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Color of Justice at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka November 17-18, 2014 ***Diverse Judges and Attorneys Encourage Youth to Pursue Legal Careers***

Anchorage, Alaska (November 10, 2014) – On November 17-18, 2014, Mt. Edgecumbe High School will host the third *Color of Justice* program to be held in Sitka. *Color of Justice* is a law-related education program founded by the National Association of Women Judges that seeks to promote diversity in the legal profession and judiciary by encouraging diverse youth to consider careers as lawyers and judges. Mt. Edgecumbe High School students from villages across the state and students from other Sitka high schools will attend two days of workshops and activities presented by law professors from Pacific Northwest law schools and Alaskan judges, attorneys, and state leaders. Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Dana Fabe and Department of Education Commissioner Mike Hanley will welcome students on the first day. Students will then participate in *MentorJet* – where they will meet with diverse mentors from the legal and judicial community, and share educational and career goals. The second day of the program will feature an interview with Mt. Edgecumbe High School graduates now pursuing legal careers conducted by Chief Justice Dana Fabe; and *Constitutional Cranium*, a quiz show on constitutional knowledge hosted by Judge Patricia Collins (Ret.) of Juneau, and September Horton, Director of Admissions and Development for Mt. Edgecumbe.

Increasing diversity on the bench is important to fostering public trust and confidence in our justice system, according to Chief Justice Fabe, who served as president of the National Association of Women Judges from 2009-2010. *Color of Justice* serves this goal, she says, “by affirming for our young women and youth of color that the judiciary is a career path that is open to them.” Members of the news media are invited to attend and cover *Color of Justice* events in Sitka, which are detailed in the attached program agenda. Members of the media interested in attending should contact September Horton at 907-966-3221 or septemberh@mehs.us

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COLOR OF JUSTICE ALASKA 2014

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

Sitka, Alaska

November 17-18, 2014

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014:

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

COJ Registration

Mt. Edgecumbe High School Activities Center

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Introductions & Welcoming Remarks

- **Judge Louis Menendez, MC**
 - Alaska Superior Court, Juneau
- **Chief Justice Dana Fabe**
 - Alaska Supreme Court
- **Commissioner Mike Hanley**
 - Alaska Department of Education

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

So What Do Lawyers and Judges Do?

Michele Storms, Assistant Dean for Public Service
University of Washington School of Law and Peter
Boskofsky, Graduate, MEHS & Gonzaga University
School of Law

4:15 PM – 4:25 PM

Break and Mentoring Table Set Up

4:25 PM – 6:00 PM

MentorJet: A Speed Mentoring Experience

Featuring the following Alaskan attorneys, judges, and leaders as Mentors:

1. **Nicole Borromeo**, MEHS & University of Washington Law School Graduate
2. **Peter Boskofsky**, MEHS & Gonzaga Law School Graduate
3. **Judge Patricia Collins** (Ret.), Juneau
4. **Judge Leonard Devaney**, Sitka
5. **Chief Justice Dana Fabe**, Anchorage
6. **Magistrate Judge Mike Jackson**, Kake District Court
7. **Judge Louis Menendez**, Juneau Superior Court
8. **Prof. Stephanie Nichols**, Seattle University School of Law
9. **Michele Storms**, University of Washington School of Law
10. **Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins**, Sitka
11. **David Avraham Voluck**, Tribal Court Judge Sitka

6:00 PM Pizza Party and End of Day One

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014:

Mt. Edgecumbe High School Activities Center

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Group Photo

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

From MEHS to the Halls of Justice

The Path from here to a Legal Career

A conversation with MEHS Graduates and Law School Graduates, **Nicole Borromeo and Peter Boskofsky**

Moderated by: Chief Justice Dana Fabe

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

You Be the Judge!

Prof. Stephanie Nichols

Seattle University School of Law

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Access to Justice:

You Can Make a Difference

Michele E. Storms

Assistant Dean for Public Service

& Executive Director, William H. Gates

Public Service Law Program

University of Washington Law School

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Luncheon

Sponsored by the Bruce E. Horton Foundation

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

The Indian Child Welfare Act:

A Case Study on Alaskan Tribal Courts

Mock proceedings in both state and tribal court concerning the hypothetical child welfare case of Alaska Native teenager Nathan Tribal member, Jr.

Featuring:

Judge Louis Menendez

Alaska Court System, Juneau

Judge Leonard Devaney

Alaska Court System, Sitka

Tribal Judge David Avraham Voluck

Tribal Court, Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Presiding

Judge Pro Tem, Aleut Community of St. Paul Island

Chief Tribal Judge Peter Esquiro

Sitka Tribe of Alaska

Magistrate Judge Mike Jackson

Kake District Court

With the following cast:

Nicole Borromeo
Peter Boskofsky
Janine Canul, Sitka Tribe of Alaska
September Horton, MEHS
Jude Pate, Public Defender Agency
Amy Stus, Sitka Tribe of Alaska
MEHS Student Volunteers

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Break

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Constitutional Cranium

Test your knowledge of Alaska's Constitution!
Win great prizes!

*With Your Hosts **The Cranium Wizards:***

Judge Patricia Collins

Alaska Superior Court, Juneau

September Horton

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

*And your Team Coaches: Members of the Judiciary &
Legal Community*

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Team Photos, Evaluations & Door Prizes

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Closing Ceremony

Judge Louis Menendez, MC and September Horton, MEHS

4:15 PM

COJ Program Ends

Questions?

Contact program coordinator Mara Rabinowitz at
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Thank you for your participation in Color of Justice!