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I am proud to say that The Metropolitan Black Bar Association (MBBA) has been, and will continue to be, a change agent. Here are three ways that we are taking on the status quo:

1. Engaging Leadership: Being a **Stakeholder in the Legal Profession to advance Diversity and Inclusion**. We are advocates for programming and initiatives to address the systemic issues minimizing the flow of diverse talent into the pipeline. We also recognize and celebrate our leaders who are advancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession tonight at this Annual Gala (#MBBA15), our signature event. These leaders - Michele Roberts, Eric Adams, Reggie Rausch, Ackneil "Trey" Mulgrew III, Greg Harmon, Dawn Reid-Green and Zenith Taylor - are examples of how to make an indelible impact on the advancement of Diversity and Inclusion.

2. Empowering Community: Enhancing our **Member Experience**. We have developed focused programs to provide members with resources to advance their professional development. Please refer to the 2014 – 2015 Highlights page to see the various programs we have held this year to empower our members.

3. Ensuring Justice: Focused **Community Service Efforts**. We have focused our efforts on two key issues.

- **Supporting Domestic Violence Victims**. The issue of domestic violence is one that disproportionately impacts the black community. In partnership with the Urban Resource Institute (@URINYC), we support the fight to end domestic violence and support those who have survived. We chose the color purple for the linens of the Gala to demonstrate our commitment to this issue.
- **Response Plan to Address Police Brutality**: We launched a three prong plan: (1) **Educate** the

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community to protect themselves, (2) **Empower** lawyers to be change agent stewards – finding solutions to address the perennial injustices to minorities, and (3) **Engage** the community through our #IamASolution social media campaign to not forget that #blacklivesmatter.

Meet our Board

The MBBA is run by a board consisting of ___ officers and ___ board of directors. (add content from the by-laws) The Board meets on a monthly basis to manage the organization. The Board consists of a cross section of attorneys from various parts of the legal profession.

Officers

President Taa Grays



Taa has served as the Chief of Staff to MetLife's General Counsel since 2010, where she works closely with him and his leadership team to identify, document and communicate Legal Affairs' initiatives. She also manages a team responsible for providing a wide-range of operational support for the Legal Affairs department. She is active in several committees at MetLife, including the Legal Affairs Diversity Committee. Taa started with MetLife in 2003 in the Litigation Section, where her practice handled various federal and state lawsuits and regulatory complaints stemming from MetLife's US Business and Investment activities. She also coordinated and oversaw MetLife's e-discovery responses to regulatory, pre-litigation and litigation matters as the eDiscovery Counsel and managed a cross-functional team that managed MetLife's discovery obligations. Prior to MetLife, Taa was an Assistant District Attorney with the Bronx District Attorney's Office in its Rackets Bureau for five and a half years. She is also very active in the legal community and holds leadership positions with several organizations, including president of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. Taa received her A.B. from Harvard College and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. Her terms ends on June 30, 2016.

President- Elect Paula T. Edgar



Paula T. Edgar Esq. is Principal of PGE LLC, a boutique coaching and consulting firm, which provides innovative and strategic solutions on career management, executive/leadership development, diversity efforts, networking and social media strategy. She is a well sought after speaker in the areas of networking, branding, social media, leadership and diversity. Paula moves audiences with her motivational and inspirational speeches, workshops and seminars. Gatherings, both large and small, of attendees from a variety of industries including the legal profession, higher education and corporate diversity settings, have all benefited from her directive to "engage your hustle!" Paula is active with a number of organizations and social justice initiatives and she serves as the President-Elect of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. Her term ends on June 30, 2016. She will then become President on July 1, 2016.

Vice-Presidents

VP of Finance Rich Boyd



Rich is a hands-on transactional counsel with sophisticated experience in Entertainment, Corporate, IP, Technology, SaaS, New Media, and Nonprofit Finance. He has a broad skill set informs holistic approach to building and running effective and efficient legal departments within high-growth media and technology companies. He is currently the Director of Business Affairs & Administration of SoCast SRM. His term ended on June 30, 2015.

VP of Programs



Jason Myles Clark is an assistant attorney general in the Office of New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman. He works in the Attorney General's Harlem Regional Office. In this role, he serves a large constituency in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx covering issues such as consumer frauds, civil rights, and public advocacy litigation. He represents the hardworking people of the State of New York by bringing justice to a community with pressing needs for legal services. Prior to joining the Harlem Regional Office, Jason worked in the Office's Litigation Bureau representing agents of the State of New York against constitutional claims in federal court. Earlier in his career, Jason prepared draft-opinions for United States District Judge George B. Daniels and worked as a commercial litigator for an international law firm. In addition to being an AAG, Jason has served as an officer for the Metropolitan Black Bar Association of New York City for the last three years. As Vice President of the MBBA, he organized the first Theodore T. Jones, Jr. Trial Advocacy Program, and the MBBA's "I am A Solution" Campaign, which is an initiative aimed at reducing violent encounters between police officers and the communities they serve. He has also spearheaded programs focusing on community issues such as Stop & Frisk, New York's gun-control laws, mental illness and domestic violence. One of Jason's proudest accomplishments has been working with the MBBA to organize youth workshops teaching students what to expect during encounters with the police. Jason is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Michigan Law School. He is VP of Programs. His term ended on June 30, 2015.

VP of Membership Tyear Middleton



Tyear Middleton is currently an Assistant District Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's Office. Tyear received her Juris Doctor from New York Law School and her Bachelor of Arts from New York University. She is currently the Vice President of Membership of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and an Executive Co-Chair for Diversity and Inclusion for the Young Lawyers Division of the New York State Bar Association. Her term ends on June 30, 2015.

Treasurer LaKisha Spence



Lakisha concentrates her practice on employment and labor matters, forming close partnerships with clients to manage and mitigate risk and help them better navigate the challenging legislative and regulatory terrain of this area law. Previously, at the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Lakisha represented New York State, its agencies and employees in civil actions and proceedings brought in state and federal court. Her responsibilities included defending state clients facing charges of employment discrimination. Lakisha also has experience as a labor and employment associate editor at Thomson Reuters and as in-house counsel for the Municipal Hospital Employees Local Union 420. Her term ended on June 30, 2015.

Secretaries



Nadine Etienne Bazile served as the Recording Secretary for the 2014-2015 term. Her duties entailed writing and recording the minutes of every Board meeting, keeping attendance, collecting and distributing MBBA's incoming mail, and serving as a liaison between the President and MBBA's committees and sponsored events. Specifically, Nadine assisted in keeping attendance at CLE events such as the Honorable Ted Jones Trial Training Program and Honorable Ted Jones Golf Outing. She also aided the MBBA Gala committee by depositing and maintaining a record of MBBA's Gala checks.

When Nadine is not volunteering with MBBA, she works as an attorney with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison LLP litigation department. Nadine works on a broad range of litigation matters, including complex contractual litigation, labor and employment litigation, intellectual property, and white collar criminal defense.



Dionne Gill is the Corresponding Secretary for the 2014 – 2015 term. She supervises a unit of contract attorneys and paralegals who assist in the forfeiture of assets with an approximate annual value of \$50 million dollars. Advise Assistant United States Attorneys on fundamental judicial and administrative forfeiture statutory procedure.

Review and edit briefs, memorandums of law, and motions. Evaluate law enforcement investigative reports on targets suspected of violations of the Bank Secrecy Act and Controlled Substances Act to determine if probable cause exists to initiate a civil forfeiture action. She is a graduate of Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI and City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

The Board of Directors

Chairperson of the Board Wayne McKenzie



Wayne is general counsel for the NYC Department of Probation (DOP). He is the primary advisor to the commissioner on all legal matters; ensures that the DOP is operating within the law at all times; provides direction and administrative review to all agency attorneys; and as a cabinet member participates in the formulation and administration of city policies, programs and legislative promulgation/review relating to adult and juvenile crime. Prior to joining DOP, Wayne was the founding director of the Prosecution & Racial

Justice Program at the Vera Institute of Justice.

Class of 2015



Joseph M. Drayton is a partner in the Cooley Litigation department and member of the Intellectual Property Litigation practice group. He joined the Firm in 2012 and is resident in the New York office. Mr. Drayton's practice background includes a broad range of intellectual property and complex commercial matters. He is experienced in patent litigation, trademark and copyright usage, trade dress, design patents and false advertising. Mr. Drayton also counsels clients in all aspects of intellectual property

acquisition, transfer, protection and enforcement. He has represented leading companies in the media, telecommunications, banking, private equity, pharmaceutical, electronics and retail industries. Mr. Drayton practices before both state and federal courts, as well as the International Trade Commission. He has been a lead member of numerous patent trial teams, including four over the past few years. Mr.

Drayton has handled temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, all facets of motion practice and complex discovery.

Dennis Hopkins



Dennis Hopkins is a partner in Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation groups of Perkins Coie LLP. He focuses his practice on all aspects of intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patent, copyright and trade secret litigation. Dennis has significant experience in all phases of IP litigation, including mediations, trials and appeals. In addition, his practice includes counseling clients on issues relating to litigation strategies and intellectual property management. He is also experienced in all aspects of brand and domain name protection. His IP experience also includes drafting and negotiating agreements and licenses, preparing written opinions of counsel, and providing general IP counseling to clients, including counseling on patent, copyright, trade secret, brand management and other trademark matters.



Obiamaka P. Madubuko is a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP and is based in the Firm's New York office. Obiamaka is co-chair of the Firm's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) & International Anti-Corruption Group and focuses her practice in anti-corruption and fraud matters, as well as advises U.S.-based companies doing business in international markets. Obiamaka advises companies on a host of compliance and transactional due diligence issues arising under the FCPA, the Dodd-Frank Act, Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) and other global trade regulations. In addition, Obiamaka conducts internal investigations and defends clients against government enforcement actions. She also helps clients to develop and implement their corporate policies and train staff to ensure compliance with anti-corruption and other global trade laws. In addition to her significant corporate advisory practice, Obiamaka is also an experienced trial lawyer. She has defended individuals and corporations in complex civil litigation and white-collar criminal cases in state and federal courts. She represents clients under investigation by the United States Congress, the United States Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Election Commission, and other federal and state authorities. Obiamaka has been recognized as a 2015 Regulatory and Compliance Trailblazer by The National Law Journal, a Future Star in the 2014 and 2013 editions of Benchmark Litigation and a Rising Star on Ethisphere Magazine's 2015, 2012 and 2011 lists of "Attorneys Who Matter," a publication dedicated to sharing best practices in ethics and compliance..



Ghillaine Reid has extensive experience in securities enforcement and litigation, complex commercial litigation and corporate compliance matters. She represents corporations and individuals in investigations conducted by the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and other government agencies. She has handled several high-profile SEC investigations and enforcement proceedings involving insider trading, accounting fraud and sales practice violations.

Ms. Reid also defends clients in a wide variety of commercial litigation matters in federal and state court. She has achieved favorable outcomes for clients, through dispositive motions and trials, in cases involving claims of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, misrepresentation and fraud. Ms. Reid

also handles securities arbitration proceedings and has successfully defended clients in arbitrations involving claims of unsuitability, churning and fraud.

Ms. Reid formerly served as a Branch Chief and Staff Attorney in the New York Regional Office of the SEC, where she investigated and litigated a wide range of securities enforcement matters including market manipulation, insider trading and accounting fraud. Ms. Reid is an active member of the Association of SEC Alumnae and the American Bar Association Securities Litigation Committee, for which she served as Co-Chair. She is a frequent speaker and commentator on securities law and corporate compliance issues.



Lance Ogiste is a leader in the DA's Office as well as in Brooklyn's diverse community, mentoring youth and volunteering with local legal and charitable organizations. Ogiste oversees the Appeals, Gangs, and Major Narcotics bureaus and the ComALERT Program, which aids ex-offenders by helping them re-enter society after periods of incarceration. Born and raised in New York City, Ogiste organizes and attends various events throughout Brooklyn, informing residents of the programs and services that the DA's office provides. Out in the community, he encourages people to turn to the District

Attorney's Office for help, if they have been victimized. Prior to his appointment as counsel to the District Attorney, Ogiste was in charge of the Civil Rights Bureau, which is responsible for prosecuting bias and hate crimes, and supervised attorneys working on immigration fraud cases. In addition, he has been deputy bureau chief in the Appeals Trial Unit, a senior trial attorney in the Trial Cadre, which handled murder and high-publicity cases; and an assistant in the Law Enforcement Investigations Bureau, which prosecuted police officers accused of crimes. Outside of the DA's Office, Ogiste is involved in many professional associations. He is a member of the National Black Prosecutor's Association and the American Bar Association, where he is a former co-chair of the Committee on Re-Entry, which focuses on issues affecting ex-offenders reintegrating into society; a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association; and a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Second Judicial Department for the State of New York.

Class of 2016

Alvin M. Yearwood is a judge for the New York City Criminal Court of Kings County, New York. He was appointed to this position in 2003 and was reappointed in 2005 and 2008. His current term expires in 2018.[1] He also serves as an Acting Justice of the Bronx County/12th Judicial



District Supreme Court (Trial Part). Yearwood received his A.B. degree from Lafayette College in 1983 and his J.D. degree from the Boston University School of Law in 1986. Yearwood began his career in 1987 working for the Nassau County District Attorney. Later that year, he left to join the law firm of Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy and Bach PC as an associate. The following year, he became an Assistant Bronx County District Attorney. He

worked in that capacity until 1996, when he joined the firm of Leahey and Johnson. He then moved to Leonard Zack and Associates, where he served for a brief time in 1997 before starting his own law firm: Alvin Yearwood, Attorney at Law. He then returned to the Office of the Bronx County District Attorney and served as an Assistant D.A. from 1998 until his judicial appointment in 2003.



Hon. Darcel Clark Darcel D. Clark is a justice of the Bronx County Supreme Court, Criminal Term in the 12th Judicial District of New York. She was elected to this position in 2006 and her current term expires in 2016. She was also appointed to the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department by Governor Andrew Cuomo on October 1, 2012. Clark received her B.A. degree from Boston College in 1983 and her J.D. degree from the Howard University School of Law in 1986. Clark began her career in 1986 as an Assistant Bronx County District Attorney. She served as a Deputy Chief and Supervising District Attorney before her judicial appointment in 1999. She then served as a judge of the New York City Criminal Court through 2005. She was appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2004 and was elected to a full term as a Supreme Court Justice in 2006.

Sheronda Rochelle



Sheronda is an Executive Director and Assistant Counsel at J.P. Morgan. She specializes in Technology Law and supports the company's Asset Management Technology group. Sheronda started at J.P. Morgan in 2007 as counsel to its Global Technology Infrastructure group. She received her BA in English from Bryant University (formerly Bryant College) and her JD from Brooklyn Law School. Sheronda is one of the original co-chairs of the MBBA's Intellectual Property and Technology Law Committee and has been an active member since 2010.

Kimberly Allman is the Director of the Credit Counseling Initiative at Capital One. She runs a philanthropic program at Capital One which provides funding and support to non-profit credit counseling agencies, nationwide. Kimberly started her career as a securities lawyer, advising clients on a variety of investment products including hedge funds, private equity funds, mutual funds and real estate investment trusts. She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her JD with a concentration in Advocacy from Cornell University Law School. She also has a certificate in financial planning from Boston University. Kimberly is on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. Kimberly has been featured in Black Enterprise, Metro, Bankrate.com, aol.com, Ladybrille magazine and ForbesWoman. She has also been a presenter at GreenPath Debt Solutions, Brooklyn Public Library, Sanctuary for Families, the Legal Outreach Program and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. She has been a guest lecturer at Cornell University Law School and is a volunteer with the Coalition for Debtor Education.

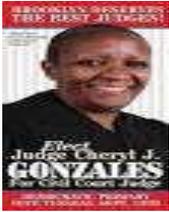
Dwayne Andrews



Advocating for clients in New York City, Albany and Washington, DC, Dwayne Andrews has worked for more than a decade as a lawyer and government relations professional, building on his experience as a Congressional aide in New York and the nation's capital.

Dwayne has served as an associate general counsel and the head of government relations for a national education provider and currently represents a diverse mix of clients in the economic and real estate development and infrastructure sectors, as well as education, telecommunications and technology companies and organizations. Mr. Andrews has participated in several panels at national and local conferences to discuss legal and policy issues.

Hon. Cheryl Gonzalez



Cheryl Gonzales is a judge for the New York City Housing Court of Kings County, New York. She was appointed to this position in 2005 and was reappointed in 2010. Her current term expires in 2015. Gonzales ran for election to the New York City Civil Court in Kings County. She was defeated by challenger Sharen D. Hudson in the September 13th Democratic primary election after receiving only 37.9 percent of the vote. Gonzales received her B.A. degree from Hunter College of the City University of New York and her J.D. degree from Queens College of C.U.N.Y. She was admitted to the Bar in 1988.[4][1]

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Camille Chin-Kee-Fatt serves as the HR Director for the NYC Mission Society, a 200+ year-old non-profit based in Harlem. Prior, she served as Advisor to the Dean at New York Law School and held the positions of Director of the Career Center, Director of the Office of Student Affairs at Brooklyn Law School. Ms. Chin-Kee-Fatt's background also includes being the Director of Recruitment for the New York State Office of the Attorney General, the international law firm of Linklaters & Alliance, the New York City Law Department as well as Director of Development at Union Settlement Association, a non-profit group in East Harlem. Earlier in her career, she was an Associate Director of Brooklyn Law School's Career Center. She also served as the Executive Director of the Practicing Attorney for Law Students (PALS) Program, the renowned mentoring program for law students of color attending law schools in the New York City area. Ms. Chin-Kee-Fatt began her legal career as an associate Shearman & Sterling LLP, after receiving her J.D. from Howard University School of Law.

Ms. Chin-Kee-Fatt sits on the board of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and the advisory board of Union Settlement Association. She is a member of the New York City Bar Association's Task Force on New Lawyers in a Changing Profession and was a member of its Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Lawyers. She has also served as a member of the Second Department Judicial Screening Committee, which nominates candidates to the Governor for judicial positions within New York's Second Judicial Department. She is the proud mom of a 12-yr old son and lives in the landmarked neighborhood of Addisleigh Park in Queens.

George Flowers



George is the Executive Assistant District Attorney of Administrative Operations for the Kings County District Attorney's Office. In his current position . . . Prior to his work at the District Attorney's Office, George served as the Executive Director of two not-for-profit organizations, in-house counsel at Merck & Co, Inc, an associate at Paul, Weiss, and a Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps.



Darryl Gibbs Darryl W. Gibbs is a Vice President & Counsel at AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company, a financial services company. In his current position, Darryl heads the Contract Management Group and his duties include managing the drafting, reviewing and negotiating a variety of commercial agreements, including consultant, technology, intellectual property, software services and license agreements, and product distribution agreements and other business arrangements. Prior to his work as an attorney Darryl enjoyed a career in the social services sector.



Hon. Tanya Kennedy Tanya Kennedy is a judge for the New York City Civil Court in New York County, New York. She joined this court in 2006, following her election in late 2005. Her current term expires in 2015. Kennedy received her B.A. degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1989 and her J.D. degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1992. Kennedy began her career in 1992, working in the Office of the Corporation Counsel for the New York City Law Department. She served there as Assistant Corporation Counsel from 1992 to 1999 and was the Deputy Assistant Chief from 1997 to 1999. She then became a principal law clerk for state Supreme Court Justice Barry Cozier. She remained Justice Cozier's principal law clerk when he was promoted to the Appellate Division in 2001. She was then elected to the Civil Court, where she took office in 2006.



Y. Gail Goode is presently the Deputy Executive Assistant General Counsel at New York City Transit Authority (Authority). Under this position she assists in managing the activities of the Torts Division, including assisting in senior level management and offering policy guidance to various legal units. Prior to working at the Authority, she was Deputy Borough Chief of Trials for the New York City Law Department. At a prior stint at the New York City Transit Authority, she was a major case attorney handling high profile cases. At the Office of District Attorney in Bronx County, New York, she was a major case/homicide assistant district attorney. Y. Gail Goode graduated cum laude from Marist College in 1979, and received her J.D. from University of Bridgeport School of Law in 1986..

2014 – 2015 Membership Report

The MBBA ended 2014 - 2015 bar year with 224 Paid Members. We gained one new Life Time Member Eun Hai Park. We had 31 fewer members when compared to the prior bar year. The MBBA ended 2013-2014 with 255 Paid Members. The 2014 – 2015 members are below.

Adrian Armstrong	Christian Lassiter	Jahniel James
Aisha Alleyne	C.M. Mazza	James L. Franklin
Aïssata N'Diaye	Danielle Hartman	Janice Bennett
Alcides Mulgrave	Danielle Noel	Jason Clark
Aleeshea Sanders	Darwin Conner	Jason Pyke
Andrelle Cashie-Garber	David Cox	Jason Rice
Angela Smedley	David McGill	Jennifer Fernandez
Anika Price	Deborah H Wedgeworth	Jennifer Moore
Ann C Northern	Deborah Martin	Jennifer Schiavone
Annel Stephan Norgaisse	Deirdre Clarke	Jeremy Harris
Anthony Collins	Denise Siler	Jessica Maxwell
Anthony Neal	Dennis Bodden	Jonelle Phelps
Antonio Brandveen	DeVoia Stewart	Joylyn Wright
Arden Rodgers	Diane Larmon	Julie Clark
Asha Smith	Dionne Gill	Kamal Nesfield
Ashlee Reynolds	Dominique Saint-Fort	Kamal Nesfield
Babatunde Akowe	Dwana Dixon	Karen Simmons
Barry Clarke	Ebony Griffith	Karnellia Brake
Bernadette Hoffman	Hon. Edwina Richardson-Mendelson	Kate Moore
Betty J Williams	Elizabeth Adekunle	Keiyana Fordham
Brian Idehen	Emmanuel Fashakin	Kenneth Buffaloe
Candace McLaren	Emmanuel S Depas	Kersuze Morancy
Candisse Collins	Erin Porter	Kim Parker

Carissa Tyler	E. Shondra McClendon	Kimberly Allman
Carlos Gonzalez	Fathia D Touray	Kunle Deru
Carmela Walrond	Fatmata Conteh	Laisa Pertet
Carmelle Robillard	francesca j perkins	Lance Ogiste
Casilda Roper-Simpson	Gailliard Law Firm	Landon Dais
Cassandra Charles	Geoffrey Young	LaSonya Thompson
Catherine Charles	Glenn jones	Lauren Brown
Cherisse Keller	Govinda Davis	Law Offices of Earl Antonio Wilson
Cheryl Kinch	Grace Palmer-Allen	Law Offices of Gilbert C. Parris PLLC
Cheryl Thomas	Gregory Smith	Law Offices of Joan D Clay
Chikodi Emerenini	Gretchen Robinson	Leah T. Wills
Christa Harper	Heather Small	Lesa Pascal

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Lesley Horton	Roosevelt Donat	Wesley Paisley
Lisa Brown	Rossalyn Quaye	Willer Valerus
Lisa Headley	Ryan Akong	Y. Gail Goode
Liya Huluka	Saboor AbdulJaami	
Lloyd Steele	Sachanna Williams	<i>Life Members</i>
Lorraine McGowen	Sara Gronningsater	<i>Cenceria Edwards</i>
Lorraine Williams	Serena Newell	<i>Cornett L. Lewers</i>
Luwick Francois	Shanee Brown	<i>Hon. Dakota Ramseur</i>
Margaret Lee	Sharon Koppula	<i>Derek Sells</i>
Marina Warner	Shaun Reid	<i>Ethel Tyus</i>
Markus Wilson	Shauntel Cumberbatch	<i>Eun Hai Park</i>

Marsha A Douglas	Shawndya Simpson	<i>Hon. Carolyn Wade</i>
Martin Raikes	Sheea Sybblis	<i>Hon. Cheryl Gonzales</i>
Mary Goodwin	Hon. Sheila Abdul-Salaam	<i>Hon. George Bundy Smith</i>
Maurica John	Sheila Adams	<i>Hon. L Priscilla Hall</i>
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Mernetta Hayden	Sheronda Rochelle	<i>Hon. William Kuntz II</i>
Monique Forrest	Sheuvaun Vernon	<i>Hon. Yvonne Lewis</i>
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Nadine Etienne	Sonya Tennell	<i>Joseph Drayton</i>
Nadine Jean-Gilles	Taa Grays	<i>Kay C. Murray</i>
Nicole Arrindell	Tabitha Ferrer	<i>Nadine C. Johnson</i>
Nicole O Benitez	Tamara Stephen	<i>Renaye B. Cuyler</i>
Nicole Spence	Tameka Beckford-Young	<i>Shelia Boston</i>
Nigel Codrington	Tangier Harper	<i>Tracia Callender</i>
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Omar Harding	Tavonia Davis	
Pamela Young	Temitope Yusuf	
Patrice Jean	Timmery Davis	
Patrick Marc	Tracey Salmon-Smith	
Pedro Rivera	Traci Blake	
Peter Wilson	Tyear Middleton	
Phillip Hamilton	Vaughn Browne	
Rasheim Donaldson	Victor Olds	
Raymond Bruce	Victoria Kennedy	
Ritha Pierre	Vivian Walton	
Hon. Robert Reed	Watson Pierre	
Rodney Pepe-Souvenir	Hon. Wavny Toussaint	

Highlights of 2014 – 2015 Year

3Q14: July - September

Board Retreat hosted by Shearman Sterling • Running from the Law w/Catalyst

A small, dedicated team of committed attorneys does the work of the MBBA. President Grays thanks the officers, the Board and all the MBBA committee chairs for developing and implementing our various member and community service programs.



4Q14: October to December

Domestic Violence Forum/Call To Action Luncheon w/URI • Hands-On Blogging Workshop • Installation of Officers and Board of Directors hosted by Proskauer • Employment/Labor Law Update 2014 • Women In Sports Law: Tips for Breaking Into the Industry • Cutting Edge Legal Careers in Intellectual Property, Entertainment and Technology • Know Your Rights: Working Together to Eradicate Police Brutality • Holiday Event with Domestic Violence Survivors w/URI



1Q15: January to March

Immigration Forum • 13th Annual Ida B. Wells-Barnett Justice Award w/NYCLA • 3rd Annual Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. Trial Advocacy Workshop w/Baker Hostetler • Launch: #IamASolution Campaign • A Celebration of Women in the Law w/HNBA Region 2 & Seyfarth Shaw • Investing 101 w/MetLife • Pipeline Series: Pathway to Partner Partnership w/McDermott Will & Emery



2Q15: April - May

Career Development Program w/URI • Caring for Aging Parents w/MetLife • Speed Networking Event w/Haitian American Lawyers of NY • Annual Gala – Pier 60



President Grays extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to the members of the Gala Committee – Paula Edgar, Wayne McKenzie, Zalika Pierre, Sheronda Rochelle, Luwick Francois, Christine Appah, Inie Park, Cheryl Gonzales, Alvin Yearwood, Erica Holder, Jason Clark, Stacey St. Rose and Kersuze Morancy for their focused and steady work to create this fantastic event tonite!

2015 Gala

The Gala is the signature event for the MBBA. It is where we showcase leaders in the legal community. It is also our largest fundraising event. Below is a list of our sponsors.



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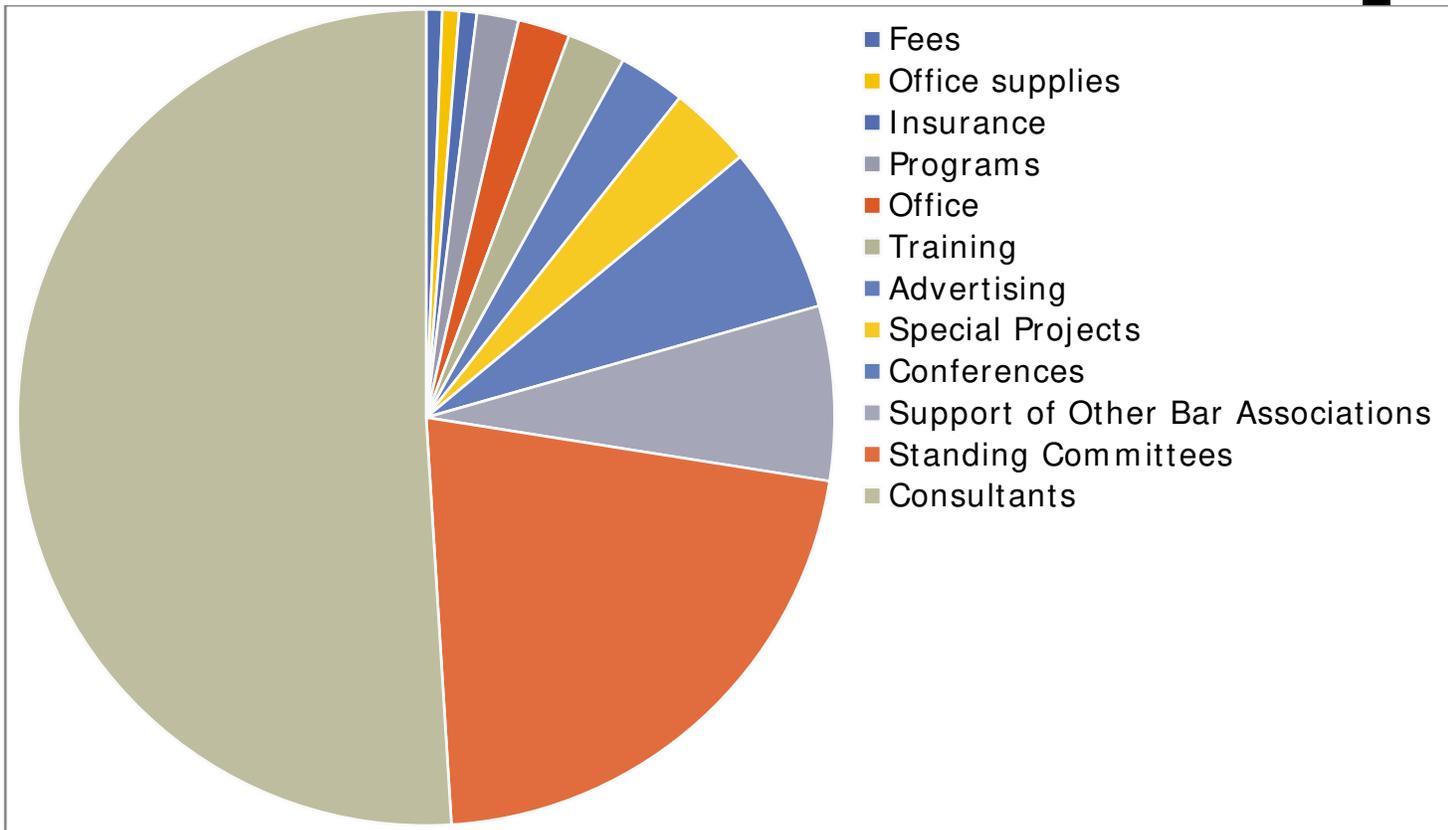
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2015 Finance Report – Mid-Year

Values		
Budget Categories	Total Cost	% of Expenses
Fees	\$950	0.29%
Office supplies	\$1,000	0.30%
Insurance	\$1,050	0.32%
Programs	\$2,500	0.75%
Office	\$3,100	0.93%
Training	\$3,500	1.05%
Advertising	\$4,000	1.20%
Special Projects	\$5,000	1.50%
Conferences	\$10,000	3.01%
Support of Other Bar Associations	\$10,425	3.13%
Standing Committees	\$32,500	9.77%
Consultants	\$77,000	23.14%
Gala Expenses	\$181,751	54.62%
Grand Total	\$332,776	100.00%



Friends of MBBA

Friends of MBBA is the not-for-profit entity of the MBBA. Friends of MBBA, Inc. received pledges as a result of the MBBA's text to pledge campaign in the amount of \$17,140. As of June 29, 2015, Friends of MBBA has collected \$6,220 of those pledges. Friends of MBBA, Inc. anticipates collecting more than 80% of these pledges by May 2016.

Friends of MBBA, Inc. held its 2nd Annual Hon. Theodore T. Jones Golf Invitational and Retreat in support of the Hon. George Bundy Smith Scholarship Fund. This event includes a fundraiser entitled, the C-Suite Auction in which the organization auctions a lunch and/or dinner with an executive. The 2nd Annual Hon. Theodore T. Jones Golf Invitational and Retreat resulted in a net profit of \$18,822. This net profit figure is subject to confirmation by the Treasurer of Friends of MBBA and the collection of 100% of the auction bids. The 3rd Annual Hon. Theodore T. Jones Golf Invitational and Retreat is scheduled to be held on Monday, June 20, 2016.



Friends of MBBA, Inc. awarded two scholarships from the Hon. George Bundy Smith Scholarship Fund. Daphné Vanessa Pierre received the Shirley Stewart Farmer Award, and Li Litombe received the James L. Lipscomb Award. Both scholarship awardees received \$2500. Friends of MBBA, Inc. did not issue any scholarships under the Hon. Theodore T. Jones Scholarship in 2015.

Also, for 2014, Friends of MBBA, Inc. received pledges as a result of the MBBA's text to pledge campaign in the amount of \$25,385. As of June 18, 2015, Friends of MBBA has collected \$22,110 of those pledges. This is a collection rate of 87%.

