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## FOUNDATION HOSTS SECRETARY WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.



From left to right:  
Secretary William  
Coleman,  
Secretary  
Rodney Slater

On May 2, 2011, the Patton Boggs Foundation hosted the sixth lecture in its **"Issues of Our Time"** series. Foundation Partner Committee member, Rodney Slater, engaged his mentor, the former Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., in a conversation about Secretary Coleman's nearly half-century career in shaping racial equality under the law. Secretary Coleman chronicled his life from his humble beginnings in Philadelphia to his work as a well-regarded attorney, public servant, community leader, and civil rights advocate.

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"The opportunity to hear Mr. Coleman discuss his remarkable career was inspirational. He not only persevered in the face of overt racism, but he triumphed through his insistence upon excellence in all that he undertook and his commitment to justice for all."

– Todd L. Cranford, Of Counsel



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*- John Oberdorfer*

## Welcome by Foundation President

In 2000, when Jim Patton retired, the Firm created the Patton Boggs Foundation to honor his founding role and leadership of the Firm during its first decades. To fund public service endeavors, the Firm dedicated the attorneys' fees it had earned in a 25-year *pro bono* case, the *Ironworkers Case*, in which a federal court in Washington struck down racial barriers faced by African-American construction workers. The *Ironworkers Case* and the ongoing use of the fees generated by it form a powerful symbol of the Firm's commitment to *pro bono* work.

Using the funds from the *Ironworkers Case* – and much-needed and appreciated subsequent contributions —the Foundation has created and conducted a Public Policy Fellowship program plus a series of "Issues of Our Time" lectures and symposiums.

Inspired by Tom Boggs, the Foundation's Public Policy Fellowship program reflects the Firm's public policy practice and its commitment to public service. As of this summer, more than 80 law students from 12 law schools will have received fellowships from the Foundation to work for governments and non-profit organizations all over this country and throughout the world. This is an amazing achievement with a long and lasting quadruple benefit -- for the students, the law schools they attend, the organizations they work for, and for the Firm's reputation.

The Foundation also advances the "One Firm One Community" theme of the Firm. The Foundation enjoys participation at every level--with active and dedicated committees of partners, associates and our non-lawyer staff. Our partners have repeatedly been generous in their financial contributions, and the Firm has several times donated attorneys' fees awarded in other

cases. The Associate Advisory Committee is expanding and active, as demonstrated by its publication of this newsletter. The Staff Committee has raised money in the last several years. It is for a Staff Public Policy Fellowship, awarded annually to a staff member, or his/her child, who is a student pursuing a public service career.

What is on the horizon?

- The "Issues of Our Time" events have prompted planning for a program of interviews of our Patton Boggs' "legends". This is the beginning of an oral history of the Firm.
- Having hosted State Department Legal Advisor Koh, Ambassador Wisner, former World Bank President Wolfensohn and former Secretary Coleman, plus two panels on important Supreme Court cases, we are planning more outstanding "Issues of Our Time" speakers programs, hopefully in our regional offices as well as in Washington.
- We are working to better connect the Foundation to the Firm's Diversity Committee, and to work with the Recruitment Committee to use the Foundation's achievements and good will as a recruiting magnet at law schools.
- We look to form a "Friends" Committee made up of devoted alumni and clients to support our development and programming endeavors.

My colleagues on the board - Jim Patton, Mary Patton, Tom Boggs and Tim May - join me in thanking you for your interest and continuing support.

John Oberdorfer  
Foundation President



Foundation members Dana Weekes (first on left), Mara Giorgio (third from left), and John Oberdorfer (last on left), with 2010 Foundation Fellow, Jordan Dansby, who worked at the Carter Center on policy-related work for the Andean countries.

# 2011 FELLOWS

The Foundation is proud to announce and applaud the work of its 2011 Fellows who have dedicated their summer to address domestic and international issues in the public service sector.

**Jacqueline Bisille**, Gonzaga University School of Law, will be interning with First Alaskans Institute, which helps develop the capacities of Alaska's native people so they can meet the social and economic challenges of the future.

**Ashley Brown**, University of Virginia School of Law, will be interning with the Community Legal Services (CLS) of Philadelphia. CLS helps low-income Philadelphia residents obtain equal access to justice by providing them with representation in civil legal matters; advocating for their legal rights; and conducting community education about the legal issues affecting them.

**Lindsey Chammess**, University of Virginia School of Law, will be interning with the U.S. Attorney's Office, for the Western District of Virginia in Harrisonburg, VA.

**Brian Critz**, American University Washington College of Law, will be interning with the U.S. Department of the Air Force, Office of the General Counsel. The Office provides the controlling legal opinions for the Air Force and oversight, guidance and direction for legal advice, including close partnerships with the Judge Advocate General and the JAGs around the world.

**Jen Friedberg**, University of Colorado Law School, will be interning with the DNA Justice Review Project in Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the DNA Justice Review Project is to fulfill a prosecutor's responsibility to see that justice is done in every criminal case.

**Hadia Hakim**, Georgetown Law Center, will be interning with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Economics and Trade Branch in Geneva, Switzerland. This organization seeks to conserve the environment, reduce poverty, and promote sustainable development by enhancing the capacity of governments, businesses, and civil society to integrate environmental considerations into economic, trade, and financial policies and practices.

**Rachel High**, University of Virginia School of Law, will be interning with Section 27 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Section 27 is a human rights organization in South Africa.

**Adriana Ingenito**, American University Washington College of Law, will be interning with the U.S. Department of State, Office of Asst. Legal Advisor for International Claims and Investment Disputes. This Office is the largest office in the Department of State's Office of the Legal Adviser and it represents the United States and coordinates activities within and outside the Department with respect to all aspects of international claims and investment disputes.

**Courtney Krause**, University of Colorado Law School, will be interning with the State Services Section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. The State Services Section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office provides legal representation for the Governor, the State Board of Education, over 20 Colorado-supported universities, colleges, and community colleges, and several state Departments, including the Departments of Human Services and Education, among others.

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" I am looking forward to working on trade issues from a public policy standpoint at the United Nations Environment Program this summer [...] I am grateful to the Patton Boggs Foundation [...]" *-Hadia Hakim*

2011 Fellows continued...

**Caryn McGraw**, University of Texas School of Law, will be interning with DiscoverHope in Austin, Texas. DiscoverHope provides an opportunity for women in poverty to create their own prosperity through microcredit, entrepreneurship and training.

**AnneRose Menachery**, Catholic University Columbus School of Law, will be interning with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. This organization works with churches and organizations across the country to create welcoming communities and foster cultural integration and financial self-sufficiency for those starting over. The organization advocates for policies and legislation that uphold the rights and dignity of all newcomers.

**Laura Olsen**, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, will be interning at the Mental Health Division of the Public Defender Service for D.C., which provides legal representation to indigent adults and children facing a loss of liberty in D.C.

**Lily Zhi Li**, George Washington University Law School, will be interning with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Washington, D.C.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me to conduct legal research for a non-profit organization that provides small loans for microbusiness activities to individuals, especially women, in impoverished communities and areas of the world. I hope that my efforts will translate into increasing the organization's ability to facilitate these small enterprises which address global poverty and benefit the business owners, their families, and their communities."

-Caryn McGraw

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Coleman Event continued...

"I genuinely enjoyed the question and answer session between former Transportation Secretaries William T. Coleman, Jr. and Rodney Slater. Hearing Secretary Coleman recount his work on the seminal *Brown v. Bd. of Education* litigation was as heart warming as learning about the discrimination he encountered was heart-wrenching. To shake hands with Secretary Coleman is to touch history in the flesh."

– Hannibal Kemerer, Associate

commented, "Secretary

Coleman's story is nothing short of awe-inspiring. Despite encountering substantial racial prejudice at every turn in his career, he persevered to become the top student in his Harvard Law class, the first African-American to clerk for a Supreme Court justice, and only the second to serve in the United States Cabinet. Hearing his personal recollection of the arduous climb to the top was extremely motivating."

***Secretary Coleman recently released a book titled, "Counsel for the Situation: Shaping the Law to Realize America's Promise."***

## STAFF COMMITTEE UPDATE

In March, the Foundation's Staff Committee hosted its annual "Wear your Jeans to Work" Fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day to raise funds for the Patton Boggs Staff Fellowship. The Committee raised nearly \$2,500 for the program for the fellowship.

"Even in today's economy our PB Family rose to the occasion worldwide responding to the second annual PB Foundation Staff Fellowship fundraiser. The contributions of all participants, whether it was contributing funds or being the location correspondent, each region stepped up to the plate to contribute to a successful worldwide fundraiser. Thank you all! Your generosity is much appreciated. We are excited and look forward to an even greater participation next year."

–Linda Gray, Staff Committee Member

## Associate Advisory Committee Looks to Enhance Fellowship Program

This year, the Associate Advisory Committee will work with other Foundation Committees to raise further the profile of the Foundation in selected law schools, as well as increase the competitiveness and number of applicants for the Foundation's signature Public Policy Fellowship. This initiative is part of the Advisory Committee's year-long evaluation of the Foundation's programming and market brand.

The Committee plans to implement a pilot program at the law schools of the University of Colorado and the University of Virginia. The pilot programs will provide opportunities for the Foundation's most recent Fellows to organize educational panels with local, national, and international experts to generate awareness on the policy issues they worked on during the summer. Additionally, under the pilot program, the Advisory Committee will evaluate the selection process for Fellows to ensure the Foundation: 1) targets and attracts highly competitive law students who are committed to a career in public service upon graduation; 2) engages in an effective promotional strategy to educate law school students about the Fellowship; and 3) assists, when necessary, Fellows in securing their ideal summer opportunities. Upon completion of the pilot program, the Foundation intends to make appropriate changes in the revised Fellowship program in the remaining 10 law schools.

# ABOUT THE PATTON BOGGS FOUNDATION

Public policy and public service work hand in hand to advance principles that benefit society. The Patton Boggs Foundation is committed to providing law students who are dedicated to furthering these principles with the resources to make a difference. Our commitment to public policy and service influences everything we do. Through the "Issues of Our Time" speaker series the Foundation provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of significant legal and public policy issues. Through the Public Policy Fellowship program, the Foundation grants fellowships to exceptional law students who have committed their summers to advancing public policy issues through non-profit institutions, government agencies, and domestic or international organizations. The Foundation has been successful in promoting the selection of military veterans and students of diverse backgrounds as Fellows. The accomplishments of more than 80 law students who have received fellowships are a testament to the Foundation's commitment to public service.

The work of the Foundation is made possible through the generous contributions of Patton Boggs LLP. Using the fees generated from a pro bono case won by Foundation President John Oberdorfer, the firm established the Foundation in 2000 to commemorate the retirement of founding partner James R. Patton Jr. Throughout the years, the Foundation's endowment has continued to grow through the proceeds of a second large pro bono victory by Patton Boggs General Counsel Rick Talisman, as well as generous individual contributions by partners and friends of the firm. Our commitment is a team effort.

## 2011 Welcomes New Associate Committee Chair

John Oberdorfer has asked Dana Weekes, an associate in the DC office, to serve as Chair of the Foundation's Associate Advisory Committee. She succeeds Travis Seegmiller, who originally proposed the creation of the Committee. This year, Ms. Weekes will lead the Advisory Committee in a year-long evaluation of the Foundation's existing programs and market brand. Ms. Weekes will help to oversee the implementation of the Foundation's strategic plan that focuses on 1) raising the profile of the Public Policy Fellowship program; 2) aligning the Foundation's core principles with its market brand; and 3) fostering greater relationships with alumni of the Public Policy Fellowship program.

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