Announcing Bingham’s 2013 Thurgood Marshall Fellowship

Bingham is pleased to announce the launch of the Thurgood Marshall Fellowship, honoring the first African-American Justice to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court and a man who had a profound effect on the civil rights movement of the 20th century. This fellowship is particularly meaningful to the firm because Justice Marshall’s son, Thurgood Marshall, Jr., is a partner in our D.C. office, having joined us after his own distinguished career in public service.

Fellowship Award
We expect to award two fellowships to the class of 2014, one in Bingham’s D.C. office and the other in one of our Southern California offices. Recipients will receive a paid summer associate position and a $25,000 fellowship to be distributed as follows: $15,000 applied to third-year law school tuition after successful completion of our summer program (including receipt of an offer of permanent employment), and $10,000 upon commencement of fulltime employment at the firm.

Selection Criteria
Candidates must expect to graduate in Spring 2014 and have outstanding undergraduate and law school academic credentials, strong oral and written communication skills, proven leadership, and a commitment to succeed as a lawyer in a large, private practice environment. Recipients will be selected based upon merit (including academic success and extracurricular activities), personal achievement, civic involvement, recommendations and a personal statement.

Application Process
To apply, please submit: (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) undergraduate and law school transcripts, (4) a writing sample, (5) two letters of recommendation, and (6) a personal statement of 1,000 words or less addressing the following two topics: (a) how you would contribute to the diversity of the legal profession, and (b) what the following Thurgood Marshall quote means to you.

None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps.
We got here because somebody — a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns — bent down and helped us pick up our boots.

Applications for the 2013 fellowship will be accepted until Sept. 7, 2012. Recipients will be notified by Sept. 28, 2012. Please submit materials to:

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About Bingham
Bingham offers a broad range of market-leading practices focusing on global financial services firms and FORTUNE 100 companies, with more than 1,000 lawyers in 14 locations in the U.S., Europe and Asia. We have been one of FORTUNE’s “100 Best Companies to Work For” since 2005, and our diversity program is a critical element of our inclusive culture, business and values.

“Bingham’s commitment to this program stems from our belief that every contribution that strengthens the diversity of our profession inures to the common good of society in countless ways.”
— Thurgood Marshall, Jr.