Message from the President

On behalf of the King County Bar Foundation, I want to thank all of our friends and supporters for their ongoing dedication to the Bar’s mission of justice and diversity. Your financial support, in partnership with the hard work of our board members, volunteers and staff, enabled the Foundation to exceed budgeted goals for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Our financial success secures ongoing funding for the Bar’s Pro Bono Legal Services Programs and diversity initiatives.

Our year started with great news from the Seattle Foundation: the Bar’s Housing Justice Project was awarded funds for a second year from the Building Resilience Initiative. In the fall we kicked off the King County Campaign for Equal Justice, a joint effort with LAW Fund. We raised $491,000 from 122 law firms—a new Campaign record! We were fortunate this winter to receive stable funding from the Legal Foundation of Washington. In the spring, our annual Breakfast With Champions exceeded expectations with a sell-out crowd of 1,100 people gathering to celebrate and support the Bar’s pro bono and diversity programs. Our eleventh annual Breakfast raised $288,000 for justice and diversity.

Thanks to your investment in KCBF, 101 minority and low-income high school students participated in the Future of the Law Institute (FLI). KCBF recently granted $125,000 toward scholarships for minority law students at Seattle University and the University of Washington. Finally, we maintained stable funding for the Bar’s Pro Bono Services programs. Next fall, watch for details regarding our annual donor and volunteer Recognition Event, Bar Scholars Reception, and FLI. We welcome your participation in these events! Through them you can see first hand how your investment in KCBF makes a real difference for your community.

KCBF looks forward to working with you in the fall as we embark on a new fund-raising season. In the meantime, I hope your summer brings well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Kate Battuello

And the Award Goes to . . .

The King County Bar

“It is a true honor in our [125th] anniversary year for the KCBA to receive the Legal Foundation of Washington’s prestigious Goldmark Award in recognition of our efforts to promote equal justice.”

—Mark Fordham, KCBA President

The King County Bar was recognized at the Legal Foundation of Washington’s Goldmark Award Luncheon as the 25th recipient of the Charles A. Goldmark Distinguished Service on February 25, 2011. The Charles A. Goldmark Distinguished Service Award is named in honor of Charles A. Goldmark, a prominent Seattle attorney who played a singularly important role in the creation of the interest on the lawyer’s trust account. Mr. Goldmark was president of the Legal Foundation of Washington at the time of his tragic death in January 1986. The Goldmark Award recognizes the King County Bar’s exceptional efforts in assuring equal access to justice.

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Breakfast With Champions

On Thursday, March 24th, nearly 1,100 members and friends of the legal community attended the King County Bar Foundation’s 11th annual Breakfast With Champions at the Westin Seattle hotel. The Breakfast, KCBF’s premier fundraiser, raised $288,000 in contributions and sponsorships to benefit the Foundation’s pro bono civil legal aid and diversity programs.

Jeffrey Toobin, CNN senior analyst and best-selling author of The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court, captivated the audience with his engaging and humorous recap of the past 50 years of the Supreme Court. The program, emceed by Peter Ehrlichman, also featured KCBF President Kate Battuello, KCBA President Mark Fordham, Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna, Dean Mark Niles (SU), Dean Kellye Y. Testy (UW), and Hon. Charles S. Burdell, Jr. (Ret.).

The Foundation premiered a video that highlighted two pro bono client stories, and Anupa Iyer, 3L from Seattle University and a KCBF minority law student scholarship recipient, shared how she got to law school.

The King County Bar Foundation thanks its sponsors, table captains, guests, trustees, staff, and volunteers for making the 2011 Breakfast With Champions such a success. Special acknowledgment to the Breakfast planning committee who volunteered their time to organize this event: Megan Wells (Co-Chair), James L. Austin Jr. (Co-Chair), Hon. Charles S. Burdell Jr. (Ret.), Daniel J. Dunne, Curt R. Hineline, M. Colleen Kinerk, Michael S. Schechter, and Benson D. Wong. For a full list of our sponsors and to view more photos from the event, please visit www.kcbf.org.
EVENTS

MLK Luncheon  January 14, 2011

Nearly 700 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.

YLD Fun Run  March 6, 2011

Over 100 participated in the KCBA YLD’s 5th Annual Fun Run & Walk on March 6, 2011, and raised nearly $2,000 to support KCBA’s Pro Bono Services programs.

King County Bar’s Annual Past Presidents’ Breakfast  May 3, 2011

Nearly 40 past presidents of the King County Bar Association and Foundation met for their annual breakfast reunion at the Women’s University Club.

Please remember the King County Bar Foundation when paying your KCBA membership dues. Dues check-off contributions directly support the Bar’s pro bono civil legal aid and diversity programs.