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BALTIMORE STATE'S ATTORNEY GOT LEGAL START WITH CLEO

Largo, MD — “If you put me in this chair, I don’t care if they are in uniform or not... I will hold everybody accountable to the law.” These were the words of Marilyn J. Mosby, Maryland State’s Attorney for Baltimore City, speaking in 2014 when she was on the campaign trail for the office she subsequently won.

Mosby is one of the many thousands of program participants of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), the preeminent organization for preparing minority and disadvantaged students to become successful legal practitioners. The prosecutor who has recently been catapulted into the headlines of the media, the legal community and the nation matriculated at the CLEO Six-Week Summer Institute at Michigan State-Detroit College of Law in 2002. A recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship and its three-year stipend, she exemplifies two key tenets of the CLEO program: leadership and public service.

“We are proud that Ms. Mosby is a part of the CLEO family,” comments Cassandra Sneed Ogden, CEO of CLEO, Inc. “We are always pleased to see CLEO’s alumni in leadership roles in their communities. I believe our motto, ‘Training tomorrow’s lawyers, Preparing tomorrow’s leaders’, is more fitting every day.”

Mosby took office in January 2015 after running on a platform of “targeting violent repeat offenders, restoring public trust, and protecting vulnerable populations.” The State’s Attorney made news by announcing that six Baltimore City police officers would be formally charged in the death of Freddie Gray, a young African American male who suffered a spinal cord injury while in their custody.

Founded in 1968 when the number of lawyers of color was less than one percent, CLEO has produced more than 10,000 alumni who have excelled in every area of the legal profession to include judges, corporate attorneys, law school deans and professors, practitioners, politicians and more. Although best known for its Six-Week Summer Institute pre-law school “boot camp,” CLEO provides services to high school, pre-law and law school students which include mentoring, placement assistance, academic counseling and support, scholarships and bar preparation orientation.

Now named the CLEO Six-Week Pre-Law Summer Institute, the program will be held June 7 – July 18, 2015, at The University of Mississippi School of Law. This is the fourth year the summer institute has been held at Ole Miss. The organization lost its funding for the program in 2010.

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