UMB Post-Freddie Gray: Our Role in Restoring a City

BY UMB PRESIDENT JAY A. PERMAN, MD

“Many of us who live, work, and study in the city are focusing our attention on the poverty and injustice endemic in the communities beset by violence—conditions that have held generations of Baltimoreans hostage to crumbling neighborhoods, scarce services, poor health, high crime, and widespread incarceration.”

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“We’re studying through this course a broad range of issues: housing, education, health care, policing, criminal justice. Each of those subjects begins with a legal framework. ...We believe that through the class, we will identify the actions that need to be taken as legal matters. And it will help us identify what further support we can give to the Baltimore inner-city community.”

10 What Lawyers Can and Must Do

BY SHERRILYN IFILL, PROFESSOR OF LAW and PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR-COUNSEL OF THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

“The work of being a civil rights lawyer always involves pulling the thread and unraveling a pattern of problems that emanate from a common source. Freddie Gray’s death is a tragedy in and of itself. His death while in the custody of the Baltimore City Police demands justice and accountability, but we must also examine the context that made Freddie Gray’s life chances so grim.”

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New Course and New Initiatives Engage Faculty, Students, and Community

BY DAVID REICH

“After Freddie Gray’s death, [Professor Renée] Hutchins, at the dean’s request, convened a group of faculty to formulate a response on behalf of the law school. The group devised a plan with two components—community engagement and education—both of which are gradually taking shape. The community engagement piece figures to include considerable involvement by the law school’s clinics, many already deeply engaged with Baltimore’s poor neighborhoods.”