

**DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ANNOUNCES FIRST
CHARLES HAMILTON HOUSTON SCHOLAR**

August 4, 2010, Pittsburgh, PA -- The Duquesne University School of Law is pleased to announce that Simone Delerme has been selected as the first Charles Hamilton Houston Scholar. This minority scholar program was established by the School of Law in honor of civil rights legend Charles Hamilton Houston, the law professor and mentor of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American to sit on the nation's highest court. At the start of her first year of law school this fall, Ms. Delerme will receive a renewable stipend of \$10,000 -- over and above a full tuition scholarship -- that can be used toward books, living expenses, and other needs that arise during her enrollment at the Law School. This stipend is funded through the generosity of Robert N. Peirce, Jr., a distinguished alumnus of the Law School, as well as contributions from other donors who believe in supporting exceptionally talented students.

Ms. Delerme, who received her B.S. from Ohio State University, was awarded this honor in recognition of her demonstrated academic excellence and promise of outstanding achievement in her legal studies and in the practice of law. "The School of Law was not only impressed by Simone's achievements, but also by her enthusiasm for academic endeavors and her belief that law is a central force of positive change in society," said Ken Gormley, Dean of the School of Law. Ms. Delerme's grandfather, Augustino Nicolas Delerme, received a medical degree in Puerto Rico at age 21, then moved to the United States and decided to earn a law degree in order to fulfill his own father's dream and to help others. He commuted two hours each way from Altoona -- for four years -- to attend Duquesne Law School's Evening Division, graduating in 1989. He continued to practice medicine as a surgeon and also practiced law in

Altoona and Pittsburgh, while raising a family of nine children. "Simone similarly has a deep commitment to Duquesne and its mission, inspired by her grandfather's great accomplishments and desire to make a lasting contribution," said Gormley. "This makes her the ideal recipient of this first award."

Charles Hamilton Houston, Jr. and John Marshall, son of Justice Thurgood Marshall, were notified of the award and expressed great satisfaction that Duquesne Law School had selected such a worthy recipient.

Duquesne University is a private, coeducational university with more than 10,000 students. An extensive selection of undergraduate and graduate degree programs is offered across 10 schools of study. Duquesne is consistently ranked among the nation's top Catholic universities for its award-winning faculty and 132-year tradition of academic excellence.