

# **BPI**

## **Annual Dinner**

## **Celebration**

## **Tuesday**

## **April 29, 2008**



**The Fairmont Chicago  
Imperial Ballroom  
200 North Columbus Drive**

**Reception 5:30  
Dinner 6:30**

**RSVP by April 23**

## **Keynote Speaker James Forman, Jr.**



A legal scholar, writer, charter school founder, civil rights and education activist, James Forman, Jr. is a passionate advocate for at-risk children. A professor at Georgetown University Law School, Mr. Forman was raised in a prominent civil rights family. After graduating from Yale Law School and clerking for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, he joined the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, where he represented kids from high-poverty neighborhoods in court. Motivated by his experiences as a public defender, Mr. Forman co-founded the acclaimed Maya Angelou Public Charter School. With rigorous year-round academics, counseling, life skills training and paid internships, the school's holistic curriculum helps low-income kids in Washington, D.C., develop the skills they need to build rewarding lives.

# BPI Champion of the Public Interest Awards



## **Sunny Fischer**

Executive director of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, co-founder of the Chicago Foundation for Women and an early leader in the Women's Funding Network and Chicago Women in Philanthropy, Sunny Fischer is a shining light in Chicago's philanthropic and non-profit communities. She was the founding executive director of the Sophia Fund, one of the nation's first private women's foundations, and board chair of the Family Violence Prevention Fund and Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, where she now serves as vice-chair. A former crisis counselor for rape victims and battered women, Ms. Fischer is a leader in the new effort to create a Chicago Public Housing Museum at the Jane Addams Homes.



## **Martin (Mike) Koldyke**

Mike Koldyke is known throughout the country as an effective leader and daring school reform innovator. Mr. Koldyke is the founder of two of Chicago's leading-edge education organizations, the highly acclaimed Golden Apple Foundation and The Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL), which recruits, trains and places new teachers in Chicago's schools of need. A mover of mountains in the early years of school reform here, he headed both the Chicago School Finance Authority and Chicago School Reform Authority. Similarly effective in his business career, Mr. Koldyke is the retired chairman of the Frontenac Company, a venture capital firm that he founded in 1971. He currently serves as AUSL board chair and Golden Apple's chairman emeritus.



## **Randolph N. Stone**

Clinical professor of law at the University of Chicago Law School and director of the Law School's Mandel Legal Aid Clinic from 1991–2001, Professor Randy Stone was responsible for the legal representation of thousands of indigent individuals as Cook County Public Defender from 1988–1991, managing a \$32M budget and staff of 750. He also served as deputy director of the District of Columbia Public Defender Office and staff attorney for the Criminal Defense Consortium of Chicago. Past chair of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Division, Professor Stone's many decades of distinguished service to the public interest and legal profession include numerous state and national commissions and panels in such areas as trial practice, sentencing, and capital litigation.

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Since our founding in 1969, BPI has sought out and addressed the Chicago-region's front burner social justice issues. Currently BPI works to increase affordable housing, transform public housing and improve Chicago's public schools.

Considered one of Chicago's most tenacious and versatile advocates for the public interest, our staff of lawyers and policy analysts uses research, advocacy, organizing, litigation and collaboration with nonprofit, business, community and governmental organizations to accomplish BPI's mission.

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