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Michael Bowden's Post

Obama, Biden Counsel to Deliver MLK Address

Posted by Michael Bowden on 01/19/2017 at 05:00 PM



RWU Law presents a rare chance to meet a counselor to a United States President and Vice President.

Don Graves -- who served as deputy assistant to **President Barack Obama** and counselor to **Vice President Joe Biden** -- will be the keynote speaker for the school's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

RWU Law, Appellate Courtroom, Rm. 283.

Don't miss it!

Don Graves served as Deputy Assistant to President Obama, as well as Counselor to Vice President Biden. He was also Biden's Domestic and Economic Policy Director – providing advice on a range of

policy issues including ways to create jobs, opportunity, and a wider path to the middle class – and his Traveling Chief of Staff. In addition, Mr. Graves oversaw the staff of the Vice President's Cancer Moonshot effort. He had previously been appointed by the President as Executive Director of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness at the White House, and he led the Administration's efforts in the city of Detroit, working with city, state, business, non-profit and community stakeholders as that city worked through its bankruptcy and began its recovery. He was also the U.S. Federal representative to the G7 Task Force on Social Impact Investment

Mr. Graves previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Small Business, Community Development and Housing Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. In this role, he managed a portfolio of policy issues including business and small business finance and development, housing finance, community and economic development, capital access, job creation and issues related to underserved communities. In addition, he oversaw the multi-billion dollar Small Business Lending Fund and State Small Business Credit Initiative, as well as the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. Prior to that, he was a partner with Graves, Horton, Askew & Johns, LLC, and the Director of Public Policy for the Business Roundtable.

Mr. Graves holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from Williams College, and a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he received the Dean's Award. He is a fellow of the National Association of Public Administration. He served as volunteer Chief Executive Officer of Progress Through Business, a national nonprofit focused on economic development, supporting lower-income employees and sustainability. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the Community Reinvestment Fund, on the Board of Directors of the Center on Business and Poverty, and on the Advisory Boards of Wall Street Without Walls and the Greater Washington Board of Trade's Small Business Network.