

Dear Senior Fellows and Friends,

On Monday, November 8th, we will gather for an evening of food, fellowship, and stories with Richard Slippen, Judge, Court of Higher Education Appeals, U.S. Dept. of Education. A couple of months ago, Judge Slippen shared fascinating tidbits from early moments in his career, which has included participation as a VISTA Volunteer in a desegregation suit against the Milwaukee School Board and employment as the youngest member of the Senate Staff of Robert F. Kennedy. As with the very first dinner in 2003, this is simply too interesting not to share.

Judge Slippen will be introduced by Renita K. Bivins, Senior Attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). Renita, the first female African-American attorney to join the agency and an Excellence in Government senior fellow, will come with questions to make sure that we learn more about the Judicial Branch! Her bio, which includes the most interesting 6-month detail I've ever seen, will be sent to all who RSVP.

This invitation is non-transferable so that a proper welcome can be prepared for each participant. If a colleague would like to be invited, please ask him or her to contact me.

We'll convene in Vie de France's meeting room, right rear off the center atrium in the Graduate School building. There will be one dinner tab per table - please bring small bills, and contribute \$5 toward room rent as you pick up your nametag. The room will open at 5:30 p.m. and order-taking will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kitty Wooley  
U.S. Department of Education