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Dear MSP Alum:

I am very pleased to invite you to attend the MSP 50 Celebration on Saturday, April 14. Join classmates, network with returning alumni, meet students, listen to panelists review this extraordinary program's celebrated history and adaptation to changing law, and help shape the MSP's future. Thanks to our class chairs, whose role is to reach out to all MSP'ers, we expect 400 alumni to return for this convocation. You'll be joined by the almost 200 current MSP students, and by faculty, staff, and others from the Rutgers and New Jersey legal communities. We expect this Celebration will receive national media coverage for Rutgers Law School.

The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the renovated former law school building, 15 Washington, where you'll meet a panel of current students from Newark and the two-year old MSP Program in Camden. RU-Newark Chancellor Nancy Cantor and Vincent Warren '93, Executive Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, will speak about the resources a university can bring to champion social justice. At lunch you'll be able to catch up with old friends and meet others. Then, in the afternoon, former MSP deans will recall the challenges they and the Program faced during their tenure. Current Rutgers faculty will highlight how their clinics and academic centers advocate and represent in the fields of educational rights, immigration, prisoner re-entry, and affordable housing. Prof. David Troutt, chair of the faculty MSP committee, will conclude the colloquium with what the faculty has learned in its review and possible directions the program might take going forward. The colloquium will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (For those who want to start the day with an optional walking tour of the campus, including Express Newark in the Hahne's building, meet at 15 Washington at 9:30 a.m. sharp; you'll be back by the 11:00 a.m. start to the program).

There will be shuttle buses to take you from 15 Washington to the Robert Treat Hotel on Military Park. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00, with a program including the annual student awards and the elected student speaker. One goal of this Celebration is to provide twelve new endowed summer internships for 1L MSP students by raising \$1.5 million for the MSP Alumni Endowment Fund, started a decade ago by committed alumni. You'll hear about our progress toward that goal. And we'll dance—accompanied by a band who understands that this group spans generations of dancers and non-dancers!

Now is the time to register. The registration fee includes luncheon, the gala cocktails, dinner and a souvenir. Register by March 16 to obtain the discounted rate of \$150 per person, or for those working in government or for a non-profit - \$125. After March 16 the fees increase by \$25. Registration is online, using this link: ralumni.com/MSP50 There is a block of hotel rooms at the Robert Treat reserved at reasonable rates until March 13—refer to group 9048. Please reach out to classmates and other MSP'ers to urge them to come as well.

This event requires corporate sponsorship support to be financially successful. *If you work in a law firm or for a corporation, please do your utmost to urge purchase of a sponsorship package.* A range of options including tickets, signage and advertising is available at the above registration link.

If you desire further information about sponsorship, have any problems registering, or have special needs, please write or call Robert Steinbaum, Associate Dean for Advancement, r.steinbaum@rutgers.edu, or 973.353.3063.

The Minority Student Program now has 2,500 alumni, people who may well not have had the opportunity to pursue a legal career without this program. Our alumni have diversified the legal profession in New Jersey and beyond. Come participate as we look back, analyze, and prepare for the next 50 years! As a fellow MSP alumnus, I look forward to sharing this Celebration with you.

Sincerely yours,



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