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## Attorney Dinizulu is a Rising Star!



Attorney Dinizulu was recently chosen as a Rising Star 2012 in the <u>Super Lawyers</u> publication, which is distributed nationwide.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Lawyers are asked to nominate the best attorneys who are 40 or under, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less. They are instructed to nominate lawyers they have personally observed in action - whether as opposing counsel or co-counsel, or through other firsthand courtroom observation.

The lawyers are ranked by point totals and those with the highest point totals are named to the Rising Stars list. No more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are named to the list.



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## Law School Lecture Series 2011



Attorney Dinizulu had the opportunity to recently host his unique presentation, "How to Start Your Own Practice," at three Chicago law schools.

In the presentation, he directed students on the logistics of opening a law firm. He covered how to manage a firm, how to deal with the business side, as well as practical aspects, client development, and relationship building.

Over 100 students from The John Marshall Law School, DePaul University College of Law, and Loyola University Chicago School of Law came out and listened to the lecture series.

In January, Attorney Dinizulu will also present at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Thank you to these universities for hosting the DLG lecture series! Would you like Attorney Dinizulu to present this lecture to a group of people? Contact Melissa Soria at <u>soria@dinizululawgroup.com</u>.

Victims Speak Out about N. Carolina Sterilization Program









IN THE NEWS: North Carolina was one of 31 states to have a government run eugenics program. By the 1960s, tens of thousands of Americans were sterilized as a result of these programs.

Eugenics was a scientific theory that grew in popularity during the 1920s. Eugenicists believed that poverty, promiscuity and alcoholism were traits that were inherited. To eliminate those society ills and improve society's gene pool, proponents of the theory argued that those that exhibited the traits should be sterilized.

For the past eight years, North Carolina lawmakers have been working to find a way to compensate those involuntarily sterilized in the state between 1929 and 1974. During that time period, 7,600 people were sterilized in North Carolina. Of those who were sterilized, 85 percent of the victims were female and 40 percent were non-white.

In 2002, the state issued an apology to those who had been sterilized, but the victims have yet to receive any financial compensation, medical care or counseling from the state. Since 2003, three task forces have been created to determine a way to compensate the victims.

Read more about this issue <u>here.</u>

**Comcast Class Action Lawsuit** 



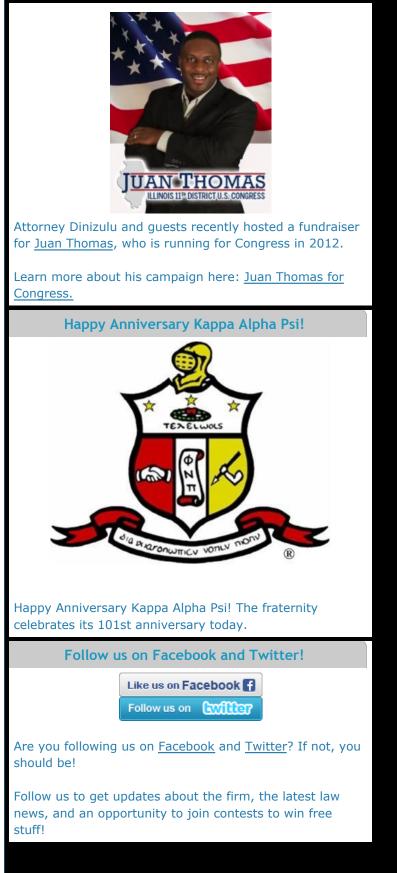
IN THE NEWS: A federal lawsuit filed at the end of November in Chicago accused Comcast Corp. of discriminating against the African-American employees of its South Side facility and its own customers by requiring workers to install defective or bug-infested equipment into residents' homes.

Eleven current and former workers in Comcast Corp.'s South Side facility are seeking class action status claiming that since at least 2005, the media company "has engaged in an ongoing pattern of race discrimination against African American employees" at its South Side location, according to the complaint, filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The group includes 10 current employees and one former worker who was fired in 2009. The plaintiffs on average, have worked for Comcast for 15 years, the lawsuit says.

The plaintiffs are seeking lost wages and benefits and are also seeking compensatory and punitive damages that could total \$300,000 per person, the total amount allowed by law.

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