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The 27th Annual Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) Auction will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015, from 6:00-10:00 pm.

The Auction will be held in the Heights Room in Corcoran Commons on the Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus. [Directions and campus map of Boston College](#)

The PILF Auction is one of the most long-running and well-attended events of the year, bringing together alumni,

faculty, students, and members of the community to celebrate BC Law's strong commitment to public interest law and to honor a graduate who has made an extraordinary contribution to the field of public interest law.

This year's Auction honors Mithra Merryman, Senior Attorney, Greater Boston Legal Services and BC Law Adjunct Professor. Merryman has dedicated her career to helping women victimized by domestic violence. As a senior attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services, she directs the Latinas Know Your Rights Project, which works to support victims of domestic violence in immigrant communities through representation in family law, immigration, and public benefits proceedings. The Project also strives to educate communities about the rights victims of domestic violence may have under the law. For the past seventeen years, she has also taught seminars on domestic violence law at BC Law.

Popular items from past auctions have included Celtics tickets, Bruins tickets, gift baskets, vacation packages, and gift certificates to great restaurants in and around Boston. Proceeds from the auction fund stipends for students who work at unpaid, public interest positions over the summer.

"The Auction is a tremendous undertaking that takes place with generous support from Boston College Law School's administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni, local and regional businesses, and the Boston College community," said members of the PILF Board in a statement. "PILF is incredibly grateful for all of the donations we receive throughout the year. Without that generous support, we would not be able to provide stipends for students working in the public interest sector."

Tickets are now available online at www.bcpilf.org/donate

Organized in 1984 by students interested in promoting the placement of law students with public interest firms and agencies, PILF has two main components. PILF Programming aims to promote public interest law-focused activities at Boston College Law School. PILF Stipends is responsible for coordinating the monumental fundraising effort that allows Boston College Law

students to receive funding for otherwise uncompensated summer positions. In addition to summer stipends, PILF also supports the Francis X. Bellotti Loan Repayment Assistance and Forgiveness Program for graduates who pursue careers in public interest law.

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