



MBWA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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President's Welcome Message



Dear MBWA Members, Supporters, and Friends:

Thank you for your continued support!

It has been an incredible program year, centered around this year's theme "Thriving, Not Just Surviving." Our programs this past quarter empowered us through professional development panels, strengthened our connections across the legal community, and inspired us as we witnessed the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson being selected as the first Black woman U.S. Supreme Court nominee.

Our Black History Month featured some of MBWA's most engaging programs of the quarter. On February 9, 2022, MBWA held a judicial panel to help lawyers as they navigate the judicial application process. The panel featured Honorable Angel Kelley, U.S. District Court Judge, District of Massachusetts; Honorable Stacey Fortes, First Justice of Lowell District Court; Honorable Shannon Frison, Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court; Honorable Raffi Yessayan, Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court; and Honorable Asha White, Associate Justice of the District Court. On February 17, 2022, in partnership with the Women's Bar Association Women of Color Committee, attendees reflected on the meaning and significance of Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem "The Hill We Climb".

MBWA's two-part Black History Month collaboration with Day Pitney on February 24, 2022, inspired attendees in the Massachusetts legal community and beyond to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession. Dean Angela Onwuachi-Willig's Statement on the student experience anchored the day's discussion. Our afternoon panel discussion was led by moderator Tara Pollard, Day Pitney's Director of Diversity & Inclusion, and featured Charlsa (Sandy) Broadus, Esq., a prominent DEI Strategist; Sharon Bridges, VP & Deputy General Counsel of Bay State Community Healthcare; and April English Chief of Organization Development & Inclusion at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Our evening professional keynote led by Dr. Darnisa Amante-Jackson, Racial Equity Strategist, harnessed the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession.

As we continue into the next quarter, we pledge to remain connected through our ongoing programs and initiatives. We invite you to save the date for our annual Ida B. Wells Celebration on Saturday, June 11, 2022, where we will honor the achievements and contributions of remarkable Black female attorneys in Massachusetts. On behalf of the entire MBWA Board of Directors, we are grateful for all we were able to do thus far and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Warm regards,
Patrice C. Dixon, Esq.
President, Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys 2021-2022

Program Year in Review



TALK TO THE HILL
FOR CIVIL LEGAL AID
JOIN US ONLINE AT equaljusticecoalition.org
SAVE THE DATE
JANUARY 27, 2022
11:00 AM



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE HOUSING CRISIS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 | 6 - 7:30 PM
PANELISTS
BETHANY SEROTA
ALEX VALDERRAMA
STESHA EMMANUEL
WILLIAM ONUOHA



Join us for our next meeting!
Join the Women of Color Committee for our February meeting, where we
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022
12:00PM - 1:30PM



BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERIES
RISING THROUGH THE RANKS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2022 6 - 7:30 PM
PANELISTS
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STEPHEN HALL PARTNER ORRICK
DUSTY GONCALVES ATTORNEY IN CHARGE COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES
RADQUE WEBSTER SENIOR COUNSEL NATIONAL GRID



A BLACK WOMAN ATTORNEY'S PERSPECTIVE ON DEI PROGRESS
February 24, 2022
Two Exciting Sessions!
Virtually through Zoom
DAY PITNEY LLP
Part 1
Fireside Chat Panel Discussion 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Part 2
Professional Development Keynote 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Fireside Chat
Dr. Angela Onwuachi-Willig
Panel
Charles (Bandy) Broadus, Esq.
Sharon Bridges
April English
Keynote
Dr. Damica Amante-Jackson
Moderator
Tara Pollard



TWO EXCITING INFO SESSIONS!
March 15/16AM
March 17/18AM



MBWA INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR VIRTUAL EVENT
From The Bar To The Bench:
Successfully Navigating The Judicial Application Process in Massachusetts
Featured Judicial Panelists:
Hon. Barb Yessouli
Hon. Shannon Fritson
Hon. Stacy Fortes
Hon. Justice of the Lowell District Court
Hon. Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court
Hon. Justice of the District of Massachusetts



Partnering with the FBI in partnership with MBWA for a virtual information session
Date: March 24, 2022
Time: 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
RSVP: Please RSVP no later than March 23, 2022 at cbpillsbury@fbi.gov. You will then receive a link to the MS Teams meeting.
Questions: If you have any questions, please contact Special Agent Courtney Pillsbury, cbpillsbury@fbi.gov, 857-386-2685.



INCARCERATION
Presented by Catherine Sevcenko And Danielle Metz
March 28th, 2022
2:00pm - 3:30pm
Registration at: www.wbawbf.org
Engage in a riveting discussion with our panelists about incarceration, race and gender.



Women's History Month Spotlights

MBWA celebrates newly appointed women leaders and trailblazers leading and shaping the way in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts!



Lydia Edwards

Senator Lydia Edwards became the first woman of color to be elected to the District 1 City Council seat in 2017. In January, 2022 she became the first woman elected to the 1st Suffolk & Middlesex State Senate seat. MBWA congratulates Senator Edwards!



Ruthzee Louijeune

Councilwoman Ruthzee Louijeune is the first Haitian-American to serve on the Boston City Council At-Large. She was elected to the council in November, 2021. MBWA congratulates Councilwoman Ruthzee Louijeune on her historic tenure!

Women's History Month Spotlights



Rachael Rollins

In January, 2022, Attorney Rollins became the first Black woman to hold the office of the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts. In 2018, Attorney Rollins was elected District Attorney of Suffolk County and was the first woman of color to serve in the role. MBWA congratulates Attorney Rollins on her accomplishments!



Nakisha Skinner

On March 8, 2022, Attorney Skinner was appointed as a Commissioner of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Attorney Skinner is a former Board of Director and Officer of MBWA. On behalf of MBWA, congratulations on your appointment!

Announcements

NEWS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Save The Date!
Ida B. Wells Celebration
Saturday, June 11, 2022



Please save the date for our in-person Ida B. Wells Awards Celebration! The Ida B. Wells Award is given to an African-American or Black female attorney who exemplifies the pioneering spirit and courage of Ida B. Wells, as well as those whose intellect, skill, and achievement make them great contributors to the Massachusetts legal community.

Please click [here](#) to explore the Ida B. Wells Page on our website.

Announcements

Blanche E. Braxton

Bar Preparation Scholarship

Accepting scholarship applications soon. More details to follow!



Applicants must submit all of the following:

- Completed Blanche E. Braxton Scholarship Application, attaching additional sheets as necessary to provide complete answers
- Resume
- Current transcript
- Class registration or other proof of enrollment for the current academic year
- Essay of 500 words or less discussing applicant's academic, personal, and professional accomplishments, the importance of having black female attorneys in the legal profession, and how the applicant intends to contribute to the legal profession in Massachusetts.

[Click here to learn more about the scholarship.](#) Please email questions to massblackwomenattys@gmail.com.

Announcements

A PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Small Landlord Project Collaboration with the Volunteer Lawyers Project and the Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys



**MANY MOM AND POP
LANDLORDS WHO
PROVIDE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ARE STRUGGLING TO
COLLECT RENT AND
MAKE MORTGAGE
PAYMENTS. HELP
PREVENT DEEP AND
LASTING HARM ON
THE RENTAL MARKET.**

**ADVOCATE FOR OUR
SMALL LANDLORDS.**

VOLUNTEER TODAY

PROGRAMS:

- DOCKET OUTREACH & UPSTREAM SERVICES
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION SUPPORT
- HELP DEVELOP TRAININGS & WEBINARS
- PROVIDE ONE-ON-ONE LEGAL ADVICE
- ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE 100% REMOTE

SAVE OUR SMALL LANDLORDS.
EXPLORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
WITH THE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT.



Signup here



**VOLUNTEER
LAWYERS
PROJECT**



**MASSACHUSETTS
BLACK WOMEN
ATTORNEYS**

The Volunteer Lawyers Project in collaboration with the Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys (MBWA) invites you to volunteer with our Small Landlord project. With your help, small landlords will receive much needed legal support that will prevent lasting harm on the rental market. We look forward to your support.

Scan the QR code to sign up!

Upcoming Events

CHECK OUT THESE LATEST EVENTS

Investiture Ceremony
for the Honorable Angel Kelley
April 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.



You are invited to District Judge Angel Kelley's investiture ceremony on April 4, 2022. The event will be held at the John J. Moakley Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, Massachusetts. Virtual access will be provided for all who wish to attend remotely via Zoom.

To attend in person or remotely, please RSVP through the link below. For those attending in person, please note the ceremony will start promptly at 4:00 p.m. There will be a pre-reception at 3:30 p.m. Please plan accordingly to pass through security to find a seat.

Please register [here](#).

Please direct questions to: rsvp@mad.uscourts.gov or (617) 320-8554.

Upcoming Events

Dress For Success Boston - Compelling Conversations
With Remarkable Women
April 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Four Seasons Hotel

DRESS FOR SUCCESS®
BOSTON

COMPELLING CONVERSATIONS
WITH
REMARKABLE WOMEN

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BOSTON
200 BOYLSTON STREET
APRIL 6TH 2022

6:30 - 9:30PM | TICKETS: \$50

KRISTEN DALY
EVENT MODERATOR
PRINCIPAL & OWNER
DALY COMMUNICATIONS

LYNETTE GLOVER
SENIOR SALES ASSOCIATE
BROOKLINE & NEWTOWN
HAMMOND REAL ESTATE

ANNE MACNEVIN
CORPORATE SECRETARY
& CHIEF OF STAFF
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF BOSTON

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PRESIDENT & CEO
CAREQUEST INSTITUTE
FOR ORAL HEALTH

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DESIGNER & CEO
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& ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL
SANGEL GENZYME

RHONDA KALLMAN
FOUNDER & CEO
BOSTON HARBOR
DISTILLERY, LLC

SHAYNA SEYMOUR
CO-ANCHOR
CHRONICLE
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Join Dress For Success Boston for engaging conversations with some remarkable women in our community. Attendees will get to hear their stories and be inspired by them too.

[Purchase tickets here.](#)

Upcoming Events

National Bar Association - Women Lawyers Division
40th Anniversary of
U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony, Tuesday, May 31, 2022
Application deadline: April 11, 2022



This ceremony is held annually in an effort to enhance the posture of African-American lawyers as legal advocates and to increase the number of minority lawyers who are readily able to represent clients before the nation's highest court.

Applicants must be members in good standing of their highest state court bar for a period of three (3) years prior to admission and must have their applications signed by two (2) members of the U. S. Supreme Court Bar. A certificate of good standing obtained from your highest state court bar must be submitted together with your application. The cost of participation in this group swearing-in event is \$350.00. Completed applications are due no later than April 11, 2022.

Please visit the [Supreme Court's website](#), to complete you application. Please submit your application, your check for payment, and your certificate of good standing directly to:

Iris McCollum Green, Esquire
GREEN & FOUSHEE
1714 15th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Additional information may be obtained by writing Attorney Green at the above stated address, telephoning her at (202) 785-1171 (office) or (202) 494-9882 (Cell) or emailing her at iriseagain@aol.com.

MBWA Classifieds



A graphic with a purple background and white text. At the top, the word "NOW" is in a large, outlined font, and "HIRING" is in a large, solid purple font. Below this, a list of job categories is provided. At the bottom, there is a call to action and the MBWA logo.

**NOW
HIRING**

- ATTORNEY - MULTIPLE DIVISIONS
 - CPCS
- JUNIOR ASSOCIATE
 - CHOATE, HALL & STEWART
- REGULATORY ANALYST
 - MFS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
- ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL
 - SIMMONS UNIVERSITY
- LECTURER AND CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR
 - BOSTON UNIVERSITY
- MULTIPLE POSITIONS
 - MASSACHUSETTS TRIAL COURT

**EXPLORE THESE JOBS AND MORE ON
OUR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES PAGE.**



The logo for the Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys Association (MBWA). It is a circular emblem with a purple border. Inside the circle, there is a stylized figure of a woman in a professional setting. The text "MASSACHUSETTS BLACK WOMEN ATTORNEYS" is written around the top inner edge, and "MBWA" is in the center. "Est. 1991" is written at the bottom.

Your next career awaits. Apply now through MBWA's
[Employment Opportunities Page!](#)

Have a job you want advertised? Email us at
massblackwomenattys@gmail.com



Not a MBWA member?

*Need to renew your
membership?*

Visit our website
today!