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Dear Supporter:

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 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, we held creative and inspiring programs on various topics relating to 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 the 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. We have supported youth through our partnership with the Helen Y. Davis Academy, and small landlords through our new partnership with the Volunteer Lawyers Project.



We hope that you will consider supporting the 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, scholarship, and community service outreach.

Please find our sponsorship package enclosed with this letter and visit our website for additional information about this exciting event. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrice C. Dixon  
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Chair, Ida B. Wells Committee