

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
ESSAY COMPETITION AWARD**

Students grades 1-6 and 7-12 were asked to describe, in their own words, the meaning of diversity, peace, love for mankind, and justice; drawing on the practice of Dr. Martin Luther King, as well as his or her own life experiences.

First Place: *Grades 1 through 6 and Grades 7 through 12*
Second Place: *Grades 1 through 6 and Grades 7 through 12*
Third Place: *Grades 1 through 6 and Grades 7 through 12*

2011 EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

Awarded to an individual who has shown amongst other things his/her loyal dedication, unwavering commitment, outstanding contributions, and diligent efforts to improve justice for all.

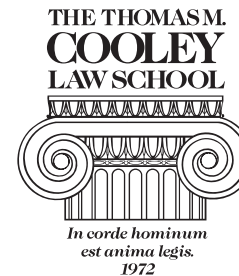
PROFESSOR STEVIE SWANSON This year's recipient Professor Swanson joined Cooley in February 2006. Previously served as Director of Legal Services and Policy for Community Legal Resources in Detroit. Supervised the *pro bono* program, provided direct legal services to non-profit corporations in Michigan, and facilitated the Affordability Preservation Project to discern the most viable mechanism for preserving affordable housing units. Also served as a litigation contract associate with a Lynchburg, Va. firm. Recipient of the Center for Ethics Service and Professionalism's 2008 Great Deeds Award. Faculty advisor for the Public Interest Law Students Association and PAD (*Phi Alpha Delta*). Member of the Michigan Land Title Standards Committee of the State Bar.

THE BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM

BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who has brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has by Thy might, led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee, Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we forever stand, True to our God, True to our native land.

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL



**Martin Luther King
Equal Access
to Justice Day
Breakfast**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011
9:00-11:30 A.M.**

This program is made possible because of a collaboration between the **Thomas M. Cooley Law School Diversity Committee** (a student led organization that was established to create programs and host events that promote diversity and encourage participation on campus and in the community); **Thomas M. Cooley Law School Center for Ethics, Service, and Professionalism** (models and teaches ethics and professionalism, fosters and encourages service, and promotes commitment to our communities); and **Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan** (provides education and information about issues of concern through meetings, seminars, public service programs, and publication of this newsletter. YLS provides an organized means for young lawyers to serve the Bar and society).

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ORDER OF EVENTS

WELCOME	CHOI PORTIS <i>Diversity Committee and Mistress of Ceremony</i>
INVOCATION	PASTOR MAHLON OZMUN <i>The River Church</i>
RENDITION OF BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM	DANIELLE RAY <i>Cooley Student</i>
BREAKFAST	
I HAVE A DREAM BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING	READING
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS	DIONNIE S. WYNTER <i>Assistant Director</i> <i>Center for Ethics, Service, and Professionalism</i>
WRITING COMPETITION	Ms. MAUREEN MCGINNIS <i>Chair, Young Lawyers Section</i> <i>State Bar of Michigan</i> First Place Winners Second Place Winners Third Place Winners
EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD	2011 Recipient PROFESSOR STEVIE SWANSON
PANEL DISCUSSION	ASSOCIATE DEAN JOHN NUSSBAUMER <i>Moderator</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	CHOI PORTIS <i>Mistress of Ceremony</i>

PROGRAM

PANELISTS

DEWNYA BAZZI, STUDENT, COOLEY AUBURN HILLS President, several Cooley student organizations; including the Muslim Legal Society. Graduate, the University of Michigan, Political Science and Criminal Justice. Future goal after graduation is to promote diversity in the workplace.

GREGORY CONYERS, STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN (*Director of Diversity*) Responsible for identifying opportunities for the bar to promote diversity within the profession. Activities include working with bar associations, firms, and law schools to support and promote diversity. Also works with bar leadership and volunteers to develop recognition for successful diversity efforts.

MARK FANCHER, AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MICHIGAN Specializes in racial discrimination against public school students of color, racial profiling, public defender system reform, attacks on affirmative action, and juvenile sentencing issues. Formerly the senior staff attorney for the Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice, specializing in workers' rights.

JENNIFER GRIECO, NEUMAN ANDERSON, P.C. Practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, and experience encompasses a broad range of commercial disputes with a particular emphasis on business tort claims including professional malpractice, contract claims, shareholder disputes, and construction litigation. Chair of the Oakland County Bar Association.

MAUREEN MCGINNIS, LAW OFFICES OF DONALD E. MCGINNIS, JR, PC Specializes in family and criminal law and handles cases primarily in Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties. Chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

MARY KATOR, RAINBOW LAW CENTER Legal career includes representing individuals, small companies, and large corporations; involving a wide variety of legal issues. Substantial experience in employment law, as well as litigation of civil disputes, ranging from small claims to large class actions. Recently changed her legal emphasis towards representing the LGBTQ community (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) of which she is a proud member.