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# President's Farwell Message



Dear MBWA Members:

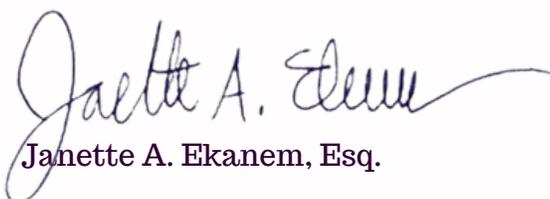
It has been a pleasure serving as MBWA president for the past year. When I decided to run for President-Elect two years ago, I could have never imagined that my term as President would begin and end amidst a major public health crisis. Despite the obvious challenges, MBWA's presence in the legal community is stronger than ever. From programs on career advancement and mental wellness for Black women attorneys to those on learning how to navigate microaggressions in the workplace, the MBWA Board has worked hard throughout the past year to keep our members engaged.

On June 3, 2021, we held the annual Ida B. Wells Awards Celebration virtually. Giselle Joffre and Pia Flanagan received the Ida B. Wells Award, Angela McConney Scheepers received the Public Interest Award, and LaRonica Lightfoot received the Membership Appreciation Award. The MBWA was thrilled to honor all four women who have each made their own unique and indelible stamp on the Massachusetts legal community.

Additionally, thanks to the generous support of the Women's Bar Association Middlesex County Committee, for the first time, the MBWA was able to honor two law students with the Blanche E. Braxton Bar Preparation Scholarship. Thanks to the support of MBWA members and friends, the Awards Celebration was a big success!

As I reflect on my term as MBWA President, I'm thankful for the opportunities that I've had to connect with so many people throughout the MBWA membership and the legal community at large. Undoubtedly, serving as MBWA President has been the highlight of my legal career. It has been an honor to work with a powerfully dedicated Board to help actualize MBWA's mission to advance Black women attorneys throughout the Commonwealth. Although my term as MBWA President has come to an end, I will remain on the MBWA Board as the Immediate Past President, and I look forward to continuing my service on the Board.

Sincerely,

  
Janette A. Ekanem, Esq.



# MBWA Classifieds

TJX Companies

Check out the latest job announcements, volunteer opportunities and more!

## Judicial Vacancies:



MBWA is committed to seeing diversity within all areas of the legal profession, including the judiciary. The following vacancies are open for applications:

- Juvenile Court Clerk Magistrate, Berkshire
- District Court Clerk Magistrate, Chicopee
- District Court Clerk Magistrate, Lawrence

For more information visit the Court's website.

Applying for a judicial vacancy? Be sure to let MBWA know at [info@massblackwomenattys.org](mailto:info@massblackwomenattys.org).



TJX Companies Inc. is seeking an Attorney, Commercial Contracts to become part of a fast-paced legal team that handles a variety of business functions, including IT, marketing, logistics, finance, Human Resources, and e-commerce.

For more information on how to apply, visit the Company's website.



## Sierra Club



The Sierra Club is looking to hire 2 Associate or Staff Attorneys to its Environmental Law Program. For more information, please visit the Club's website.

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## Boston Casa

Boston CASA is seeking a visionary Executive Director to lead the organization into a successful new chapter building on its nearly thirty years of demonstrated success.

Nominations and applications including a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, and your resume (in Word or PDF format) should be submitted to:

Mary King  
Mary E. King Executive Search  
maryeking@comcast.net

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## SHERIN AND LODGEN

### Sherin and Lodgen LLP

Sherin and Lodgen LLP, is actively seeking a self-motivated Real Estate Finance Associate with 5-7 years' experience, to join its Commercial Finance Practice Group in the Real Estate Department.

Please send resume, cover letter, and writing sample to:

Karen Glowacki, Executive  
Director  
Sherin and Lodgen LLP  
101 Federal Street, Boston, MA  
02110  
kglowacki@sherin.com

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### Federal Home & Loan Bank

The Federal Home & Loan Bank has new opportunities in the Legal department. This is an ideal role for someone with 6+ years of relevant experience. This role does require some specific knowledge about securities law.

Applications are being accepted via their website!

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Emerson College is hiring for an Assistant or Associate General Counsel: For more information visit the College's [website](#).



## Robinson+Cole

Robinson + Cole is hiring for several positions. For information on open positions, please visit the [firm's website](#).



## HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Harvard University is hiring for an Assistant Dean for Community Engagement, Equity, and Belonging. Expressions of interest, applications, nominations and inquiries should be directed at Chuck O'Boyle at [chuck@cvoboyle.com](mailto:chuck@cvoboyle.com)



### The Board of Bar Overseers

The Office of Bar Counsel is hiring for several positions. The BBO is especially encouraging applications from professionals that will add diversity to its environment and processes. The openings are posted on the [BBO's website](#).

Interested applicants should upload his/her resume and a cover letter on the BBO webpage.

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MassDEP is seeking to hire two Counsel II positions. For more information visit the Department's website:

[Counsel II - 21000638](#)  
[Counsel II - 210005PC](#)



## Health Law Advocates

HLA has several attorney position vacancies in the Mental Health Advocacy Program for Kids. For more information visit the [HLA's website](#).





Stay tuned for upcoming events and programming -  
we look forward to connecting with you this coming  
program year!

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Need to renew your membership?

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