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Newton, MA—Boston College Law School is pleased to announce that 2010 graduate Margaretta Homsey was recently awarded a prestigious Skadden Fellowship. A total of 29 fellowships were given out this year to law students and recent graduates around the country.

Homsey will work at Greater Boston Legal Services, where she will represent youth with disabilities aging out of the foster care system. While at BC Law, Homsey, a Public Service Scholar, was an editor of the Boston College Law Review, vice-president of the Public Interest Law Foundation, a coordinator of the Immigration Law Spring Break Service Trips and co-founder of the Immigration Law Group, and an active participant in the Pro Bono Program. She was the recipient of the Aviam Soifer graduation award for public service achievement and leadership, the Public Interest Law Foundation Student Award, and a Pro Bono Excellence Award. Homsey is currently serving as a law clerk to Justice William P. Robinson III on the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

The Skadden Fellowship Foundation was established in 1988 by the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom to commemorate the firm's 40th anniversary. The fellowship is a response to the need for greater funding for graduating students who wish to devote their professional lives to providing legal services to the poor, elderly, homeless and disabled, as well as those deprived of their civil or human rights. The foundation intends to give these students the freedom to pursue public interest work and create their own projects at public interest organizations.

Fellowships are awarded for two years. Skadden provides each Fellow with a salary and pays all fringe benefits to which an employee of the sponsoring organization would be entitled. For those Fellows not covered by a law school low income protection plan, the firm will pay a Fellow's law school debt service for the tuition part of the loan for the duration of the fellowship. The 2011 class of Fellows brings to 620 the number of academically outstanding law school graduates and judicial clerks the firm has funded to work full-time for legal and advocacy organizations.

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