

# LAW LINKS CLASS OF 2017

AN INITIATIVE OF THE  
CITIZENSHIP LAW RELATED EDUCATION PROGRAM



# SUCCESS STARTS WITH

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here is no elevator to success- you have to take the stairs.

## Congratulations to the Class of 2017



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Cassandra Balius meeting the staff from Duane Morris LLP at the Kick-off Luncheon

Judge Shirley Watts speaks with interns during the Baltimore City Law Dept. Summer Lunch series



## Speakers

*Judge Emanuel Brown  
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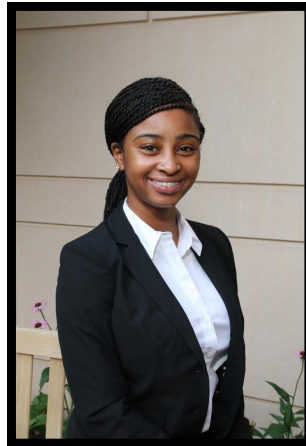
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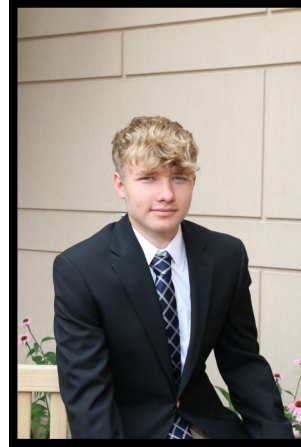
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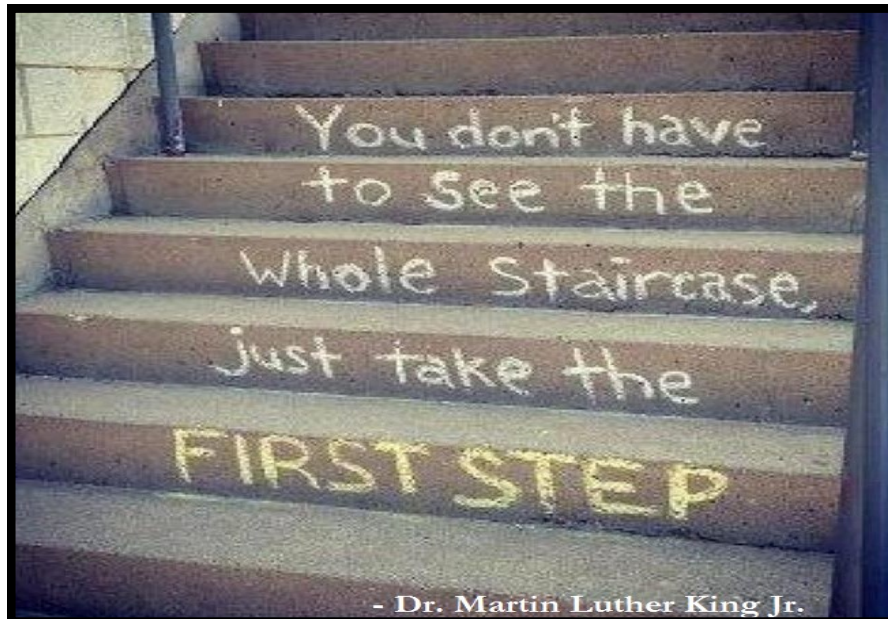
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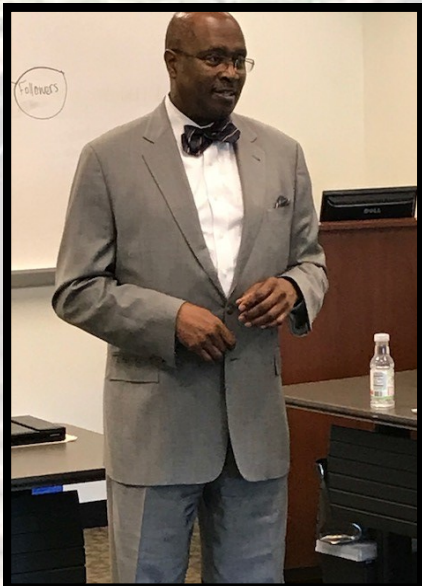
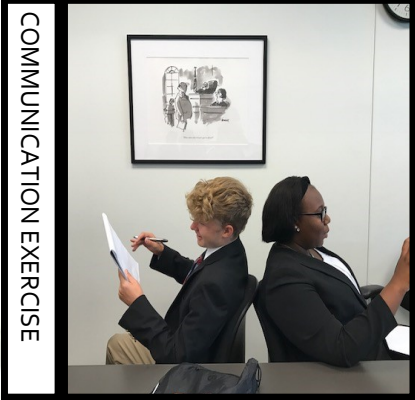
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Project*

Twenty three years ago, a group of lawyers here in Baltimore took a small—but meaningful—step. They started a program, which they called Law Links, that would bridge two populations... Baltimore City high school students and the Baltimore City legal community. Twenty three years later, 828 city high school students have taken a step in the right direction with the help of many, really terrific, Law Links supporters. We want to wish the Class of 2017, and all those who came before them, the very best!

**23**  
Years &  
Counting



# THE LAW AND LEA



Judge Emanuel Brown, Baltimore City Circuit Court, speaks with the interns on the importance of professionalism.



Alicia Wilson of Sagamore Development (and LL alum) shares words of wisdom.



Destiny Brayboy introduces Michelle Lipkov and Ruth Fry from Saul Ewing.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single  
**STEP** - Lao Tzu

# ADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Judge Cynthia Jones, Circuit Court of Baltimore City, impressed upon the interns the importance of choosing a path and networking. Who you meet along the way may assist you in obtaining your goals.



Fidel Perez – Public Defender

Thiru Vignarajah having an in depth discussion with Law Links Interns and Summer Law Academy students regarding juveniles charged as adults



Nobody gets to where they are without support – Alicia Wilson

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