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SATURDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018



March 17, 2018

We are excited to welcome you to the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Alden J. "Butch" Carpenter Memorial Scholarship Gala. The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and the Butch Carpenter Memorial Scholarship Gala Committee are proud to host this special night.

Michigan Law is such an extraordinary place because of the sense of community that pervades the student body, as well as the lifelong affiliation that alumni feel for the Law School and for each other. We are honored to be able to bring students and alumni together to celebrate the life and legacy of one of our brightest stars.

We sincerely thank all those who participated in making the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Gala a success.

Sincerely Yours,

The 2018 Butch Carpenter Memorial Scholarship Gala Committee

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INTRODUCTION OF WELCOME SPEAKER

Morgan Paige Brown 2017 Alden J. "Butch" Carpenter Scholarship Runner-up

WELCOME ADDRESS

HISTORY OF THE ALDEN J. "BUTCH" CARPENTER SCHOLARSHIP

> INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

> > **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Moderated by

PRESENTATION OF 2018 ALDEN J. "BUTCH" CARPENTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

CLOSING REMARKS

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Valerie B. Jarrett, '81 Distinguished Senior Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School and Former Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama

Broderick Johnson, '83 Partner at Bryan Cave LLP and Chairman of the Board of My Brother's Keeper Alliance; Former Assistant to President Barack Obama, Cabinet Secretary, and Chair of My Brother's Keeper Task Force

Khalilah V. Spencer, '01 Inclusion, Equity & Social Responsibility Partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP

Megan Giles and Kimberly Goshey BLSA Chair and Vice-Chair

#### 40 YEARS HONORING THE LEGACY OF

Alden S. "Butch" (Carpenter

Alden J. "Butch" Carpenter was born in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Flint Southwestern High School. He received a scholarship to the University of Michigan, where he excelled academically and athletically as a Division I football player. For three years, Butch started as a defensive end for the University and was co-captain of an undefeated team.

After graduating from the University of Michigan, Butch worked briefly in Detroit and returned to his stomping grounds of Ann Arbor to matriculate at Michigan Law in 1977, demonstrating the same leadership skills, aptitude, and commitment that marked his stellar undergraduate academic and athletic careers. His natural gifts made Butch an effective advocate for social justice. As a member of the law school community, Butch dedicated his professional objectives to the survival and growth of economically depressed communities, believing that the development of



such communities was greatly dependent upon the leadership and skills of businesspersons and lawyers. Those acquainted with him were impressed with his enthusiastic spirit and his singular, driven purpose to use his professional talents for the benefit of urban communities.

At the age of 28, Butch tragically passed on February 2, 1978 after collapsing while playing basketball. To some, his untimely death meant the loss of a fine athlete, to others, the loss of a future legal star. But to all, his death meant the loss of a great man. In 1999, Alden J. "Butch" Carpenter was inducted into the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame with the following headline: "Alden 'Butch' Carpenter made his mark in Flint's sports history. Gone but not forgotten."

On February 21, 1978, the Black Law Students' Alliance (BLSA) at Michigan Law, recognizing the importance of Butch's chosen life work, voted unanimously to honor his memory and vision by establishing the Alden J. "Butch" Carpenter Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Fund's purpose is to promote the attributes exemplified by Butch, and to motivate law students toward the high level of social commitment that he demonstrated.

Each year, BLSA hosts a memorial banquet to raise money for the Fund and to reflect upon the principles that Butch personified. As a part of the annual banquet, the Fund currently awards scholarships to outstanding first-year BLSA member law students who have demonstrated commitment to combining business and law to promote community development. Last year, the Fund awarded a total of \$40,000 in scholarships to three deserving students.



VALERIE B. JARRETT, '81 **BRODERICK JOHNSON, '83** SHIRLEY A. KAIGLER, '75 LUTALO SANIFU KHALILAH V. SPENCER, '01 THE BUTCH CARPENTER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MARK WEST, Dean and Nippon Life Professor of Law SARAH C. ZEARFOSS, Senior Assistant Dean ERIK D. CHOISY, Assistant Director of Admissions **CHRISTOPHER DARNTON, Finance Specialist** TRUDY FELDKAMP, Office of Student Life LARA FURAR, Director of Alumni Engagement & Programming LAURA GRAY, Director of Events, Development and Alumni Relations ANTHONY HAGE, Assistant Director of Annual and Reunion Giving CLAIRE LEIGH-MONSTEVENS, Event Manager LAUREN PERL, Manager at Michigan Union Ticket Office JENNY RICKARD, Senior Project Manager of Finance and Planning NICKI SHARER, Regional Director of Development LAI TUTT, Annual Giving Coordinator THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE THE OFFICE OF CAREER PLANNING THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

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#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Valerie B. Samett, 81

Valerie B. Jarrett is a senior advisor to the Obama Foundation and ATTN and a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. She also serves on the boards of Ariel Investments, 2U, Lyft, and the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

Ms. Jarrett was the longest serving Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama. She oversaw the Offices of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs and Chaired the White House Council on Women and Girls. Ms. Jarrett worked throughout her tenure at the White House to mobilize elected officials, business and community leaders, and diverse



groups of advocates. She led the Obama Administration's efforts to expand and strengthen access to the middle class, and boost American businesses and our economy. She championed the creation of equality and opportunity for all Americans, and economically and politically empowering women in the United States and around the world. She oversaw the Administration's advocacy for workplace policies that empower working families, including equal pay, raising the minimum wage, paid leave, paid sick days, workplace flexibility, and affordable childcare, and led the campaigns to reform our criminal justice system, end sexual assault, and reduce gun violence.

Ms. Jarrett has a background in both the public and private sectors. She served as the Chief Executive Officer of The Habitat Company in Chicago, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, Commissioner of Planning and Development, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley. She also served as the director of numerous corporate and not-for-profit boards including Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Stock Exchange, Chairman of the University of Chicago Medical Center Board of Trustees, and Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Ms. Jarrett has also received numerous awards and honorary degrees, including TIME's "100 Most Influential People."

Jarrett received her B.A. from Stanford University in 1978 and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.

#### MODERATOR

Broderick Johnson, '83

Mr. Johnson is a current Partner at Bryan Cave LLP and a Chairman of the Board of the My Brother's Keeper Alliance. Mr. Johnson is also the former Assistant to President Obama, former Cabinet Secretary, and the former Chair of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force, an initiative launched by President Obama to address persistent gaps faced by boys and young men of color.

Mr. Johnson has held positions in both the public and private sectors. Mr. Johnson started his career in the House of Representatives, drafting landmark legislation including the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Immigration Reform



and Control Act of 1986. He later served as chief counsel to the House Committee on the District of Columbia, and as Democratic Chief Counsel to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. During the Clinton administration, he served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. He later served as Senior Advisor to the Obama presidential campaign in 2012, an informal advisor to the Obama presidential campaign in 2008, and was the Senior Congressional Affairs Advisor to the Kerry campaign in 2004.

In the private sector, Mr. Johnson was Vice President at AT&T and Bell South corporations, and a partner at Bryan Cave, where he headed the public policy and government affairs group. He also served on the firm's executive committee. Mr. Johnson also co-founded a strategic policy and communications advice group, specializing in providing advice to corporations and nonprofits.

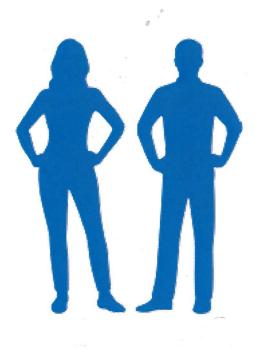
Mr. Johnson received his B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross and J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, where he has lectured on public policy and government relations. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Johnson currently lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and three children.

#### **BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, 'Til earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the fait that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on 'til victory is won.

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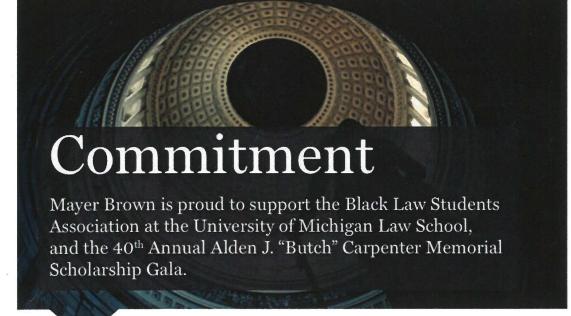
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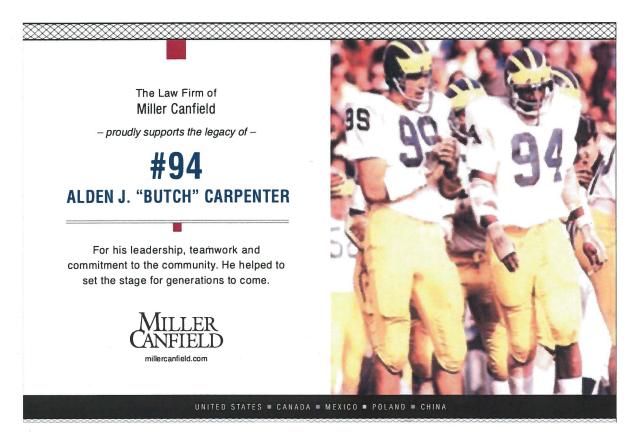
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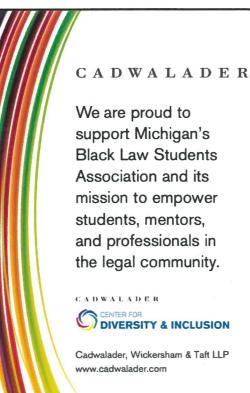


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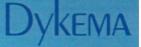
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