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## PRESS ADVISORY

### DC Courts, DC Bar to Co-host Conference on Right to Counsel Fifty Years after Landmark *Gideon* Case

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Supreme Court's *Gideon vs. Wainwright* decision, the 2013 DC Judicial and Bar Conference will explore the impact of the decision that recognized a right to counsel for indigent defendants. Keynote speaker Stephen B. Bright, President of the Southern Center for Human Rights and lecturer at Yale Law School, will speak on the topic "Redeeming Gideon: Access to Counsel 50 Years Later." The one-day conference will feature seminars and forums coinciding with the theme. In addition, sessions to assist attorneys throughout their career, including the DC Courts judicial application and nomination process, featuring Christopher Kang, Special Counsel to the President and members of the DC Judicial Nomination Commission.

**WHAT: 2013 District of Columbia Judicial and Bar Conference**

**WHEN: Friday, April 19, 2013**  
9:30 am – 5:30 pm

**WHERE: Ronald Reagan Trade Center**  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

**WHO: Chief Judge Eric Washington, D.C. Court of Appeals**  
**Chief Judge Lee Satterfield, Superior Court of D.C.**  
**Thomas Williamson, Jr., DC Bar President**  
**Judge Emmet Sullivan, US District Ct – DC, Chair, DC Judicial Nomination Commission**  
**Stephen Bright, President, Southern Center for Human Rights, lecturer, Yale Law School**  
**James Sandman, President, Legal Services Corporation**  
**Christopher Kang, Senior Counsel to the President**

**PRESS:** Media passes are available for the plenary sessions and the luncheon remarks. A full schedule of events is available at <http://www.dcb.org/conference/index.cfm>.

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