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The Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys (MBWA) is pleased to announce that our annual Ida B. Wells Awards celebration will be held on **Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Mandarin Oriental, Boston. During our program, we will honor the accomplishments of trailblazing Black women attorneys.

Attorney Lonita Baker, President-Elect of the National Bar Association and former co-counsel for Breonna Taylor's family, will serve as the keynote speaker for the celebration. Additionally, we will highlight the achievements of Angela Gomes, Partner at Sullivan & Worcester and Macken Toussaint, Partner at Riemer & Braunstein LLP. We will also present Widmine "Lola" Remy, Director of Pro Bono Programs at the Women's Bar Foundation of Massachusetts, with a public interest award.

We are also excited to announce that we will present two law students with the Blanche E. Braxton Bar Preparation Scholarship. The \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to an exemplary graduating law student in honor of Blanche E. Braxton, the first Black woman admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

The MBWA was founded in 1981 with a mission to advance justice for all people and to promote the professional advancement of Black women attorneys. Every year, the MBWA creates and sponsors educational seminars, lecture series, and panel discussions for its members and the legal community at large. Throughout this program year, and despite the ongoing challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, we have held innovative and inspiring programs on various topics, centered around this year's theme, *Thriving, Not Just Surviving*. We strengthened our membership connections during our annual membership outing, and developed a Giving Tuesday Campaign for Hearth's Adopt-an-Elder Holiday Program. We also engaged in thought provoking discussion during our Two-Part Black History Month Program entitled: A Black Woman Attorneys' Perspective on DEI Progress. Our judicial liaisons helped members navigate the judicial application process during our judicial panel, while the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) advised members about Special Agent career opportunities. We supported youth through our partnership with the Helen Y. Davis Academy, and launched a pro bono initiative in partnership with the Volunteer Lawyers Project to serve low income small landlords facing a housing crisis.



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We hope that you will consider supporting MBWA by serving as a sponsor for our annual awards ceremony. As a sponsor, your contribution will support MBWA initiatives, such as our professional development seminars, scholarships, and community service outreach.

Enclosed is a pre-fillable registration form with details about sponsorship. We invite you to visit our [Ida B. Wells](#) page on our website for additional information about our exciting event and sponsorship package. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns at info@massblackwomenattys.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Ida B. Wells Committee