



Nutter

*Speaker Series for
Diversity & Inclusion*

October 30, 2017

Boston College Law School's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association's

Fred Korematsu Day

January 27, 2017

In honor of Fred Korematsu Day, Boston College Law School's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association hosted "Colors of Confinement," a presentation by UNC Law Professor Eric Muller of rare color photographs of Japanese-American internment during WWII. The photos were taken by Bill Manbo of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, an internment camp in Wyoming. Many of the photos feature Manbo's young son, Billy, as well as cultural events, including traditional Japanese dance and sumo wrestling. These rare glimpses at life as an internee are set against the stark backdrop of barracks, barbed wire, and jagged mountain peaks. Professor Muller's presentation tied the history of Japanese-American internment to modern concerns related to the relationships between national security and race and religion.

In 1942, Fred Korematsu was convicted of defying a government order to enter an internment camp. He appealed his conviction to the Supreme Court, which ruled that the presidential order that led to the wartime internment of Japanese-Americans was constitutional. The *Korematsu* decision has not been overturned, and it recently made headlines when news outlets, including the [New York Times](#) and [Los Angeles Times](#), reported that a Donald Trump surrogate implied that the case could serve as precedent for a registry of immigrants from Muslim countries.





New England Law | Boston's Black Law Students Association & Latin American Law Student Association

Passing The Torch: Embrace it, share it, celebrate it

February 16, 2017

New England Law | Boston's Black Law Students Association & Latin American Law Student Association hosted a forum discussion celebrating the success of minority leaders in the Boston legal community. The event, *Passing The Torch: Embrace it, share it, celebrate it*, was held at Nutter in the Louis Brandeis Conference Center.

The event featured an impressive panel, moderated by the Honorable Barbara Dortch-Okara (retired), the first African American and the first woman to hold the position of chief administrative justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court. The other panelists were Massachusetts District Court judge Cesar A. Archilla, Massachusetts State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, and attorney Walter B. Prince. Former chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Roderick L. Ireland, had to cancel his appearance due to illness, but he prepared remarks that were read by the moderator.

The event was attended by an intimate group of law school students and Nutter attorneys, who started the evening with socializing over light hors d'oeuvres. The moderator and panelists then shared their experiences, their paths to success, and offered advice to the students and young attorneys. The discussion was inspiring, thoughtful and interactive. Students had a unique opportunity to ask questions of, and to network with, a few of Massachusetts' truly extraordinary leaders.





Boston College Law School's South Asian Law Student Association & Boston University affinity groups

"Navigating Your Professional Experience as a Diverse Student"

March 2, 2017

Boston College Law School's South Asian Law Student Association joined with all affinity groups from Boston University School of Law to present "Navigating Your Professional Experience as a Diverse Student." This event, hosted at Nutter in the Louis Brandeis Conference Center, began with a presentation by a diverse panel of speakers, Sa'adiyah Masoud, of Nutter, Madeleine Rodriguez, of Foley Hoag, Yareni Sanchez, of Goulston & Storrs, Melissa Wong, of Holland & Knight, and moderated by Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Christina Miller. The panel discussed their individual experiences as diverse attorneys in the legal profession and offered advice to the audience as they navigate the legal job market. The event concluded with a networking reception attended by the students, panelists, and Nutter attorneys.





Boston College Law School's Black Law Students Association

A Conversation with Justice Kenneth Desmond, '90

March 13, 2017

Boston College Law School's Black Law Students Association hosted a luncheon conversation with Justice Kenneth Desmond, a 1990 graduate of BC Law and a newly appointed justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Justice Desmond shared the varied experiences he has had over his legal career, starting as a district attorney in Suffolk County and eventually becoming Chief Legal Counsel to the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department. Before becoming an appeals court justice, he was appointed by Governor Mitt Romney as an Associate Justice of the Boston Municipal Court in 2005 and by Governor Deval Patrick as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court in 2012. Justice Desmond discussed his experience as a diverse member of the bar and how it informs his commitment to the bench. He offered many anecdotes from different periods of his career as well as words of advice for law students interested in pursuing a judgeship.





Suffolk University Law School's Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Striving for Success in a World of Diverse Backgrounds

March 21, 2017

Suffolk University Law School's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association hosted a panel discussion event titled "Striving for Success in a World of Diverse Backgrounds" to provide insights for law students from diverse backgrounds to succeed in their legal careers.

The event featured a panel consisting of Professor Renee M. Landers, Organization Development & Diversity Chief at the Attorney General Office April English, Associate Director Clinical Programs Professor Sarah Boonin, and Nutter's partner and Diversity Action Committee member Shagha Tousi Russell. The panelists highlighted the importance of diversity in the legal profession and discussed various aspects of diversity hiring.

The panel discussion was followed by a lively Q&A session where law students asked questions about job search and interview strategies and developing mentor-mentee relationships with practitioners.







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