

FOUNDERS'
CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SYLVANIA WOODS CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE LAW

Thursday, April 2, 2009

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY: REVERSING THE TREND

2:00 - 8:30 PM

**American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Sixth Floor**

2:00-3:00 – REGISTRATION

3:00-4:00 – CAREERS TABLE TALK

Representatives from a range of legal employers, some of whom are alumni, will meet informally with students to discuss the realities of working in their respective areas of practice.

4:15-6:00 – WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, PROGRAM

A group of legal experts and other stakeholders will discuss the growing violence among black youth and how it can and should be addressed by legal professionals and the community at large.

Sheila Bedi, Esq. (WCL '01), Juvenile & Criminal Justice Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center
Jason Downs, Esq., Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
Angela Conyers Johnese, Esq. (WCL '01), Juvenile Justice Director, Advocates for Children & Youth (MD)

Dr. Joseph Richardson, Jr., Assistant Professor, African-American Studies Department, University of Maryland
Lynn White, Esq., Senior Policy Associate, Juvenile Justice, Children's Defense Fund
WCL Associate Dean Mark Niles, Moderator

6:00-8:30 – AWARDS DINNER

The dinner program will recognize selected individuals for their contributions to African-American life in the academy and in the legal profession.

NORTH STAR AWARD: PERRY E. WALLACE, JR, PROFESSOR OF LAW

Excerpts from the ESPN film BLACK MAGIC, featuring Prof. Wallace's career in the SEC, will be shown.

SPECIAL HAIRSTON ALUMNI AWARD: THE HONORABLE C. DARNELL JONES II

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

RISING STAR AWARD: A GRADUATE OF THE CLASS OF 2009

General Registration—NO FEES— and Related Information:

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Careers Table Talk Registration for Employers and Students:

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