Message from the President

This newsletter is an ongoing attempt to keep you, our contributors, advised of the King County Bar Foundation’s (KCBF) stewardship of your contributed funds. I want to take this opportunity and pulpit to thank each and every one of you for the money and time you and your law firms have contributed to either KCBF or the King County Bar Association (KCBA).

The mission of KCBF is to ensure access to the legal system and to promote diversity in the profession. KCBF was established in 1979 as a fund raising organization with 501(c)(3) status for the purpose of raising money to fund KCBA programs dedicated to these purposes. The funds raised by KCBF are not only used to support KCBA pro bono programs, they are also used to support KCBF's own Future of the Law Institute (FLI) and are donated to our two local law schools to be used for scholarships to promote diversity within the profession.

Beginning in 1970 (when the program was started under the leadership of Bill Gates, Sr. and run by KCBA) through 2009, approximately $1,400,000 has been donated to local law schools for diversity scholarships. The schools, in turn, have used the money to provide almost 650 students with financial support. KCBF has also provided funding in the amount of $40,000 to FLI, a year-long pipeline program designed to encourage diverse and economically disadvantaged high school students to consider a legal career. Total enrollment in FLI programs since inception exceeds 500 students. In addition to KCBF’s annual support, additional funding for FLI comes directly from many local law firms, lawyers, corporations, and legal service providers.

KCBF’s funds come from a variety of sources. KCBF receives, as an annual grant from the Legal Foundation of Washington, a portion of the proceeds from IOLTA accounts and other state funding. Also, KCBF is a partner with LAW Fund in the annual statewide Campaign for Equal Justice, focusing its energies on raising funds from law firms within King County. KCBF also receives significant funding from its annual Breakfast with Champions and from donations given at the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon. Additionally, KCBF seeks funding from a variety of non-legal sources—corporations, banks, and legal service providers—as well as grants from local and national foundations with a mission to serve programs of the kind that KCBA and KCBF provide.

From a review of our funding sources, it is safe to conclude that the bulk of KCBF’s annual funding comes, directly or indirectly, from lawyers and law firms resident here in King County. This cash outlay is in addition to the more than 34,500 hours contributed by local lawyers last year to the Bar’s pro bono programs.

On behalf of the KCBF board and the board, lawyers, and staff of KCBA, I thank you again for each and every hour and dollar you contribute—whether to us or to one of our funding sources. Your generosity is truly awesome and well in keeping with the highest traditions of the legal profession. Our board members are truly proud to live and work among you and to share your demonstrated passion for equal justice.
Breakfast With Champions

On March 10, 2010, over a thousand lawyers, judges, and friends of the legal community gathered at the Sheraton Seattle hotel for the King County Bar Foundation’s tenth annual fundraiser, the Breakfast With Champions. The Foundation raised $275,000 through guest contributions and sponsorships in support of its pro bono civil legal aid and diversity programs – individual contributions were up 22% over the previous year.

Former Majority Leader and U.S. Senator Thomas Daschle delivered the keynote address. His remarks focused on the current debate on healthcare reform and the cost, quality, and access issues that have politically polarized the discussion in our nation’s capital. The tightly packed program also included the following speakers: Attorney General Rob McKenna, KCBF President Stephen Ellis, KCBA President James Andrus, La Rond Baker, 3L (University of Washington), Hon. Charles Burdell, Jr. (Ret.), KCBF Vice President Kathryn Battuello, and Peter Ehrlichman as the Master of Ceremonies.

The King County Bar Foundation would like to thank its sponsors, table captains, guests, trustees, staff, and volunteers for making the 2010 Breakfast With Champions such a success. Special acknowledgement to the Breakfast strategists who volunteered their time to organize this event: Megan McCloskey (BWC Co-Chair), Megan Wells (BWC Co-Chair), James L. Austin Jr., Kathryn M. Battuello, Hon. Charles S. Burdell Jr. (Ret.), Daniel J. Dunne, Paul S. Ficca, Curt R. Hineline, M. Colleen Kinerk, Susan L. Mask, and Benson D. Wong.
**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon**  | **January 15, 2010**

Over 600 guests celebrated Dr. King’s legacy at KCBA’s annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon. Funds raised at the Luncheon support KCBF’s Minority Law Student Scholarship program.

Keynote Speaker Donna Brazile

Pictured (left to right): Hon. Richard A. Jones (Luncheon Co-Chair), Karen W. Murray (Luncheon Co-Chair), and Andrew J. Razuch (Executive Director)

Luncheon attendees

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**Future of the Law Institute Field Trip**  | **January 26, 2010**

FLI students from South Lake Alternative, Rainier Beach, and Federal Way high schools toured the King County Prosecutor’s Office.

Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg and FLI Students

FLI Students

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**KCBA Young Lawyers Division Fun Run**  | **March 7, 2010**

Over 100 runners and walkers participated in the 4th Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk at Seward Park, Seattle. Funds raised at the Fun Run support KCBA programs, including the Neighborhood Legal Clinics.

Sarah Kimberly and Thuy Nguyen-Lieper, KCBA YLD Community Involvement Committee members

Winners of the Best Team Uniform Award (left to right): Adelaine Clapp, Ana Selvidge, James Fogarty, Maureen Ried, Rebecca Fogarty and Rana Nollet