

## Lynne Echenberg, JD'02

### *Miles L. Rubin Alumni Public Service Award*



Lynne Echenberg has been working in the child welfare and juvenile justice fields for over a decade. Following law school, Lynne received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division (JRD), in New York, representing young people being discharged from foster care in the Bronx Family Court.

She then worked as an attorney in the Children's Aid Society's (CAS) Office of Public Policy and Client Advocacy where she advocated on behalf of children and youth involved in CAS programs and developed the proposal that launched the Next Generation Center. Lynne is currently the Director of the Next Generation Center, a multiservice center for disconnected youth in the South Bronx. Lynne serves on the Advisory Boards of Represent!, a publication written by and for foster youth, and the Resilience Advocacy Project.

Previously, at the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS), Lynne served as Special Assistant to Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and then developed and piloted a mentoring program for young people aging out of foster care in the ACS' Office of Youth Development. At Stanford, Lynne interned at Legal Services for Children and the Haywood Burns Institute for Juvenile Justice Fairness & Equity at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco, as well as the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the JRD. She taught a course on children and the law at Stanford University, and represented children in special education and school discipline proceedings at the East Palo Alto Community Law Project.

## Bryan Stevenson

### *National Public Service Award*



Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Stevenson is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating

excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

EJI has recently succeeded in winning a ban on life imprisonment without parole sentences imposed on children convicted of most crimes in the U.S. and has initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts. Mr. Stevenson's work fighting poverty and challenging racial discrimination in the criminal justice system has won him numerous awards including the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize, the Olaf Palme International Prize, the ACLU National Medal Of Liberty, the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award, the 2010 NAACP Ming Award for Advocacy and the 2009 Gruber Prize for International Justice. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government, has been awarded 12 honorary doctorate degrees and is also a Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law.

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*Diane T. Chin*

*Associate Dean for Public Service and  
Public Interest Law*

*Remarks*

*Larry D. Kramer*

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*Presentation of Miles L. Rubin*

*Public Interest Award*

*to Lynne Echenberg, JD '02*

*Director, Next Generation Center*

*by Todd Rubin*

*Presentation of National Public Service Award*

*to Bryan Stevenson*

*Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative*

*by Lawrence C. Marshall*

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*Director of the Mills Legal Clinic*

*Closing*

*Pamela S. Karlan*

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