



Jaribu Hill
Addresses
BLSA Banquet

The Mississippi College School of Law R. Jess Brown Chapter of the Black Law Students Association hosted its 7th annual graduation banquet on Thursday, May 11, to honor black law student graduates.

Jaribu Hill, civil and human rights attorney, and executive director of the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights, was the keynote speaker at the banquet.

"If you your mission in life is the upliftment of community," she said, "then you can go work anywhere you want to work."

In 2001, Hill was chosen to lead a Ford Foundation-sponsored delegation to the United Nations World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, and was elected a member of the International Human Rights Defender's Summit Steering Committee. This spring, Hill received the 2006 CUNY Public Interest Law Association Alumni of the Year and the 2006 Ms. Foundation Gloria (Steinem) Award. She is also the President-Elect of the Magnolia Bar Association.



Mississippi's Only Holocaust Survivor Speaks

Mississippi's only Holocaust survivor, Gilbert Metz, spoke to students and faculty at Mississippi College School of Law as part of the MCSOL International Law Speaker Series. Metz, a native of France who settled in Mississippi after World War II, talked about his experiences as

a prisoner in the Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps. His visit to the law school was, appropriately, on the eve of Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"I first met Mr. Metz in a local cafe about a year ago," said Professor Greg Bowman, who created the lecture series when he joined the Law School two years ago. "He happened to be buying a baguette

(appropriately enough). Two hours later, we were still talking—or rather, I was listening as he recounted his experiences. It stupefies me to think of the things he witnessed and the number of times he dodged death between 1943 and 1945."

Metz talked about his family's executions and his own brushes with disease and death.

"Metz's visit made an immediate impact, THE VERY NEXT DAY IN MY INTERNATIONAL LAW CLASS WE WERE DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IT WAS THE BEST CLASS DISCUSSION WE'VE HAD ALL SEMESTER. passionate, thoughtful, provocative."



IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT IF YOU KEEP YOUR NOSE IN A BOOK DURING LAW SCHOOL YOU CAN MASTER THE MATERIAL — BUT IF YOU ATTEND SOME OF YOUR SCHOOL'S EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS LIKE THIS ONE, YOU MAY REALLY LEARN SOMETHING. MR. METZ'S VISIT PUT THE LAW IN A *more urgent and human context.*"

- PROFESSOR GREG BOWMAN -