



## Director's Message

The Louis A. Martinet Legal Society invited me to its September general meeting to talk to its members about the Marshall-Brennan Project. Enthusiastically, I dove into the Project's history, purpose and goals. I have taught law students now for 25 years. Reading the expressions on their faces has become an art that I have mastered. I know when I have hit a home run with a student. But, I could not read the lawyers. Some seemed tired and others only tolerant, semi-interested. I could not have been more wrong. After the meeting, I was given several cards from people who wanted to help. The next week, I received emails with contact information and a couple of checks. Recently, Martinet lawyers have come to the high school classrooms to address the students. The Marshall-Brennan Project has witnessed Martinet lawyers' response to the call to reach out to our children. Thanks Martinet Society!!!  
Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones, Acting Director

## Louisiana Supreme Court

The Marshall-Brennan Project visited the Louisiana Supreme Court on October 30, 2009. Nine fellows and 68 high school students made the trip to the historic courthouse in the New Orleans French Quarters. Supreme Court **Bernette J. Johnson** opened the court to the students. She discussed the jury process and the civic responsibility to serve when called.



Students enjoy a walk through the New Orleans French Quarters after leaving the Supreme Court.



Justice Bernette J. Johnson and the SULC Marshall-Brennan Fellows



Andrea Lowe, Melody Udoinyion and  
Freddie King III Classroom Experience

Fellow's Experience

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"Teaching Constitutional Law at Istrouma High School as a Marshall-Brennan Fellow has been a very rewarding experience. It has given me the opportunity to help students understand their rights and obligations under the Constitution. Although, there were minor challenges relaying the importance of the Constitution to the students, we learned the proper mechanisms to use to break through to them from the Board of Education. Not only have I sharpened my knowledge on the First and Fourth Amendment but I have been able to make a difference in my students' life by inspiring them to think. I come in each morning with the determination to make each student understand the concepts and reasoning through historical cases. I then leave the class with the majority of the students in a better place of knowledge. For this I am most grateful." **Melody Udoinyion J.D. Candidate 2011**

This Month Highlights



Upcoming Events

Community Service Project

The Marshall-Brennan Project will serve women and children at the Bishop Ott Shelter on November 14, 2009.

Guest Speakers at Istrouma

Ted James, Esq.



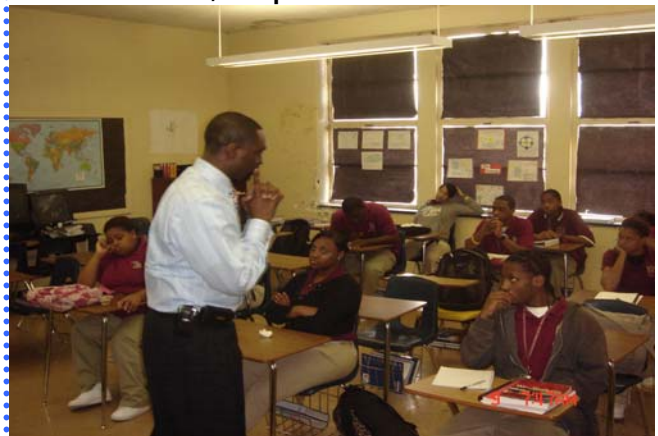
Students Expressions

"My dream is to be a successful attorney one day. I have taken a lot of law studies classes and all that the teachers in those classes have done was crush my dream. The teachers did not show any enthusiasm for law. This year is different! The teachers from the Marshall-Brennan project really love law and want us to love it just as much. They are teaching us our rights that we are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Rights we never even knew about. They bring us guest speakers to share some wise words and host hot fun debates in class. Thanks to the Marshall-Brennan Project and the wonderful teachers; Ms. Lowe, Ms. Udoinyion and Mr. King. I know my dream will now come true".

**Joshua Spencer-Istrouma High School**

"Law Studies is absolutely fabulous. I think it is a blessing to be able to take this class in high school. The teachers are awesome. Our Marshall-Brennan teacher does not be in a rush, they make sure that we understand what is happening. This opportunity let you open your career choice. I know before I entered this class, law was not an option for me, it just wasn't my thing. The Law studies is a great class and if you are not enrolled in it, I think you should give it a try".

**Raneisha Sims-Istrouma High School**



**Attorney Ethel Clay-Pierson, Melody Udoinyion and Attorney Latoya Roberson**

