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## HISTORIC COURT OF APPEALS ARGUMENT HELD AT U.D.C. LAW SCHOOL

By Meredith J. Saladyga, Executive Office Intern

On March 20, 2006, the D.C. Court of Appeals held an historic oral argument – the first *en banc* oral argument outside of the Court of Appeals courtroom in the Moultrie Courthouse. The argument, a re-hearing in the cases of *Lakeisha Wilson-Bey v. U.S.* and *Sckenna Marbury v. U.S.*, was held at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, the District's only public law school. The judges of the Court sat *en banc*, meaning the case was heard before all judges of the Court. The *en banc* sitting is held for a re-hearing of a decision made by a three-judge panel, the configuration for most arguments before the Court of Appeals.

Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, in collaboration with local law school deans, developed the idea of holding oral arguments outside of the courthouse in hopes that the exposure would enhance area law students' knowledge and understanding of real-world appellate litigation. He recalls how the law school deans and he "talked about how the D.C.



District of Columbia Court of Appeals judges (l. to r.) Michael W. Farrell, Noel Anketell Kramer, John A. Terry, Inez Smith Reid, Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, Stephen H. Glickman, Frank E. Schwelb, John R. Fisher, and Vanessa Ruiz.

Courts and law schools could work together to further our mutual goal of providing law students with a real knowledge of the D.C. Court system and appellate litigation." Chief Judge Washington noted, "This forum allowed the Courts to further realize our vision of being open and accessible while offering local law students the opportunity to witness an oral argument first-hand and then engage in a question and answer session regarding appellate advocacy with judges and faculty."

Following the argument, which lasted approximately an hour and a half, professors and students asked the judges an array of questions about appellate advocacy, ranging from procedural inquiries to concerns of practice before the District's highest court.

U.D.C. Law Dean Katherine S. Broderick was also excited about the positive reaction from the community. Dean Broderick said, "I commend Chief Judge Washington for bringing the Court of Appeals to the community. We, in turn, have reached out to invite U.D.C. undergraduates and local high school students to introduce them to how justice works at the highest level in the local court system. We are also especially proud that the counsel for the appellant is an alumnus of the U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law, in fact, the eldest of four brothers, all of whom graduated from our law school!"

The Court plans to hold oral arguments, including *en banc* and three judge panel sittings, at the other area law schools in the future.

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*It might have appeared to go unnoticed,  
but I've got it all here in my heart.  
I want you to know I know the truth.  
I would be nothing without you.  
—Wind Beneath My Wings*

On Friday, February 10, 2006, the D.C. Courts community came together to celebrate the first event on the Courts' calendar for Black History Month. There were cheers, laughter, and poetry.

The H. D. Woodson Sr. High School Choir got the crowd revved up as they opened the ceremony by singing *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

The leader of the civil rights movement, Martin Luther King, Jr., always attributed the movement's success to collaboration among many devoted groups and timeless work by thousands of activists. Hence, the first event for Black History Month celebrated the Unsung Heroes of the D.C. Courts.

"If I have seen further, it is because I stood on the shoulders of giants," said Sir Isaac Newton. "No one can attribute to himself all the greatness he has achieved, lest he forgets the contributions of those who came before him and those who continue to stand behind him."

The D.C. Courts presented awards of recognition and gratitude to four unsung heroes whose service is of the utmost importance:

**Geraldine Payton** is the Judicial Administrative Assistant to the Honorable William M. Jackson. After graduating from Carver High School in Maryland, Geraldine immediately began working. "I joined this work-in-order-to-survive world and here I am," she said.

"I love people, and I get a fulfillment out of doing my best to give a smile, a hug or a word of encouragement. We are all part of this human race, and we need to try harder to just get along."

**Pamela McCoy** is a Deputy Clerk in the Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect Office. A native Washingtonian, Ms. McCoy graduated from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

"I really enjoy helping others," Pamela said. "Turning a frown into a smile lets me know that I have done my job."

**Evelyn Stephens** is the Benefits Officer in Human Resources. She has served the D.C. Courts for six years and been in government service for twenty-three years!

She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Before she came to the Courts, Evelyn worked at the U.S. Postal Service where she succeeded in a struggle to eliminate mandatory overtime for working mothers. She has also worked in the Records Division for the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

"I embrace the title of 'unsung hero,'" Evelyn said, "because I do work for the benefit of my fellow man."

**Vandell Swann** is an Appraiser in the Probate Division. Apart from the work he does here at the courthouse, he is inspiring because of his passion for life. "It has been a great adventure," he said, "to see the world and its many cultures." Vandell has traveled throughout Europe and Asia.

"As a court appraiser, it has also greatly enhanced my knowledge of many objects I see during my daily duties," Mr. Swann added.

In keeping with the theme of the event, Duane Delaney, Clerk of the D.C. Superior Court, gave the crowd a brief history lesson to celebrate the unsung hero, James Weldon Johnson. Author of the civil rights anthem *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, Johnson is a relatively unknown figure in American history. A brilliant scholar, passionate novelist, and mentor to the Harlem Renaissance poets Claude McKay and Langston Hughes, Johnson was also a significant political leader.

Johnson passed the Florida Bar without going to law school. He founded several local chapters of the NAACP in the Deep South in the mid-1900s. He also campaigned for Franklin Delano Roosevelt and served as a U.S diplomat in Venezuela for seven years.

Judge Josey-Herring closed the event by reminding the audience not to forget the contribution of women in the fight for equality. In honor of Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, she recited Maya Angelou's empowering verse,

*I rise  
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear  
I rise  
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear  
I rise  
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,  
I am the dream and the hope of the slave*

Debra Swington Stokes trilled out her rendition of *Wind Beneath My Wings*. The crowd sang, swayed, and remembered.

Master of Ceremonies Louis Kelly bid the audience farewell and reminded them to "go home and give thanks to those personal heroes of yours."

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH: STEPPING FORWARD!

By Dyane J. Francois, Executive Office Intern



*The Deltas show their pride: Gloria Trotman, Rhonda Young, Denise Robinson, Stephanie Minor-Harper, Judge Anita Josey-Herring, Cheryl Bailey, and Janice Butts.*

The Black History Committee of the D.C. Courts, chaired by Kathy Holliday Crawford of Social Services Division, delivered a most successful event on Friday February 17, 2006 in honor of the nine African American Greek-letter organizations also known as the 'Divine Nine.'

The first American Greek-letter organization, Phi Beta Kappa, was an honorary scholarship organization founded on the campus of the College of William and Mary in 1776. African American Greek-letter organizations emerged in the early 1900s. The first such organization was Alpha Phi Alpha, founded in 1906 at Cornell University. Soon after, the first African-American sorority was formed, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and then seven other fraternal organizations were formed. These organizations pledge to be active in the pursuit of social justice.

But, they can also have some fun.

Carl Johnson, Juvenile Probation Officer with the D.C. Superior Court, "brought the house down" as he delivered the renowned Kappa moves, complete with the red and white Kappa cane.

Stepping is not exactly a dance, although the steppers do have



*Carl Johnson shows the Kappa style.*

rhythm. Nor is it all singing, although these brothers and sisters can get loud. It's a performance that incorporates the African tradition of call and answer as well as specific dance steps performed by the fraternity in unison.

At some universities, stepping is a staple of college culture. Each new line or group added to the chapter must learn and perform the routine for their "coming out" celebration, during which they publicly proclaim their allegiance to the organization.

Stepping has long been a cultural benchmark for African Americans. In her new book, *Soul Stepping: African American Step Shows*, Elizabeth Fines chronicles the changes in the tradition throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In the 1920s, the moves and dance steps displayed a kind of restraint that those who step today have abandoned. The advent of the civil rights movement brought a more vigorous, empowering style that Fines refers to as "shout'n' foot stomp'n' tribalism."

All the Divine Nine organizations were represented at the February performance. Most of the representatives stepped forward and demonstrated their organization's routine. In a show of solidarity, the brothers and sisters then joined hands to sing their respective fraternity or sorority's anthem.

Garland Pinkston, Clerk of the D.C. Court of Appeals, animated the crowd with his colorful descriptions of each organization. He gave the facts *and* the jokes.

## EMPLOYEE PROFILES

### JOAN BURRELL By Dyane J. Francois, Executive Office Intern

Joan Burrell's motto is "What we hope to ever do with ease, we must first learn to do with diligence." These illuminating words hang inside a neatly placed frame behind her desk.

Joan is the D.C. Courts' new Child Protection Mediation Case Manager. She assigns, manages, and coordinates the cases of volunteer mediators for child abuse and neglect mediations.

Joan graduated from Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina with a B.A. in Sociology and Social Welfare. She then obtained a Masters of Social Work at Howard University. She is also a volunteer mediator for the Community Mediation Program in Baltimore, MD.

Although Joan is a native Washingtonian, she has lived and worked in Baltimore as a Family Services Supervisor at a therapeutic foster care agency, WIN Family Services. Joan also served as a Family



Joan Burrell

Services Case manager and Placement Coordinator for the city of Baltimore for seven years.

Joan co-founded a mentoring program, *It Takes a Village*, for teenage girls between the ages of 12 and 17. The program is headquartered in Baltimore where Joan has served as its coordinator for a year. "We help expose young girls to art and culture, and provide a trusting environment to discuss issues going on in their lives," Joan said. "We help them build self-esteem and make decisions about their future."

The program also provides workshops on relevant teen issues such as abstinence, etiquette and college education. Most of the program's mentors are well-known friends of the founders. They also looked to recruit mentors by advertising in the local papers. "I want to help children build a positive future and see what the world has to offer," Joan said. "It is very rewarding."

"Always follow your dreams; never give up pursuing what you are passionate about," is Joan's best piece of advice to young girls.

Joan has a passion of her own. "I could not live without my artist's utensils to paint and draw," she confessed. She also enjoys traveling, working out and spending time with friends and family.

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### HAVE YOU MET GENEVA MURPHY? By Dyane J. Francois, Executive Office Intern

... well, you should. Her warmth and dedication to helping others will inspire you to do the same.

Geneva, a native Washingtonian, has served as the Adoption Legal Assistant Supervisor for the past three and a half years. She has a degree in Paralegal Studies and worked as a paralegal specialist in the Office of the Corporation Counsel (now Office of D.C. Attorney General).

"When I came on board, it [the job] was a challenge but a rewarding one for me," Geneva said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Geneva's position requires energy and diligence. She and her staff prepare the initial hearing orders for possible adoptions to be presented before 23 Family Court judicial officers. Geneva oversees the case management of hundreds of adoptions and termination of parental rights cases.

"I cannot do this job without the support of my colleagues," she said. "Sometimes in meetings, we bump heads," she confided. "But I am a team



Geneva Murphy

player and we know that we are here for a common purpose—the establishment of positive families."

Her best memory on the job: Adoption Day. "If you have never been to an Adoption Day program, you should," Geneva said with enthusiasm. "If you have never seen a foster parent care for a disabled child, take long classes in parenting and CPR...It brings tears to my eyes."

Geneva finds inspiration in the people around her. "My sons inspire me," she said, "because what I do today reflects their futures tomorrow." She is also motivated by her former supervisor and mentor, attorney Dorothy Simpson Dickerson. Dickerson, with

whom Geneva worked as a paralegal for six years, tutored her in the particulars of the legal field. Geneva also finds encouragement in her friend's struggle with a 14-year-old disabled child while working as a registered nurse and pursuing a Ph.D. in Social Work.

"You should always have goals," she said. "They might deviate and change, but you should have them." When she was younger she dreamed of being a Disney mouseketeer. She laughed at the thought. Now she wants to become an attorney.

Geneva is currently attending a pre-law program and plans to obtain her law degree to practice family law with a focus on adoption and probate.

Geneva, whose passion for her work led her to become a licensed foster parent, admits, "My job has not been easy. I had to be a quick learner," she continued. "But, I've grown from it."

Geneva enjoys going to church, dancing, spending time with her family, and watching Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston in her favorite flick, *The Preacher's Wife*.

**Yousuf Jaleel**

Yosuf Jaleel has been a librarian all his life. “I always wanted to be a librarian,” Jaleel said. “I like to study, to find answers.”

Yousuf joined the D.C. Superior Court library last May after many years of helping the patrons of the D.C. public libraries find answers. Yousuf is originally from southern India. He speaks Urdu and enjoys reading about philosophy and law. “Every society needs regulations,” he explained. “And, as a member of that society we all ought to know the laws and our rights.”

Yousuf will help you find anything you need in the library—treatises, encyclopedias, practice materials. His reticence hides a wisdom that speaks to you when he forgets himself. “When someone doesn’t answer it’s not always because they don’t have an answer,” he said.

When Yousuf is not wrestling with some legal philosophical question, he enjoys cooking and going to the movies. In India, he said, he and his friends had to take a train to another town, 40 miles away, to go see a movie. “When my wife and I are bored, we go to the movies,” he said. “Have you seen the *Legend of Zorro*?” he asked, his gray hair shaking violently as he laughed out loud.

**Dorothy Coleman**

Dorothy Coleman is the new Director of the D.C. Courts Childcare Center. Before joining the Courts, she worked at the Eisenhower Foundation in youth development campaigns. Dorothy graduated from Wolcott College in Boston with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. She then pursued a Master of Arts in Education at Columbia Teacher’s College in her hometown, New York City.

Dorothy said she always had a passion for working with children. “It’s wonderful watching them mature,” she said. “And, they have so much to teach us about getting along and being free,” she continued.



When Dorothy is not making the children smile in the childcare center, she likes to spend time with her church, organizing health campaigns. She has been working on a smoking cessation program at First Baptist Church of North Brentwood. She also participates in walks to raise awareness and funds for diabetes and breast cancer.

Dorothy loves to travel. She has visited Spain, France, Greece, Turkey, Tahiti and Israel. She enjoys traveling on cruise boats because “everything is set to accommodate people watching,” she said. “And I am fascinated by people.”

**Jakeila Barnes**

Jakeila Barnes, a native of Long Island, New York, moved to Washington, D.C. to attend Howard University, from which she graduated with a degree in Communications. She then studied at Omega Studios, an audio engineering school.



Before Jakeila joined the Courts as a Deputy Clerk in the Family Court, she worked as a contractor in records management. She also worked as an assistant producer on the nationwide-broadcast literary radio program, *Moments to Remember*.

Jakeila said she enjoys her work because her greatest inspiration in life is her drive to help others. When she’s not helping families here at D.C. Courts, she’s studying Criminal Justice at Gibbs College. “I would like to get into some type of surveillance or investigative work,” Jakeila said.

Jakeila also enjoys shopping, visiting museums, and playing pool. “I’d like people to know I’m very down to earth.”

She’s also a music fanatic. “Not just what they play on television,” she insisted. If you’re looking for a new tune to put on your iPod, Jakeila recommends Luciano, Donny Hathaway, Beres Hammond, or Erika Badu.

**JUDICIAL & BAR CONFERENCE** By Dyane J. Francois, Executive Office Intern

**Old news:** Every year the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the District of Columbia Bar Association organize Judicial and Bar Conferences. Both D.C. Court officials and Bar members attend.

**New News:** The Judicial and Bar Conference is informative as well as *fun and inspiring*.

On Thursday, March 30, D.C. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Eric T. Washington, who is chair of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, gave his report on the state of the judicial branch. Since the D.C. Courts also publish a very comprehensive report, Chief Judge Washington spared the crowd the numbers and detailed data. Instead he focused on the Courts’ many achievements in the past year such as the increased use of technology to facilitate communication between the Courts’ employees and its stakeholders, the renovations to provide better office space, more signs in English and Spanish to help direct all those who operate within the Courts’ buildings, the continually developing website offering the public access to the decisions of

the Court of Appeals, information about jury duty, and the juror questionnaire.

Chief Judge Washington did not take all the credit for these successful projects. He recognized the efforts of former Chief Judge Annice M. Wagner of the D.C. Court of Appeals and Chief Judge Rufus G. King, III of the D.C. Superior Court.

Chief Judge King then provided a report on Superior Court activity over the past year. He said that one of the Court’s main accomplishments was the implementation of an integrated justice information system (IJIS) to replace the

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# JUDGES REID AND DIXON ATTEND COURTROOM 21 LABORATORY TRIAL ON ADA ISSUES

On Saturday, April 1, 2006, Court of Appeals Judge Inez Smith Reid and Superior Court Judge Herbert Dixon attended the “2006 Laboratory Trial” conducted at William & Mary Law School’s “Courtroom 21,” the world’s most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom. The lab trial was a pioneering, experimental, assistive technology trial designed to provide equal access to the courts for persons with disabilities. Judge Reid is Chair of the D.C. Courts’ Standing Committee on Fairness and Access, and Judge Dixon is Senior Judicial Advisor to Courtroom 21. The D.C. Superior Court is a Court Affiliate of the Courtroom 21 Project.

The simulated case, *United States v. Culinary Enterprise of America d/b/a Mom’s Place*, was brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) against a fictional fast food restaurant chain. The fact pattern was notable in highlighting significant issues relating to special needs of the case’s participants. The trial was designed to test how assistive technology can be used in giving equal access to justice for judges, lawyers, witnesses, and jurors who have special needs in the areas of mobility, sight, and hearing.

The plaintiffs were a father and his adult college-age daughter. The underlying fictional litigation stemmed from the wheelchair-bound father attempting to take his blind daughter to dinner at a local restaurant. In addition to a wheelchair, the father had a service dog, which would warn the father of pending grand mal seizures. When the father and daughter arrived at the fast food chain, they discovered that it was almost impossible to enter the restaurant and get to the order counter. The staff refused entry to the father’s service dog after discovering it was not a “seeing-eye” dog. The blind daughter discovered that there were no Braille menus.



(L –R) Prof. Fredric I. Lederer, Director of the Courtroom 21 Project, Judge Lynn J. Karowsky (lab trial presiding judge), Weld County Court, Colorado, and Judge Herbert Dixon, Senior Judicial Advisor to the Courtroom 21 Project.

Subsequent inquiries to the corporate headquarters suggested that the chain purposely neglected to accommodate the needs of some patrons with disabilities, considering it too expensive and time-intensive for staff, and disruptive to other customers.

The Courtroom 21 “2006 Laboratory Trial” experimented with different types of technology intended to assist the participants during the trial. Although based on fictional elements, the case was tried realistically with many participants having a variety of disabilities that would make their involvement in a trial or

hearing difficult. For example, the trial judge, Judge Lynn J. Karowsky of Weld County Court in Colorado, is losing his sight due to macular degeneration. The trial made use of an “explicator,” a person designated to describe demonstrative evidence and the physical appearance of other evidence for the benefit of the judge. By audio earphones, counsel heard all description by the explicator, which would permit them to object to any inaccurate description.

Also integrated into the trial was the first known use of a Segway Human Transporter to allow one attorney with mobility limitations to travel about the courtroom and argue the case to the jury. Another attorney was confined to a wheelchair. Other elements integrated into the trial were the use of remote interpreters for a hearing impaired witness and a foreign language witness, a juror confined to a wheelchair, a hearing impaired juror, foreign language text translation software, and real-time reporting of testimony for hearing impaired jurors.

The Courtroom 21 Project is an ongoing international demonstration and experimental effort that seeks to determine how technology can best improve all components of the legal system. In 2005, for example, as part of an effort to develop a protocol for resolving multijurisdictional issues of international cases, Courtroom 21’s lab trial used modern videoconferencing technology that allowed two judges in separate countries to simultaneously hear a child abduction case and issue joint or parallel court orders to resolve the custody and access issues.



Judge Dixon receives instructions on use of the Segway HT from Leonard Timm, a double amputee, who sits upon a specially modified Segway.

# COURT EMPLOYEES EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND BRINGS MARDI GRAS TO THE COURTS

By H. Clifton Grandy, Senior Court Manager, Executive Office

On February 27, 2006, the Court Employees Emergency Relief Fund (CEERF) brought Mardi Gras to the D.C. Courts for the first time. In the words of Senior Court Operations Manager Wanda Starke, "The Mardi Gras Affair was 'off the hook.' The food was simply fabulous."

All 150 judicial officers and staff who attended the fund-raising event felt as though they had been magically transported to a Mardi Gras celebration on Canal Street in the French Quarter or welcomed into a New Orleans home. The decorating talents of volunteers, most notably Eleanor Nazareno, transformed the Executive Office Conference Room from its typical business-like atmosphere to a festive New Orleans party setting.

Music, authentic New Orleans dance steps, as well as beads, and other throws added to the atmosphere. "The Trickster" from the Mardi Gras Royal Court made a surprise appearance to add to



The CEERF held a standing room only potluck to benefit families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.



David Bell helps Willard Stephens to some gumbo.

sweet potato bread, rice, shrimp and crawfish étouffé, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peppers and sausages, red beans and rice, Creole okra, shrimp Creole, blackened salmon, merlito, pralines, chocolate cake, greens, green beans and beverages.

CEERF was created to assist family members of D.C. Courts' staff who were directly impacted by the last summer's hurricanes and levee failures. The Mardi Gras potluck was CEERF's way of celebrating the cultures and



Tiffany Adams and Eleanor Nazareno, who decorated the room so festively.

the fun.

A cadre of volunteers from the D.C. Court of Appeals, Superior Court, and the Court System demonstrated their culinary skills and showcased family recipes by preparing a wide range of dishes, including: several varieties of gumbo and jambalaya, sweet potatoes, pasta and potato salads, fried turkey, peach cobbler, coconut cake,

cuisines of New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Gulf Coast and raising money to assist some of the affected families who, in turn, are part of our D.C. Courts family.

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17 separate systems that were used in the past.

When John C. Cruden, President of the D.C. Bar, took the stage, he gave an impassioned speech about service. "Lawyers render service" was the theme of his talk. Cruden declared that D.C. Bar members have the privilege of setting their own rules of professional conduct, and therefore, it is their responsibility to uphold these rules. He said he strongly encouraged mentoring because "lawyers who mentor are happier and serve their clients better."

"Have you ever speed-dated?" Cruden proposed a new, creative method for lawyers to acquire prospective mentees, "speed-mentoring."

Lawyers will sit at different tables and the mentees will circulate around the room, stopping at each table for about 10 minutes. If two people become interested in each other a mentoring relationship is established.

Cruden said that the D.C. Bar has also been offering walk-in programs in Shaw and Anacostia. Individuals who need legal assistance can just show up without an appointment.

When the D.C. Bar's dedication to community service meets the D.C. Courts' outreach efforts, they create successful programs like the annual Youth Law Fair. During the Fair lawyers and judges volunteer to work side-by-side with students in mock trials performed at the Moultrie Courthouse.

The students learn. The lawyers and judges teach. But, most

\*\*\*\*\* **Rave Reviews** \*\*\*\*\*

Mr. Thomas Whittaker Domestic Relations Division  
Superior Court Room 4230 Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

I just wanted to bring to your attention an act of compassion by one of your staff members, Ms. **Kinita Medlock**, which left a good impression on me and renewed my faith in our over-worked government employees.

Last week, I called the Domestic Division to request a copy of a divorce decree. I was told that this could take several weeks. But when I explained to Ms. Medlock that the document was needed to complete an application for a US passport, for my newborn daughter, and that my wife and two children can't leave before the passport is issued, she promised to do her best to help. To my surprise, Ms. Medlock called me the next day to tell me that the document was ready.

I congratulate you, Mr. Whittaker, for having such a compassionate employee in your staff.

March 31, 2006

Mr. Roy Wynn, Director Special Operations Division  
DC Superior Court

Dear Mr. Wynn:

The purpose of this letter is to recognize the superb job that the staff of the **Child Care Center** has been doing since they opened. On the occasions that my daughter has been in attendance, she was well taken care of and is always happy at the next opportunity to return to the center. This is a great service and benefit to court employees. Keep up the excellent service. My daughter, loves the art projects and computer activities.

-----Original Message-----

**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, March 03, 2006 4:26 PM  
**To:** WebMaster  
**Subject:** compliments

Dear **Superior Court staff**:

I was in court all day on February 28, 2006 for jury duty. The court looks very well maintained and staff is unfailingly polite. I have seen DC superior on and off for 20 years, and it has never looked better. Congratulations to all you who strive to make it what it is.

I realize you operate under stress of large numbers of people served every day, but the building and staff attitudes do not show it. Thanks for your hard work.

Sincerely,

DC resident

February 2, 2006

Mr. Anthony Rainey

Re:CCAN Vouchers

Dear Mr. Rainey:

It is a great pleasure to bring to your attention the immediate and excellent assistance today of the Messrs. **Wallace** and **Conyers** in a matter regarding a voucher that I had submitted in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Your office, with such a small staff, performs, in my view, miracles with respect to issuing vouchers and then processing them.

I hope you will consider these laudatory comments for the Messrs. Wallace and Conyers when you prepare their next evaluations.

Keep up the good work!