



KIM BARRY MEMORIAL CONVOCATION PRIZE

The Law Alumni of Color Association (LACA) is very pleased to announce the creation of the **Kim Barry Memorial Convocation Prize** in honor of Kim Barry ('98), NYU's first Furman Fellow. The Kim Barry Memorial Convocation Prize is given to that graduating member of APALSA, BALSALa, MELSA or SALSALa, who has demonstrated a commitment to international and human rights work and exhibits academic excellence in the best tradition of Kim Barry.

The amount of the prize is \$1,000. If you would like to nominate one of your students for this award, please fill out the attached Nomination Form and submit it to **Kelley Spencer** in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations by the close of business on **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Recipients will be notified of their award prior to graduation.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Nominees must be a member of APALSA, BALSALa, MELSA or SALSALa.
2. Nominees must have demonstrated commitment to the public interest/public service with a focus on international and human rights issues.
3. Nominees must intend to pursue careers in public interest law with a focus on international and human rights issues.
4. Nominees must be third year students in good academic standing.
5. Nominees must have a record of academic excellence.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Friday, March 6, 2020:

Completed Nomination Forms are due at 4:00 p.m.
Please submit completed Nomination Forms to:

Kelley Spencer

NYU School of Law

Office of Development and Alumni Relations

22 Washington Square North, Room 211

New York, NY 10011

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In honor of Kim . . .

Kim Barry was a cherished member of the New York University School of Law family. Born in the Bahamas and raised in both the Bahamas and Australia, Kim brought to the Law School a truly international perspective and a deep commitment to human rights that was reflected throughout her academic and professional career.

Kim received a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1990, graduating *magna cum laude* after only three years. At Georgetown she was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*, wrote an honors thesis on sanctions against the apartheid regime in South Africa, and was awarded the Jesse A. Mann Medal for the first-place graduate in Humanities in International Affairs. Following graduation Kim worked as an intern in the Washington, D.C. office of Amnesty International. She then taught English and Geography at St. Joseph's High School in Windhoek, Namibia.

After her return to the United States, Kim studied at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where she earned her Master of Arts degree in Law and Diplomacy in 1995. While at Fletcher, Kim was named a MacJannet Foundation Scholar and received a Tuck Travel Grant to pursue her studies in international human rights law. Her master's thesis, reflecting her continued interest in South Africa, was entitled *Afrikaners: A Minority in Need of International Human Rights Protection?* Also in 1995, Kim received a certificate in international studies from the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales) in Geneva, Switzerland. While in Geneva, Kim worked as a researcher at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, focusing on violence against women.

Kim then came to the Law School, where she was named a Dean's Scholar and awarded a full-tuition scholarship in recognition of her tremendous potential as a lawyer and scholar. She more than met the school's high expectations. She was elected to the Law Review, where she was an Articles Editor; was awarded the Arthur Hays Fellowship in Civil Liberties; and served as a teaching assistant to then-Dean John Sexton and a research assistant to Professor Ron Noble. Kim also dedicated herself to international and domestic human rights causes, traveling to Eritrea as part of the International Development Clinic, representing Alabama death row inmates with the Capital Defense Clinic, and completing unpaid internships at the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project and the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. Her many accomplishments were recognized at her graduation in 1998; she was awarded her Juris Doctor degree *magna cum laude*, given the Benjamin F. Butler Graduation Prize for unusual distinction in scholarship, character and professional activities, and elected to the Order of the Coif.

After graduation, Kim was a law clerk to Judge Betty B. Fletcher of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and then became an associate at Perkins Coie LLP in Seattle. While at Perkins Coie, she maintained an active *pro bono* practice, including representation of a death row inmate with whom she was still in contact at the time of her death. In 2001, Kim returned to NYU as the Katz Fellow and associate counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice. Kim worked on a variety of cases in the Center's Democracy and Poverty projects, including an effort to restore voting rights to convicted felons in Florida. On completing her fellowship, Kim served as Special Assistant in the office of University President John Sexton, with whom she co-taught an honors seminar for NYU undergraduates.

In 2003, Kim was named the first Furman Fellow at the Law School. The Furman Fellows program provides the most promising young law school graduates an opportunity to do research as a pathway into an academic career. Kim spent her time at the Law School writing about the legal and political dimensions of citizenship and international migration. Her article "Home and Away: The Construction of Citizenship in an Emigration Context" was recently accepted for publication by the Law Commission of Canada, and at the time of her death she was being considered for faculty positions at many of the nation's top law schools.

Kim leaves behind her mother, Brenda Barry, father, Dr. Grahame Barry, and 92 year old grandmother and nurse, Rosetta Major; her sisters, Tracy and Tina Barry, and brother-in-law Toby Tyler; her beloved nieces and nephews, Ade, Alessandra, Isabella, and Quinn; and her loving companion, Gavin Butler. She also leaves too many friends and colleagues to mention, all of whom have been profoundly touched by her warmth, intellect, and generous spirit. Perhaps most of all, Kim leaves an extraordinary legacy of a life filled with love and concern for others, both those within her most intimate circles of family and friends and those whose lives she affected with her unmatched commitment to human rights and dignity.

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COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

Completed Nomination Forms must be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, 22 Washington Square North, New York, New York. **Absolutely no extensions will be granted.** All materials, including a list of references must accompany the application.

A complete nomination must contain the following:

1. ☐ A signed and dated Nomination Form.
2. ☐ A short statement of no longer than 750 words discussing why you believe the nominee is worthy of receiving the Kim Barry Memorial Convocation Prize.
3. ☐ Any ***optional*** supporting material (*i.e.*, the nominee's current résumé or curriculum vitae, and letters of recommendation from the nominee's law school professors or employers.)

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ALSA AFFILIATION: _____

I hereby attest that my statements on this form, and any attachments submitted with it, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith.

Signature

Date