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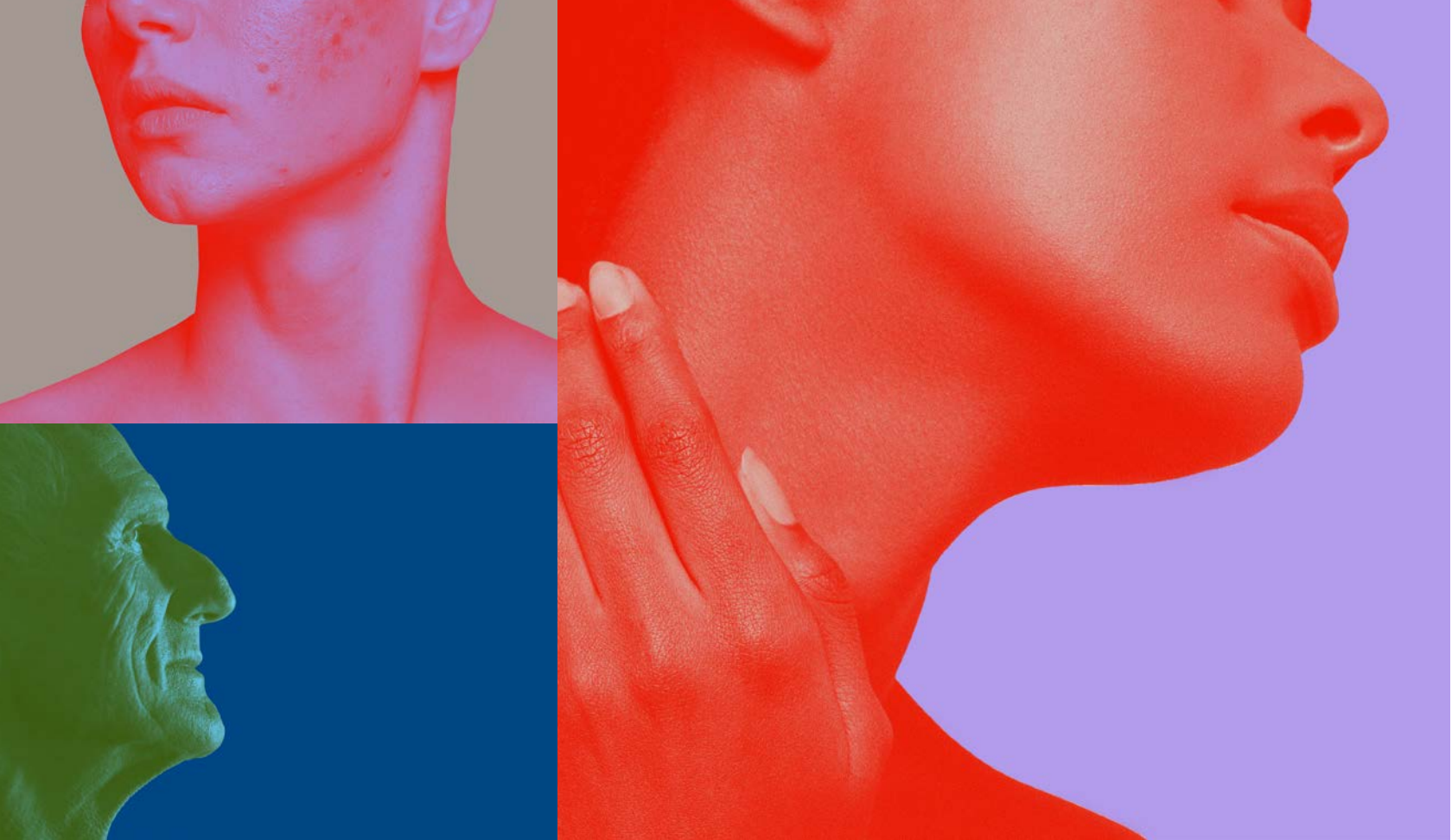
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Dear Members of the National Bar Association,

The National Bar Association is pleased to host the 34th Annual Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium and Awards Luncheon in Miami, Florida. Our esteemed organization is founded upon the premise that Black people, and all people, should be guaranteed equal rights under the law.

In 1925, the National Bar Association was established to provide a national network for Black lawyers to advance the pursuit of equality and justice under the law. We now serve as an instrument of authority in promoting human and civil rights and the rule of law. The National Bar Association is enriched with a history of iconic civil rights leaders, who are instrumental in protecting the civil and political rights of Black citizens across the nation and abroad.

We are proud to celebrate the contributions of civil rights attorney and activist, Wiley A. Branton, as we partner with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Florida Chapter, community leaders, and affiliate chapters of the National Bar Association. We commemorate the legacy of our distinguished leaders and celebrate the continued efforts to advance civil rights and social justice.

As we continue to strive for equality and justice, let us revere attorney Wiley A. Branton and the venerable civil rights activists that have come before us. It is our time to protect equal justice under the law and safeguard the right to unobstructed political participation in society. The National Bar Association remains committed to the advancement of civil rights, social justice, and democracy.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the National Bar Association,

It is our honor to serve as the Co-Chairs of the 34th Annual Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium in Miami, Florida. As native Floridians who received both our undergraduate and law school education in the state of Florida, we know first-hand the struggle and fight for civil rights, human rights and the soul of democracy that our state faces today.

As the nation's oldest and largest association of predominantly African American lawyers, judges, educators and law students, the National Bar Association continues to be at the forefront of advancing jurisprudence, improving the administration of justice, and upholding the integrity of our esteemed legal profession. It is with the unwavering commitment to these principles that our members have made tremendous strides to protecting the civil and political rights of our communities.

We proudly stand on the shoulders of legal giant and prominent civil rights attorney and activist Wiley A. Branton, Sr. who served as the mastermind of the Little Rock Nine. To honor his legacy, we must continue to devote our lives to fighting for our community.

We would like to thank the Florida Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, local community leaders and organizations as they partner with us in the fight for equality and social justice.

Sincerely,

Valeria Obi & Charlyn Stanberry
34th Wiley Branton Issues Symposium Co-Chairs
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October 26, 2023

As Mayor of the City of Miami Beach, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all attendees of the 34th Annual Wiley Branton Symposium. It's a genuine honor to host an event of such magnitude and significance in our vibrant city.

The National Bar Association (NBA) remains a vanguard for the community of predominantly African American legal professionals. As the oldest and largest association dedicated to African American lawyers, judges, educators, and law students, the NBA embodies the ideals of justice, equality, and the rule of law. Its legacy intertwines with the very fabric of civil rights advancements in our nation. Celebrating attorney Wiley A. Branton underscores the transformative impact of his efforts in championing justice and equality, paving the way for generations of advocates to come. This year's themes – voting rights and affirmative action – further accentuate the NBA's commitment to pivotal issues.

While you are here, please visit the many attractions our City offers. Miami Beach has an unparalleled hospitality and entertainment industry, as well as globally renowned arts and culture institutions. We also have over seven miles of beautiful beaches. There is truly something here for everyone, every day.

So welcome and enjoy your stay!

Dan Gelber

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Thursday, October 26, 2023

Greetings,

As the first Chairwoman for the City of Miami Commission, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all the attendees of the National Bar Association's 34th Annual Wiley Branton Symposium.

It is my distinct honor to join you and champion your efforts as you continue to advocate for equal rights, truth, and social justice for our community through your discussions on affirmative action and voting rights.

Thank you for choosing our 'Magic City' to celebrate the contributions of attorney Wiley A. Branton. This 4-day event will showcase the impact of the nation's oldest and largest national network of predominantly African-American attorneys and judges. Wishing you greatness and success.

With love and respect.
Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine King".

Christine King
Chairwoman & District Five Commissioner, City of Miami

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, October 26th

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| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium Registration |
| 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM | Labor & Employment Law Section Annual Conference
Cowrie 2 |
| 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM | National Bar Association Board of Governors Meeting
Americana 2 |
| 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM | Labor & Employment Law Section Annual Conference Reception
Poinciana |
| 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM | LexisNexis® Equity in the Law Symposium Reception
(By Invitation Only)
Preston's Terrace |

Friday, October 27th

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| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium Registration |
| 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM | LexisNexis® Equity in the Law Symposium General Session
Poinciana 3 |
| 12:00 PM – 11:45 PM | Labor & Employment Law Section Annual Conference
Cowrie 2 |
| 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM | LexisNexis® Equity in the Law Symposium Luncheon
Americana Salon 1 |

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, October 27th

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium CLE #1

Post SCOTUS Decision on Affirmative Action: Its Impact on Admissions and Beyond

Venus

- Olympia Duhart, Professor, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law (Moderator)
- Charlton Copeland, Professor, University of Miami Law School
- Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Executive Director, Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR)
- Deidré Keller, Dean, Florida A&M University (FAMU Law) College of Law

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium CLE #2

Reimagining Redistricting after Milligan and other recent cases

Periwinkle

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium CLE #3

Is Litigation Funding Helping or Hurting Access to Justice?

Venus

- Phil Goldberg, DC Office Managing Partner, Shook Hardy & Bacon (Moderator)
- Chanel T. Rowe, Senior Counsel, Johnson & Johnson
- Enjolique Aytch Lett, Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig
- Sam J. Salario, Jr., Shareholder, Lawson Huck Gonzalez, PLLC
- Patrick Montoya, Senior Partner, Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman

5:15 PM – 7:00 PM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium Registration

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7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium

Welcome Reception

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St. Moritz Lawn

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Friday, October 27th

- 7:30 AM** Breakfast - Americana 1
- 8:45 AM** Opening Remarks
Adonica Black
- 8:50 AM** Welcome Remarks - Poinciana Ballroom
Terry Jennings
- 8:55 AM** Keynote Address
- 9:30 AM** Cluster 1 – The Gavel League: An App Providing Legal Education to Children and Adolescents
Imani Roberson, Lauren Fleming, & Jai'Ehir Jackson-Hawkins
- 9:50 AM** Cluster 2 – I, Too, Sing America: Uncovering Untold U.S. History through the Law
Tatiyana Brown-Harper, Zaria Graham, & Skylar Dean
- 10:10 PM** Cluster 3 – Technology Solutions to Alleviate Racial Bias in Jury Selection
Jaylon Denkins, Whitney Triplet & Favour Okhuevbie
- 10:30 PM** BREAK
- 10:45 PM** Cluster 4 – Pathways to Practice Pipeline: Building Bridges for HBCU Students to Legal Fields Lacking Diversity
Christian Wolford, Morigan Tuggle & Qwantaria Russell
- 11:05 PM** Cluster 5 – Law Clinic Support Tools & Resources to Combat Systemic Racism in the Legal System
Larry Futrell, Paul Campbell & Veronica Alba
- 11:30 AM - 11:45 PM** Seated for Lunch Americana 1
- 12:05 PM** Award Speaker
Bakari T. Sellers
- 12:15 PM** Awards and Mentor Speeches
- 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM** Breakout Group
Clusters 1, 2, & 3
- 2:15 PM – 3:00 PM** Breakout Group
Clusters 4 & 5
- 3:00 PM** Symposium Concludes

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday, October 28th

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Centennial Commission Meeting

Cowrie 1

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium Special Session

Allen v. Milligan: A Lifeline for the Consideration of Race in Congressional Redistricting

Poinciana Ballroom

- Kevin B. Wiggins, White and Wiggins, Dallas, TX (Moderator)
- Honorable Colin Z. Allred, U.S. Congressman for the 32d District of Texas

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium CLE #1

The South Got Something to Say: Fighting for voting rights in the South.

Venus

- Caroline McNamara, Staff Attorney, ACLU of Florida
- Alanah Odom, Executive Director, ACLU of Louisiana
- Claudia Williams Hyman, Senior Staff Attorney, ACLU of Mississippi
- Christopher Bruce, Senior Advisor Counsel, ACLU of Georgia

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium CLE #2

What Inclusive Education Means for An Inclusive Democracy and a Broader Society?

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- Jalaya Liles Dunn (she/her) Director, Learning for Justice, Southern Poverty Law Center
- Bacardi Jackson (she/her) Deputy Legal Director, Children's Rights Practice Group, Southern Poverty Law Center

10:30 AM – 11:30 PM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium CLE #3

Estate Planning through a Social Justice Framework: How to use Estate Planning Tools to Reduce Economic Imbalances and Propel Our Communities Forward on Our Own!

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- Terrence Quinn, Chair, NBA Real Property, Trusts & Estates Section
- Jennifer Norton, Vice Chair for Trusts & Estates, NBA Real Property, Trusts & Estates Section
- Tayson Gaines, Vice Chair for Real Property, NBA Real Property, Trusts & Estates Section

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday, October 28th

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium CLE #4

50 Years and Still Going: Hip Hop's Struggle Against the Criminal Legal System and Voter Disenfranchisement

Venus

- Tanya Clay House, EVP, Hip Hop Caucus; Chair, Civil Rights Law Section (Moderator)
- Dr. Roger Mitchell, Howard University Chair of Pathology, Fellow with the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME). Board Chair, Hip Hop Caucus (tentative)
- Rebekah Caruthers, Vice President, Fair Elections Center
- Sabrina Pearce, Sentencing Project
- Dwayne Crawford, Executive Director, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (tentative)

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium Awards Luncheon

Poinciana Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Eddie S. Gluade, Jr.

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium Community Forum on Voting Rights and the Threat to Democracy

Overtown Performing Arts Center - 1074 NW 3rd Ave., Miami, FL 33136

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Labor & Employment Law Section Annual Conference Closing Dinner (By Invitation Only)

Red Rooster - 920 NW 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida 33136

10:00 PM – UNTIL

“Littler at Night” White Party

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TONA BOYD

Tona Boyd joined the Legal Defense Fund (LDF) in January 2023 as the Associate Director-Counsel, where she will work in partnership with LDF's eighth President and Director-Counsel Janai Nelson and LDF's senior leadership team to set and execute the strategic direction of the organization's legal programs, operations, and administration.

Tona most recently served as Special Counsel and Special Assistant to the President in the White House Counsel's Office in the Biden-Harris Administration, where she worked to advance President Biden's agenda related to racial justice, equity, and judicial nominations. As a member of the White House Counsel's Office, she provided legal advice to the President and executive agencies and led policy development

on criminal justice reform, including policing, sentencing, clemency, drug policy, and community violence intervention, as well as civil rights – including hate crimes and domestic terrorism.

As a senior member of the judicial nominations team, Tona supported the selection, preparation, and confirmation of federal judicial nominees, including D.C. Circuit and Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, as well as the full slate of the United States Sentencing Commission appointees.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Tona served as elbow-law-clerk to the Honorable Roger L. Gregory on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She obtained her law degree from Harvard Law School, where she received the Dean's Award for Community Leadership and served as an editor of the Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Political Science and Spanish and a minor in Peace Studies. While at Notre Dame, she was named the Alumni Association Distinguished Undergraduate of the Year and received the Yarrow Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Peace Studies. She later received the Notre Dame Black Alumni Exemplar Award.



REBEKAH CARUTHERS

Rebekah Caruthers is the Vice President at the Fair Elections Center, a national organization that focuses on voting rights. She has worked on political and government projects all across the country through a variety of experiences over the last 20 years. She has managed or consulted on campaigns, voter projects, and with candidates in over two dozen states including presidential and down ballot races in battleground states. She has appeared on national and international media outlets. Currently, Caruthers is a regular contributor on the Roland Martin Unfiltered daily digital show.

Caruthers has worked with several national organizations including MoveOn.org, Everytown for Gun Safety, the National Democratic Training Committee, Equal Justice Works, and the National Network for Arab American Communities. She worked on Capitol Hill for Congressman John Dingell focusing on the Affordable Care Act before moving on to become director of a lobby shop at an energy trade association focusing on tax, energy, and manufacturing issues.

Caruthers' network includes elected and appointed officials at every level, business executives, trade associations, grassroots coalitions, and community organizations. She studied law at the University of Nebraska College of Law and studied abroad in South Africa through Howard University School of Law. Caruthers attended Creighton University for her undergraduate studies in political science. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Metropolitan (DC) Chapter of the Links, Inc. Caruthers is a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia.



TANYA CLAY HOUSE, J.D.

Tanya Clay House is the Executive Vice President for Campaigns and Advocacy at the Hip Hop Caucus and the Hip Hop Caucus Action Fund where she works to uplift BIPOC communities and achieve racial, social and economic justice through advocacy, grassroots coalition building and the use of culture and narrative storytelling.

Mrs. House was most recently the Senior Program Officer for Voting Rights at the State Infrastructure Fund for almost five years where she managed the voting rights portfolio, including all national voting rights litigation funding. She also serves as CEO and Co-Founder of ClayHouse Consulting Inc.

As an Obama Administration appointee, Mrs. House formerly served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for P-12 Education in the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD) at the U.S. Department of Education. In her role, she provided recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of OPEPD, Mrs. House also led high priority policy initiatives, including work on school diversity, discipline practices, and the racial justice implications of policies throughout the Department.

Prior to this appointment, Mrs. House served as Director of the Public Policy Department at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and formerly served as the Public Policy Director at People For the American Way (PFAW). She was also instrumental in the development, implementation, and management of the non-partisan Election Protection Coalition. In 2000, Mrs. House began her political career as Legislative Counsel for United States Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX). From there, she moved to the Senate to work for United States Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) focusing on civil rights and social policy issues.

In October of 2023, Mrs. House was inducted in the Hall of Fame for Advocacy at her alma mater, Ballard High School in Louisville, Ky. She has been recognized numerous times for her service throughout her career including being awarded two of the highest honors from the National Bar Association (NBA) including the Gertrude Rush Distinguished Service Award and the Equal Justice Award. Mrs. House has also received the Rainbow Push Excel Award for Educational Excellence.

Mrs. House is a published author and has testified numerous times before the U.S. Congress, State Legislatures, and Federal and State Agencies. She is a member of numbers Boards, including the NBA Board of Directors, the Civil Rights and Social Justice Section of the American Bar Association, the National Council on School Diversity, Sojourners, the New Georgia Project, and Chair of the Civil Rights Law Section of the NBA. Mrs. House has been a guest speaker for numerous national and international panels and conferences and has been interviewed and quoted by national television, print and radio media.

Formerly of Louisville, Kentucky, Mrs. House earned her B.A cum laude in political science from the University of Michigan, where she excelled as a varsity track athlete. She earned her J.D. from the University of Texas, School of Law. Tanya resides outside of Washington, DC with her husband and their two sons and is the co-founder and head coach of the AAU Junior Olympic Track & Field Club, the VA House of Speed.



CHARLTON COPELAND

Charlton Copeland teaches law at the University of Miami Law School. He teaches Civil Procedure, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Federal Courts and the Regulatory State. His research and writing focus on the law and politics of separation of powers, including federalism and presidential power, the politics of legal evolution and change across various doctrinal areas, including voting rights and litigation access. He is currently writing a book project titled, “The Exceptional South: Race, Federalism and the Equality State,” which addresses the role that federalism has played in shaping policies to address racial inequity.



OLYMPIA DUHART

Olympia Duhart teaches Legal Research and Writing (LRW), Constitutional Law, and First Amendment Law at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. She is Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Development. She serves as Co-President of the Society of American Law Teachers. Professor Duhart is also an elected member of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. Before joining the Nova faculty, Duhart worked at Ruden McClosky and volunteered with the Florida Innocence Project. She also taught English and Creative Writing at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. In addition, Professor Duhart has worked as a staff reporter for The Miami Herald. Duhart writes in the areas of teaching methods, assessment, and vulnerable communities.

She continues to engage the public through publications in the SALT LAW blog, The Huffington Post, the Harvard Business Review, USA Today, and The New York Times. She was a producer for a podcast mini-series on Women in the Law. She is also a co-author (with Camille Lamar Campbell) of *Persuasive Legal Writing: A Storytelling Approach*. She has received numerous awards for teaching and service. She grew up in Liberty City. She majored in English at the University of Miami. She is a proud first-generation law school graduate.



JALAYA LILES DUNN

Jalaya Liles Dunn is the director of the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Learning for Justice program. She leads a team of anti-bias education specialists who help teachers and schools nurture inclusive, equitable classrooms and educate students to be active participants in a diverse democracy.

Liles Dunn has more than 20 years of experience in social and racial justice pedagogy. She most recently served as national director and director of youth leadership and development for the Children’s Defense Fund Freedom Schools program.

At the Children’s Defense Fund, Liles Dunn’s leadership led to the training of 5,000 young leaders of color for action in their home communities; she managed national partnerships that provided high-quality summer and after-school programming for 13,000 children annually; and developed cohorts of educators to institute culturally responsive and sustainable teaching models in their local schools.

She has served as a social justice consultant for the Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity at the University of Arkansas, and she created the House of J in South Carolina, a farm and wellness retreat to address the health disparities of poor communities of color, with a focus on women.

Liles Dunn earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and a bachelor's degree in political science from Spelman College.



APRIL ENGLAND-ALBRIGHT

For more than 24 years, April England-Albright has worked in the area of civil rights law, first as a partner at Chestnut, Sanders, Sanders, Pettaway, Campbell and Albright and institutions then through her own law firm, where her experiences included serving as an attorney in the “Black Farmers Lawsuit”, which to date is the largest discrimination lawsuit against the United States, and litigating cases, which addressed race discrimination in the workplace, voting disenfranchisement caused by gerrymandering and other voter suppression tactics, and criminal defense. She also served as a Presiding Municipal Judge for the historical City of Selma, Alabama.

For the past eight years she has worked for the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, where she served as a Supervising Attorney leading investigations, some class-wide, to determine whether secondary and post-secondary in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida were in compliance of Title VI (race), Title IX (sex), Section 504 and Title II (disability).

Ms. England-Albright is now the Legal Director and Acting Chief of Staff of Black Voters Matter Fund, which is an organization that seeks to build power in black and marginalized communities in over eleven states through electoral and issue organizing. In these roles she leads the organization's restorative justice work and voter protection litigation. Ms. England-Albright has served on the boards of many civil rights organizations, which focus on preserving the civil rights and human rights of all individuals and she has been honored as a Civil Rights Pioneer in her field.



IVÁN ESPINOZA-MADRIGAL

Iván Espinoza-Madrigal is the Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR), an organization founded at the request of President John F. Kennedy in the 1960s at the height of the civil rights movement. LCR is the largest and oldest organization in New England working on legal and policy issues at the intersection of racial justice, immigration, public health, education, and entrepreneurship. Iván has filed and won dozens of life-changing and law-changing cases on a wide range of civil rights issues. His work is regularly featured in publications such as the New York Times. Iván was recently recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. Boston Magazine has recognized Iván as one of Boston's Most Influential People. The

National LGBT Bar Association has recognized him as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40, and the Boston Business Journal included Iván in its “Top 40 Under 40” list in 2018.

A summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he received a Juris Doctor from NYU School of Law. Iván recently received an honorary doctorate from Cambridge College. Iván currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA), the Board of Ambassadors of Eastern Bank, and the Board of Trustees of Crossroads, a youth empowerment summer camp.



PHIL GOLDBERG

Phil Goldberg is the office managing partner of Shook in Washington, D.C. and co-chair of its Public Policy Practice Group. With more than 25 years of experience on high stakes and high-profile liability-related public policy, public affairs and public relations issues, he has become a leading voice for common sense liability policies. His practice involves counseling businesses and their trade associations on some of the most cutting edge liability issues of the day.

Since joining Shook in 2003, Phil has filed amicus briefs for many of the most influential trade and civil justice groups with courts at every level, from the U.S. Supreme Court to the U.S. Courts of Appeals and state appellate courts. He has testified before Congress and state legislatures, authored leading legal scholarship and spoken at judicial and attorney conferences. He also has become a resource for reporters who write on liability issues.

He received his law degree from George Washington University Law School, where he was Order of the Coif, and his bachelor of arts, cum laude, from Tufts University. He resides in Bethesda, Maryland, with his wife, three kids and their fun and energetic dog, Riley.



BACARDI JACKSON

Bacardi Jackson is the deputy legal director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Children's Rights Practice Group, overseeing efforts to stop the school-to-prison pipeline and ensure equitable access to mental health services and high-quality public education.

Jackson is a seasoned trial attorney with over 20 years of litigation experience in state, federal and administrative courts. She previously served as a managing attorney for the Tucker Law Group, a Black-owned litigation boutique, where she established and managed the firm's Florida office.

She received a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University and a law degree from Yale Law School. Following a federal clerkship, she practiced at the international law firm of King & Spalding in Atlanta before joining Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia. She has also worked in Congress for U.S. Rep. John Conyers and U.S. Sen. Harlan Mathews; spearheaded yearlong national programming on Voting Rights at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

She was the inaugural recipient of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Distinguished Young Leader Award and has been recognized as a Florida Super Lawyer from 2020 through 2023. She was honored by Stanford University's Centers for Equity, Community & Leadership in 2023 as a Changemaker and by Legacy magazine in 2015 as one of South Florida's 25 most influential and prominent Black women in business and leadership.

SPEAKERS



DEIDRÉ A. KELLER

Deidré A. Keller is the dean of the Florida A&M University (FAMU Law) College of Law. Her tenure began on July 1, 2020. Prior to joining FAMU Law, Keller was the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Ohio Northern University Claude W. Pettit College of Law. Dean Keller began her academic career at ONU as an Assistant Professor in 2010 where she taught Property, Intellectual Property, Law & Literature, and the Legal History of Montgomery, Alabama, among other courses. For three years, Keller taught undergraduates in ONU's PLUS program, which was aimed at preparing students underrepresented in the profession for law school. Keller was the co-Chair of ONU's inaugural Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. Her work in the DEI space also includes organizing con-

ferences with colleagues from across the academy.

Dean Keller writes and speaks at the intersections of pedagogy, intellectual property, personhood theory, critical race theory, and the Constitution. Her current work is focused on inclusive pedagogies and diversifying the legal profession. She is also active in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the community. In that capacity, she has served on the DEI taskforce of the Orlando Economic Partnership. Dean Keller also serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Parramore Community Engagement Council.

Prior to teaching, Keller practiced law in Atlanta, Georgia, specializing in intellectual property. Keller earned her B.A. in English and Sociology from Yale College and her JD from Emory University College of Law.



ENJOLIKUÉ AYTCH LETT

Enjoliqué Aytch Lett leads bet-the-company litigation on behalf of drug and medical device manufacturers. She has worked as lead counsel in all aspects of mass tort and multi-district litigation, and has substantial experience and background defending high-profile clients in complex commercial litigation.

Enjoliqué is passionate about service and devotes her time and efforts to professional organizations and to the community as a whole. She serves as Pro Bono Chair for the South Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the DRI Products Liability Committee, and mentors students at the University of Miami and Florida International University. She also mentors a former prisoner

returning to society through a partnership with the Southern District of Florida's Court Assisted Reentry (C.A.R.E.) Program.



PATRICK MONTOYA

Patrick Montoya is a lawyer with experience in complex and high-profile litigation. His career philosophy—his continued ambition—“Be the lawyer you want for yourself.” Mr. Montoya's expertise includes class action and commercial litigation, products liability, personal injury litigation, aviation law, construction law, and toxic torts.

Mr. Montoya currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade Trial Lawyers. In the past, he served on the Board of Governors for the American Association for Justice. He is a former President of the Inns of Courts Chapter and Dade County Chapter.

He received the prestigious Honorable Ted Klein award from Miami-Dade's chapter of the Florida Association of Woman Lawyers for his work in promoting and assisting women's advancement in the law.

Formerly, he was a member of the Executive Committee for the National Conference of Community and Justice (NCCJ), Greater Miami Region. The Dade Community Foundation granted Mr. Montoya the "Donor Next Door" Award for his volunteer work with the NCCJ.

Mr. Montoya was also host of the television program "NCCJ: Your Community and You." In addition, he served on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida's Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures.



CHANEL T. ROWE

Chanel T. Rowe is Senior Counsel in the Global Legal Organization at Johnson & Johnson where she focuses on litigation policy and litigation risk management. Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson, Ms. Rowe was General Counsel and Partner at a leading global FinTech broker-dealer facilitating the sale of over \$1 Billion in securities across various alternative asset classes. Previously, she also served as Enforcement Counsel for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Miami Regional Office, and Judicial Law Clerk to Senior Judge Donald L. Graham of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Ms. Rowe graduated as the Valedictorian of her College of Law class at FIU. In 2021, she became the first Black woman appointed to the FIU Board of Trustees and the youngest trustee in the history of the State University System of Florida to be confirmed by the Florida Senate. She is also a Founding Member of the FIU Foundation Office of Inclusive Philanthropy's inaugural Women in Philanthropy Council. She graduated summa cum laude from Florida Atlantic University with a bachelor's degree in economics where she tutored at-risk students in mathematics and economics courses.

She is a past chair of the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers' Mentoring Committee and previously provided services to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. Ms. Rowe is also a graduate of the Florida Bar's Wm. Reece Smith Jr. Leadership Academy.

Ms. Rowe has received several acknowledgements for her achievements including, the Miami-Dade Bar Association Inaugural Top 40 Under 40 Award, the 2023 Jack Daniels Black Achievers Award, The American Lawyer 2021 Trailblazer Award, the 2020 National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 Award and was listed as a Super Lawyers® Florida Rising Star in 2017 and 2023.

SPEAKERS



SAM J. SALARIO, JR.

Sam J. Salario, Jr. is a successful complex-case litigator before serving on Florida's Second District Court of Appeal, he became known around the state for his thoughtful and scholarly opinions. Sam also has significant finance and investment management experience from his work as a managing director at a litigation-finance fund focused on complex commercial and regulatory matters.

Sam focuses his practice on appeals and mediations, and also select trial court representations and issue-based advocacy work. Before joining Lawson, Sam was a shareholder in a leading Florida-based appellate boutique. He has handled and advised on appeals across diverse subject areas, including antitrust, business disputes, class actions, elections disputes, government disputes, estates and trusts, professional discipline, and securities. His judicial experience lets him add value to trial teams in identifying, developing, preserving issues for a successful appeal. And he is frequently asked to serve as a mediator in complex business cases, including class actions, corporate governance disputes, and insolvency matters.

Before taking the bench, Sam was a partner at a national law firm, where he served as head of its Securities and Derivative Litigation Practice Group. In addition to handling securities and corporate governance litigation, Sam developed substantial experience leading internal investigations for public and private company audit committees, special investigation committees, and special litigation committees. Early in his career, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Wm. Terrell Hodges of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.



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Greetings,

On behalf of the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association (VHFCNBA), it is both an honor and a privilege to extend a warm welcome to the National Bar Association as we prepare to host this year's Annual Wiley Branton Symposium. We are delighted to have the opportunity to bring together legal professionals from across the nation to engage in critical discussions, share insights, and forge lasting connections.

The State of Florida serves as an ideal backdrop for a conference that celebrates the legacy of Wiley A. Branton who served as a tireless champion for civil rights and justice throughout his legal career. We are at a critical and uncertain point in the history of this state. The civil rights and liberties of African Americans are being challenged at every level, and it is only with the help of organizations like the National Bar Association that we will be able to withstand these continuous and calculated threats to our freedom. Therefore, I would like to express our gratitude to President Dominique Calhoun and the NBA Board of Governors for choosing to host this year's Symposium in Florida and standing with us as we continue our fight against injustice.

VHFCNBA was founded in 1955 by a group of social justice advocates who set forth our mission of ensuring access to the justice system; increasing economic parity for the less fortunate, underprivileged, and disadvantaged of our society; and educating the Black community on the need for empowerment and self-determination. Our mission aligns with the National Bar Association's commitment to uphold integrity and advance the administration of justice. We are excited about the possibilities that will emerge from our collective efforts.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming you to the Sunshine State and are confident that this conference will leave a lasting impact on all attendees, fostering connections that transcend state borders and strengthening our shared dedication to justice and equality.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Johnson, Esq.

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On behalf of the members of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association (GSCBWLA), it is with great pleasure that we send greetings and this letter of support for the National Bar Association's 34th Annual Wiley Branton Symposium. The symposium will take place on October 26-29, 2023 at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel. We welcome you to the "Magic City", where sun, sand and beaches abound, and Black Excellence is abundant and powerful.

The connection between GSCBWLA and the National Bar Association is strong. Formed in 1985 by twelve trailblazing women, GSCBWLA was formerly known as the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division Dade County Chapter. For over thirty years, the association has been a network of attorneys dedicated to community service, the advancement of Black women lawyers and the professional development of our members. We continue to stand in partnership with the National Bar Association, the nation's oldest and largest global network of predominantly Black attorneys and judges, to support and cultivate legal leaders within our amazing communities. The work that you have done to galvanize and invigorate our legal system for change is remarkable and evidence of your long-standing commitment to "justice for all!"

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The National Bar Association's 34th Annual Wiley Branton Symposium will provide an invaluable platform for collaboration, training, community service and innovation within the legal field. We wholeheartedly believe that this symposium will continue to amplify Black legal voices within the ranks our prestigious and indispensable profession. GSCBWLA extends our utmost support and looks forward to sounding the clarion call with the National Bar Association to increase justice, opportunity, equity, diversity, and empowerment within our communities. We wish you much success!

Warmest regards,

Lotoya K. Brown, President

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RE: Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association's Letter of Support for National Bar Association's Annual Wiley Branton Symposium

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Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association (the "Association"), formerly known as the Black Lawyers Association, express our heartfelt support and enthusiasm for the National Bar Association's (the "NBA") Annual Wiley Branton Symposium. The Association takes immense pride in our shared dedication to promoting diversity, inclusivity, and excellence within the legal profession.

The Annual Wiley Branton Symposium stands as a testament to the NBA's unwavering commitment to advancing legal discourse. This symposium serves as a vital platform for legal scholars, practitioners, and aspiring lawyers to engage in meaningful conversations, exchange innovative ideas, and address the most pressing challenges facing our society today. By facilitating these dialogues, the symposium not only enriches the understanding of complex legal issues but also empowers attendees to become catalysts for positive change within their communities- the latter of which is needed more than ever today in the State of Florida.

It is with great pleasure that we extend our endorsement to this esteemed event, recognizing its immense value in fostering intellectual exchange, professional growth, and a collective commitment to justice. The Association pledges its unwavering support to the NBA and the Annual Wiley Branton Symposium. We stand in solidarity with the organization and its noble endeavors.

Together, we can continue to shape a legal landscape that is not only equitable and inclusive but also serves as a beacon of hope for all those seeking justice and equality under the law.

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TerryAnn S. Howell, President Wilkie
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