applicants.<sup>7</sup>

Under this law, employers are prohibited from inquiring about an applicant’s criminal history until after a conditional offer of employment has been made.<sup>8</sup> An employer who properly asks about a criminal conviction can only withdraw the offer or take adverse action against the applicant for a legitimate business reason.<sup>9</sup> The law applies to all employers with eleven or more employees for job positions in the District of Columbia.<sup>10</sup> The federal government is not covered under this law, and additional exceptions apply.<sup>11</sup>

The enactment of this legislation is a tremendous victory for the District of Columbia. Prohibiting inquiry into an applicant’s criminal history until after a conditional offer has been made will

increase the likelihood that our returning citizens will be fairly considered during the job application process. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

### *Improving Returning Citizen Employment Outcomes*

Furthermore, returning citizen employment outcomes can be improved by beginning the job application process prior to release. Residents coming home should be contacted by a District government agency while they are still incarcerated. Inmates should be given the opportunity to complete an intake form that surveys their interests, educational level, and relevant skills. Having this information beforehand would accelerate the placement process. The agency could contact potential employers so that meetings and interviews could be scheduled prior to release. Additionally, the agency could send resources to inmates that provide information about the interview process, such as resume formulation, practice interview questions, proper etiquette, and the like. All of this will build confidence and hope in the individual as well as increase the likelihood that they will follow through with the job application process. Coming home without a plan leads to destructive behavior. Persons get frustrated with the system and often revert back to their previous ways. Already having the job application process in play, and with the assistance of “Ban-the-Box”, recidivism will be prevented and returning citizens will be kept on the path to success. We must continually strive to support one of our most vulnerable populations, returning citizens.

*Melanie E. Bates is a Policy & Communications Associate with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of the*

<sup>6</sup> Report on Bill 20-642, the “Fair Criminal Records Screening Amendment Act of 2014.” *Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety*. Page 6.

<http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/30954/B20-0642-CommitteeReport1.pdf> (last visited: January 4, 2015).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> Office of Human Rights, *Returning Citizens and Employment*. <http://ohr.dc.gov/page/returningcitizens> (last visited: January 4, 2015).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

*Nation's Capital, where she hopes to liaison with local professional and community organizations. Melanie is President of the Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women's Lawyers Division, National Bar Association (GWAC). She also serves on the National Bar Association's Board of Governors.*

***The views expressed in this article here are her own.***

## Message from the Historian

### JANUARY 2015 LISTING OF WBA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

By Robert L. Bell, WBA Historian

This is the 2015 listing of WBA Life Members. A prior listing appeared in the December 2014 edition of Equal Justice. This current listing includes the entirety of regular members who have paid life membership dues as of January 24, 2015.

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#### THE CURRENT LISTING OF WBA LIFE MEMBERS

1. L. Harold Aikens, Jr.
2. Joyce Batipps
3. Robie A. Beatty
4. Robert L. Bell
5. Steven E. Bullock
6. Christie Burnett
7. Felicia Chambers
8. Hon. Erik Christian
9. Angela Clark
10. Karen E. Evans
11. James Frazier
12. Bruce A. Frederickson
13. Beryl Gilmore
14. Joseph H. Hairston
15. Philip Hampton
16. Derrick Humphries
17. Ronald C. Jessamy, Sr.
18. Kevin D. Judd

19. Kim M. Keenan
20. Allie B. Latimer
21. William Lightfoot
22. Bridget Bailey Lipscomb
23. Hon. Cheryl M. Long
24. Myles V. Lynk
25. Hon. Lillian A. McEwen
26. Charles Ogletree
27. Jack H. Olender
28. Karl Racine
29. Robert E. Richardson
30. Paul Robertson
31. Hon. Fern F. Saddler
32. James J. Sandman
33. Kurt L. Schmoke
34. Roberta Willis Sims
35. Nathaniel Speights
36. Stephen Taylor
37. Hon. Annice M. Wagner
38. Natalie Walker
39. Yuri Walker
40. Wendell W. Webster
41. Joan M. Wilbon
42. Charles E. Wiley
43. Fletcher H. Wiley
44. Richard M. Wilson

Effective January 1, 2015, WBA Life Membership dues increased to \$2,000.00.

## Member Achievements

On January 18, 2015, the Nigerian Ambassador, Professor Adebowale Adefuye, presented former WBA President, William R. "Billy" with a 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Award. Mr. Martin was honored as one of "six Africans and African-Americans who have contributed to the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through their efforts in economic empowerment, National and International service, Civil Engagement, Advocacy & Justice and Philanthropy." Congratulations, Billy!



For more information about the award click [here!](#)

On January 22, 2015, it was announced that Narda Newby, WBA Member, has joined Covington & Burling as Deputy General Counsel. Congratulations, Narda!



For more information click [here!](#)

## Announcements

### WBA NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS NOTICE

The Washington Bar Association's Nominations and Elections Committee is charged with the preparation of a slate of

candidates to be voted on at the Association's Annual Meeting in June 2015. The Committee is comprised of Kim Keenan, David Morrow and Billy Martin. Kim Keenan will serve as Committee Chair. If you are interested in running to serve as an officer or member of the Board of Directors, please contact Committee Chair, Kim Keenan at [kkeen@mmtconline.org](mailto:kkeen@mmtconline.org).

In addition to the slate of candidates proposed by the Committee, any WBA Regular Member in good standing may be nominated for any elected office in the Association by filing a Petition of Nomination with the Association's Secretary. All petitions of Nomination must be filed with the Secretary, Sheldon Smith at [sheldon.a.smith@gmail.com](mailto:sheldon.a.smith@gmail.com), no later than April 18, 2015. Each petition must contain the signatures of fifteen Regular Members in good standing.

### HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Washington Bar Association's Hall of Fame Committee is accepting applications for the 2015 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in June. All nominations must be received by April 30, 2015. The criteria for nominations are: (1) that the nominee is a member of the Washington Bar Association, (2) has practiced law for at least 25 years, and (3) has made significant contributions to the cause for equal justice under the law and to the profession. This year's Hall of Fame Committee is chaired by Karen E. Evans. The other committee member is Robert Bell. For further information, you may contact President Karen E Evans at (202) 682-5800, or by email at [Kevans@cochranfirm.com](mailto:Kevans@cochranfirm.com).

## ATTENTION MEMEBERS WITH A MILITARY BACKGROUND:



Do you have a military background (current member, retired, or veteran)? The Washington Bar Association would like to offer special programming and benefits to you. A Military Lawyers Committee will be formed for this purpose. Please email WBA Secretary, Sheldon A. Smith, at [sheldon.a.smith@gmail.com](mailto:sheldon.a.smith@gmail.com), if you are interested in joining the Military Lawyers Committee.

## D.C. BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

By Elizabeth J. Branda, Executive Attorney, D.C. Board of Professional Responsibility

The D.C. Board on Professional Responsibility is seeking members of the District of Columbia Bar to serve on its Hearing Committees.

There are 12 Hearing Committees of the Board assigned to hear lawyer discipline cases brought by Bar Counsel and contested petitions for reinstatement, filed by attorneys who are disbarred or suspended and required to prove fitness to practice as a condition of reinstatement. Each Hearing Committee is composed of two attorneys and one public member. Attorney members must be members of the District of Columbia Bar. In addition to the 12 standing Hearing Committees, there is a roster of alternate Hearing Committee members, who serve when a regular member is unavailable.

In contested disciplinary and reinstatement cases, the Hearing Committees consider evidence and the testimony of witnesses, taken under oath. Hearing Committees are generally guided, but not bound, by provisions or rules of court practice, procedure, pleading and evidence. Contested hearings can take from a few hours to several days. At the conclusion of the hearing, the parties file briefs, and the Hearing Committee drafts a report to the Board, with findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommended sanction. Reports are usually drafted by the Hearing Committee Chair, but the drafting may be delegated to another member. Hearing Committees also consider petitions for negotiated discipline, conduct limited hearings on the petitions, and may reject the petition or recommend that it be accepted by the Court. Hearing Committee members consider approximately three to five cases a year, depending on their availability. Hearings are open to the public.

Hearing Committee members are appointed by the Board on Professional Responsibility and are eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms.

If you are interested in serving on a Hearing Committee, please send a cover letter and resume to the Board's Executive Attorney, Elizabeth J. Branda, Esquire.

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**WBA Scholarships**

## CHARLES HAMILTON HOUSTON 2015 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

By Antoinette Barksdale & Charles Byrd, CHH  
Scholarship Committee Co-chairs.



The Washington Bar Association Educational Foundation, Inc. (WBAEF) is pleased to announce the 2015 Charles Hamilton Houston (CHH) Scholarship Essay Competition. Members of the 2015 WBAEF CHH Scholarship Committee are Antoinette Barksdale, Charles Byrd, Robie Beatty, Darrian Denman, Yaida Ford and Natalie Walker.

Currently enrolled first and second year law students are invited to participate in the CHH Essay Competition. Entrants will submit an essay on the topic: *"In the age of social media and 24-hour news coverage, cases of police brutality can be well publicized and widely discussed. The actual investigations of brutality complaints are not so public. What are the rights of the victims/ or victims' families to access information. What rights do the accused officers have?"* Essays must be in typewritten form, using a 12 point font, double spaced on 8 ½ x 11" white paper with 1 inch margins; not to exceed seven (7) pages. Monetary scholarships will be awarded to the first (\$3,000.00), second (\$2,000.00) and third (\$1,000.00) place winners. The check will be made payable to the law school to be credited to the student's account.

Essays must be submitted on or before the deadline of Friday, March 20, 2015 by email only. Emails will be accepted until midnight on March 20th. Entries will be judged by a panel of attorneys and/or

judges, and will be scored on the basis of both substance and form.

Winners of the CHH Essay Competition will be presented during the Washington Bar Association and Washington Bar Association Educational Foundation, Inc.'s Annual Law Day Dinner at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Attendance is required.

Essay submissions should be emailed in PDF format to: Darrian Denman, Esq., [dadenman@hotmail.com](mailto:dadenman@hotmail.com).

Should you have questions or desire any additional information, please contact the Co-Chairs of the WBAEF CHH Scholarship Committee, Antoinette Barksdale (202) 307-6012 or Charles Byrd (301) 474-4599.

## EUGENE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP 2015 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

By Hon. Claudia Crichlow and Bridget Bailey  
Lipscomb, Co-Chairs Eugene Hamilton Scholarship  
Committee

On behalf of the Washington Bar Association Educational Foundation, Inc. (WBAEF), we would like to invite your currently enrolled law students who are not graduating in May 2015 to participate in the WBAEF Eugene Hamilton Scholarship Competition.

The Judge Eugene Hamilton Scholarship Competition is held in recognition of Judge Hamilton's many contributions to the legal community. Throughout Judge Hamilton's career he embodied wisdom, professionalism, compassion and humility. He served as a judge for more than three decades and became the second African American to hold the position of Chief Judge of the D.C. Superior Court. Judge Hamilton also served on the faculty at Harvard Law School and taught as an

adjunct professor at American University Washington College of Law. Judge Hamilton was a respected leader, teacher and mentor who had a keen interest in juvenile justice initiatives. His passion for working with young people extended beyond the courtroom and afforded him the title of the "People's Judge."

Please disseminate the attached rules to any day or evening student who is not graduating in May 2015 and is interested in submitting an appellate brief to compete for the scholarship. The winner of the competition will receive \$5,000 that will be presented during the Washington Bar Association Law Day Dinner in Washington, D.C, in May 2015. The winner must attend the Law Day Dinner to receive the scholarship and must bear any travel expenses, including lodging, meals and transportation. The \$5,000 scholarship prize money will be paid directly to the law school to supplement law school tuition and expenses.

In accordance with the attached rules, entrants should submit an appellate brief on the topic:

***"Whether local municipalities possessing and utilizing military grade weaponry is a violation of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution."***

Briefs must be submitted on or before the deadline of March 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and shall not exceed 13 pages, including endnotes. The briefs will be scored on the basis of substance, form and advocacy.

## COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

**1. ENTRANTS** - The Competition is open to first and second year full time law students, and second and third year part

time law students. Law students who will graduate in May 2015 are not eligible to participate. Each entrant must provide certification of his or her active status from the entrant's registrar's office, and a resume. The scholarship will be paid directly to the law school for tuition and law school expenses.

**2. APPELLATE BRIEF TOPIC** - In accordance with the rules submitted herein, entrants should submit an appellate brief on the following question presented:

***Whether local municipalities possessing and utilizing military grade weaponry is a violation of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.***

**3. SOURCES** - Entrants are encouraged to use all available primary and secondary sources. This includes case law, statutory authority, U.S. Constitution, law review articles, books, and the Internet.

**4. APPELLATE BRIEF** - All briefs shall be prepared in accordance with Rules of the D.C. Court of Appeals, and the Rules and Regulations set forth herein. Each brief must represent the individual effort of the entrant.

**5. JUDGING AND AWARDS** - All briefs will be judged by a panel of attorneys and/or judges, and will be scored on the basis of both substance and form. The winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship in honor of the late Judge Eugene Hamilton.

**6. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR APPELLATE BRIEF-**

(A) **General Form:** Briefs shall be submitted in typewritten form, using a 12 point font, single-spaced on 8 ½ by 11 inch white bond paper with appropriate

margins. The brief must be securely bound at the left margin. Briefs shall not exceed thirteen (13) pages, including endnotes.

(B) **Submission of Briefs:** All briefs must be submitted in writing and electronically in PDF format on or before the deadline of March 20, 2015. Each entrant shall submit by mail the original brief, with two (2) copies, as well as registrar certification, and a copy of the entrant's resume to:

Hon. Claudia Crichlow  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 450 North  
Washington, DC 20001  
RE: WBA Eugene Hamilton Scholarship  
Competition 2015

Electronic submissions should be mailed to [claudia.crichlow@dc.gov](mailto:claudia.crichlow@dc.gov). Please include in the subject line WBA Eugene Hamilton Scholarship Competition 2015.

Mailed submissions must be postmarked on or before March 20, 2015. Electronic submission will be accepted until midnight on March 20, 2015. **Faxed submissions will not be accepted.**

(C) **Certification:** By submitting a brief in this competition, each entrant certifies that such brief:

(1) has been prepared in accordance with the rules of the competition; and

(2) represents the exclusive work product of the entrant.

7. **FACULTY OR OTHER ASSISTANCE** - No entrant shall receive any faculty or other assistance in the writing of his/her brief.

8. **POWER OF THE COMMITTEE** - The Scholarship Committee may amend the Competition Rules and Regulations as necessary to insure a fair and proper competition, and is empowered to interpret these Rules and resolve any disputes which may arise. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final and not subject to any appeal.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF RULES** - Participation in this Scholarship Competition constitutes acceptance of the Rules by the competing law students.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Any written correspondence or inquiries concerning the Scholarship Competition should be directed to Claudia Crichlow at [claudia.crichlow@dc.gov](mailto:claudia.crichlow@dc.gov) or Bridget Bailey Lipscomb, Esquire at [bridgetbaileylipscomb@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetbaileylipscomb@gmail.com)

## In Other News...

### Black History Month Event in the D.M.V.

THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF BENNETT COLLEGE

NOVABC

ANNUAL THEATER PARTY  
**"Bessie's Blues"**

Featuring Helen Hayes Award Winner  
Bernardine Mitchell as Bessie Smith  
Thomas W. Jones II | Playwright,  
Director & Choreographer  
William Knowles | Music Director

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015  
METRO STAGE THEATER  
1301 NORTH ROYAL STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Reception: 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm  
Performance: 7:00 pm  
**\$65.00**

Fur shawl raffle drawing follows performance!  
\$10 per ticket or \$25 for booklet of 5 tickets

