

****May 21, 2008 DRAFT****
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COLOR OF JUSTICE 2008

Encouraging Diversity in the Judiciary

A program sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges in cooperation with the Alaska Court System, the Alaska Native Justice Center, the University of Alaska Anchorage, the Alaska Bar Association, Seattle University School of Law, University of Washington School of Law, Gonzaga University School of Law, the Northwest Indian Bar Association, the Law School Admission Council, and the Council on Legal Educational Opportunity

ADVISORS TRACK

For Teachers, Counselors, Youth Program Leaders
& Others Who Work With Diverse Youth

Diversifying the Legal Profession...One Student at a Time

Color of Justice is a program initiated by the National Association of Women Judges to encourage diversity in the judiciary. Diversity on the bench is an important goal of our justice system. In Alaska, which has a large minority population yet very few minority judges, diversifying the legal profession and judiciary is especially challenging. Our state has no law schools and the nearest U.S. law schools are in the Pacific Northwest. Alaska's *Color of Justice* program for high school students has been in existence since 2003, and has provided an invaluable educational experience to hundreds of diverse Alaskan young people.

For the first time, this year's *Color of Justice* program will include an "Advisors Track," with sessions for adult "Advisors" from across the state who work in career development, education, community diversity initiatives or other fields that involve regular engagement with youth. "Advisors" include teachers, school administrators, guidance counselors, Youth Court advisors, and other adults who can play a role in encouraging diverse youth to consider and pursue legal and judicial careers. Without adults in their local communities to provide information, assistance, inspiration and support, few minority youth will believe such careers are possible for them. Even those who set their sights on becoming a lawyer or judge may not have the knowledge or resources necessary to pursue their chosen career path. The goal of the *Color of Justice* Advisors Track is to kick off a statewide network of local resource people who can help youth and adults interested in pursuing legal and judicial careers. As key adults in students' lives, local "Advisors" can help in a variety of ways to ensure that minority students have a strong chance of success.

Day One:
Thursday, June 19, 2008

COJ ADVISORS-INTRODUCTORY SESSION

University of Alaska Anchorage, Consortium Library, Room 307

9:00 – 9:30 PM

Registration/Refreshments

9:30-9:40 AM

Welcome & Introductions

*Cassandra Sneed Ogden, Executive Director
Council on Legal Education Opportunity*

9:40 AM – 10:40 AM

Program I:

Meeting the Challenge:

The Road to Diversifying the Legal Profession

*Cassandra Sneed Ogden, Executive Director
Council on Legal Education Opportunity [CLEO]
Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program
U.S. Department of Education
Washington, D.C.*

This program will provide participants with a brief history of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, as well as expose them to some of CLEO's current and future programs. It will also detail the challenges CLEO faces in identifying, preparing and retaining historically under-represented and economically challenged pre-law students.

10:40 AM – 11:40 AM

Program II:

The Road to the Bench

*Cassandra Sneed Ogden, CLEO
Moderator*

Through interactive panel discussion, this session will bring Advisors together with law school professors and admissions officers, practicing lawyers and judges, to explore ways to (1) identify minority youth who are strong candidates for legal or judicial careers; (2) encourage minority youth to pursue these careers; (3) ensure access by minority youth to challenging

educational opportunities and experiences that will prepare them adequately for the challenges of a legal career; and (4) support youth as they navigate the steps needed to obtain a college degree, a law degree, and entry into the profession.

11:40 AM – 12:00 PM Walk to UAA Commons

12:00 PM **Join High School Track (see below)**

COJ HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
For High School Students in Grades 9-12
University of Alaska Anchorage
Consortium Library, Room 307

12:00 Noon-1:00 PM **Luncheon & Welcome**
UAA Commons Cafeteria
Judge Stephanie Joannides, Chair, Color of Justice
Michael Driscoll, UAA Provost
Denise Morris, Executive Director
Alaska Native Justice Center

1:00 PM-1:20 PM Walk to UAA Consortium Library, Room 307
(See pink walking map & in registration packet)

1:20 PM-1:30 PM **Welcome from U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**
A Video Message to Color of Justice Participants

1:30 PM -2:10 PM **Choose Law: A Profession for All**
A video by American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, followed by an interactive panel discussion featuring diverse members of the Anchorage legal community.

2:10 PM-3:00 PM **Crafting Arguments and Solving Problems: Lawyers, Judges and ‘Can the Government Really Tell Me When I Have to Go Home?’**
Professor Lorraine Bannai, J.D.
Seattle University School of Law

3:00 PM-3:15 PM Break & Stretch, with Refreshments

3:15 PM-4:00 PM **The Importance of a Diverse Judiciary**
Cassandra Sneed Ogden, Executive Director
Council on Legal Education Opportunity

- 4:00 PM-4:15 PM **Tomorrow You Try a Case:
Mock Trial Introduction & Team Assignments**
Judge Beverly Cutler, Palmer Superior Court
- 4:15 PM-5:15 PM **Mock Trial Preparation**
With Volunteer Attorney Mentor/Coaches
- 5:15 PM-5:30 PM Return to UAA Commons
- 5:30 PM **END of Day 1**

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Encouraging Young Women & Youth of Color to Pursue Careers in the Judiciary

ADVISORS TRACK

Day Two:

Friday, June 20, 2008

COJ HIGH SCHOOL TRACK, continued

Boney Courthouse, Alaska Court System

303 K Street, Anchorage

- 8:30-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
Boney Courthouse Lobby, 303 K Street
- 9:00-9:15 AM **Welcome & Presentation of Robes**
Supreme Court Courtroom, 5th Floor
*Chief Justice Dana Fabe, Alaska Supreme Court
Judge Stephanie Joannides, Anchorage Superior Ct
National Association of Women Judges*
- 9:15-9:30 AM Keynote Speaker
- 9:30-10:20 AM **Law on the Silver Screen**
Supreme Court Courtroom, 5th Floor
*Professor Susan McClellan, J.D.
Seattle University School of Law*
- 10:20 AM-10:35 AM **Full Group Photograph**
Supreme Court Bench
- 10:35-10:50 AM **Break & Refreshments**
Boney Courthouse Lobby
- 10:50-11:00 AM **Juniors & Seniors** to Supreme Court Courtroom
Freshmen & Sophomores to Courtroom TBA
- 11:00-11:50 AM **Career Session A:** For Juniors & Seniors
Supreme Court Courtroom
- A Career in Law & the Judiciary:
How to Get There**
*An Interactive Panel Presentation moderated by:
Dr. Sandra Madrid, Assistant Dean for
Student Affairs & Community Development*

University of Washington School of Law

Career Session B: For Freshmen & Sophomores
Boney Courthouse Courtroom TBA

**Follow Your College Dream:
Think Now About Your Future**
*An Interactive Panel Presentation moderated by:
Susan Lee, Director of Admissions
Gonzaga University School of Law*

- 11:50 AM–12:00 PM Transfer to Boney Courthouse Lobby
- 12:00 PM-12:30 PM **Lunch**
Boney Courthouse Lobby or Boney Courthouse Plaza
- 12:30 PM-12:45 PM **Mock Trial Teams Transfer**
to Assigned Courtrooms in the Nesbett Courthouse
825 W. 4th Avenue
- Blue Team:* Nesbett Courtroom TBA
Green Team: Nesbett Courtroom TBA
Red Team: Nesbett Courtroom TBA
Orange Team: Nesbett Courtroom TBA
- 12:45 PM - 2:45 PM **Mock Trial**
Assigned Courtrooms

****HIGH SCHOOL TRACK CONTINUES UNTIL 4:30 PM
IN SUPREME COURT COURTROOM****

****CAREER TRACK BEGINS AT 3:30 PM
IN SNOWDEN TRAINING CENTER, 820 WEST 4TH AVENUE****

****PARTICIPANTS IN THE ADVISORS TRACK JOIN
THE CAREER TRACK AT 3:30 PM****

COJ CAREER TRACK

For College Students & Other Adults Interested in Careers in Law & the Judiciary
Snowden Training Center, 820 West 4th Avenue, Anchorage

- 3:00-3:30 PM **College Track Registration & Refreshments**
- 3:30-3:40 PM **Welcome & Introductions**
Cassandra Ogden, Executive Director

Council on Legal Education Opportunity

3:40 PM -4:00 PM

JOURNEYS:
Minorities & the Law School Experience
A Video Presentation

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

You Can Do It:
The Law School Admissions Process

Susan Lee
Director of Admissions
Gonzaga University School of Law

Dr. Sandra Madrid
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
& Community Development
University of Washington School of Law

Admissions Official
Seattle University School of Law

5:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Undergraduate Support Resources at UAA

Monica Kane
Executive Assistant to the Provost
University of Alaska Anchorage

5:30 PM – 5:45 PM

Follow Your Dream: Preparing for Law School

Cassandra Sneed Ogden, Executive Director
Council on Legal Education Opportunity

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Diversifying the Legal Profession & Judiciary
A Mentoring Reception
HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK

During this informal mentoring reception, judges, lawyers, recent law graduates, and current law students will share their experiences in law and the judiciary with participants in the Color of Justice Advisors Track and Career Track. Law school officials will also offer encouragement and advice to conference participants, along with ideas for promoting diversity in Alaska's legal profession and judiciary.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN
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