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PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

March 18, 2014

**THE PILF
AUCTION ON
MARCH 20
WILL HONOR:**

**GARY
BUSECK, ESQ.
LEGAL DIRECTOR
AT GLAD**

As Legal Director, Gary Buseck supervises GLAD's team of attorneys and sets legal strategy. He served as GLAD's Executive Director for six years, and also served as Legal Director for Lambda Legal from 2003-2004. Before coming to GLAD, Mr. Buseck spent twenty years in private practice, and co-founded a Boston law firm focusing on the gay and lesbian community. He received both a Masters in Religious Education and a J.D. magna cum laude from Boston College. He has served as an Overseer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, as a board member of Victory House, and a member of the Institutional Review board of the Fenway Community Health Center.

For this and more information on Mr. Buseck, visit:
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SPECIAL FEATURE: PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION

About PILF

Established by a committed group of students in 1984, the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) is dedicated to promoting public interest law as a practice and as a philosophy. To this end, PILF funds summer internships in the public sector so that law students may serve their communities. The goal of this funding is two-fold. By providing law students with summer stipends, PILF enables service-oriented individuals to pursue employment opportunities in traditionally unpaid positions. Without PILF stipends, many students would not have the financial means to pursue this important work. In addition to supporting BC Law students, PILF stipends increase access to justice for the most vulnerable members of our society. By allowing law students to lend their time, energy, and talents to not-for-profit and government organizations, PILF stipends increase the reach of vital but tragically underfunded legal services programs. For over 25 years, PILF has supported organizations that uphold civil liberties, protect human rights and deliver justice.

PILF has two main components. PILF Stipends is responsible for coordinating the monumental fundraising effort—principally represented by the PILF Auction—that allows Boston College Law students to receive funding for otherwise uncompensated summer positions. PILF Programming aims to promote public interest law-focused activities at Boston College Law School. This includes hosting community events such as a fall basketball game between BC and BU Law, a Toy Drive to benefit the Hyde Park Department of Social Services, and a Holiday Coffee Shop Talent Show that brings some cheer to everyone during the dreary finals season. PILF Programming also seeks to help students focused on public interest careers by hosting panels with public interest-oriented BC Law professors, putting on information sessions about debt management programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and hosting office hours where upperclassmen advise newer students on public interest careers.

A Special Thanks to The PILF Board!

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If you are interested in getting involved in PILF or have any questions, please contact:
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For more information, visit the PILF website at: www.bcpilf.org

EVENT HIGHLIGHT: THE 26TH ANNUAL PILF AUCTION!

A message from the PILF Board:

As you know, the PILF Auction is just around the corner!

Event Details:

The PILF Auction will be held on **Thursday, March 20th at 6pm** at 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston College. We will all be coming together to support the public interest work of BC Law students as well as the great accomplishments of Legal Director of GLAD, Gary Buseck (JD '80). We hope to see you all there!

This year's auction includes a wide array of generous donations from individuals and local businesses. Attendees will have the chance to win:

Event Tickets:

· Tickets to local sports and entertainment events, including tickets to see the Celtics and the World Series Champion Red Sox defend their title from right behind home plate!

Food and Drink:

· A wide assortment of gift certificates to over fifty local restaurants and bars, including a chance to win a party for yourself and twenty friends at Julep Bar downtown!

· Fine wines and liquors!

Travel and Sightseeing:

· Passes to many of the fine museums in town, stays at hotels, B&B's, and even a weekend at the family castle of a BC Law alum!

And much more!

· Everything from Android and Kindle Tablets to original artwork, gym memberships to rounds of golf, cosmetics to coffee, and more!

You can still purchase a ticket to the Auction at <http://bcpilf.org/donate>, but we will also be selling tickets right outside the cafeteria **from 12:00pm-1:15pm on Tuesday and Wednesday**. Come by to get your ticket before we sell out!

Please do not hesitate to reply to us with questions at bc.pilf@gmail.com

-PILF Board

UPCOMING PUBLIC INTEREST EVENTS

Tuesday, March 18

PILF Office Hours

12 pm - 1:15 pm in the PILF Lounge (3rd Fl. EW)

This week: Andrew Haile (2L) - Criminal Defense, Immigration, Int'l Human Rights

Interested in public interest law? Still looking for an internship and trying to figure some stuff out? PILF is organizing "office hours" with public interest-minded 2Ls and 3Ls in the PILF lounge every Tuesday during common lunch. Come on by, even for a couple minutes. We have coffee!

Rainmaking in the Public Interest World: Development and Grant Writing

3 pm - 5 pm in EW 400

Professor Francine Sherman and Katayoon Majd of the Public Welfare Foundation will present ideas and techniques for public interest

development and grant writing. Hosted by the Office of Career Services.

Thursday, March 20

The 26th Annual Boston College Law School PILF Auction

6:00 pm in The Heights Room at Corcoran Commons

140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill

Please join us for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live and silent auctions. All proceeds fund stipends for BC Law students doing unpaid, public interest work this summer.

Friday, March 21

BCLS 2L/3L Public Interest Scholarships Due

DEADLINE: 12 pm

Please submit your completed applications to the Academic & Student Services Office (Stuart 308) by NOON on Friday, March 21, 2014.

-BCLS Public Interest Law Foundation

For any questions, contact PILF at:

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OTHER PILF EVENTS COMING SOON...

- **PILF BOARD ELECTIONS**
- **A PANEL ON WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR SUMMER JOB**

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