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# Agenda

October 17 - 19, 2024

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**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM** Speaker's Room, **Northwest Boardroom, 3rd Floor**
- 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM** NBA Board of Governors Meeting, **Metropolitan Ballrooms 1-3, 2nd Floor**
- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM** Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon & Issues Symposium Registration, **Metropolitan Ballroom Foyer, 2nd Floor**
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Nominations Committee Meeting, **District I, 3rd Floor**
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM** Women Lawyers Division Panel, **Howard University School of Law Classroom HH3, Houston Hall (SB-Level)**
- The Power of Her Voice: The Intersection of Voting Rights and Black Women's Empowerment**
- Rebekah Caruthers
  - Antoinette Barksdale
  - Tanya Clay House, CEO Clay House Consulting Inc., Chair, National Bar Association Civil Rights Section
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** Centennial Commission: Honoring the Legacies of Wiley A. Branton & the National Bar Association  
**Hosted at Howard University School of Law Damon J. Keith Moot Courtroom**

**Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM** Speaker's Room, **Metropolitan Ballroom 3, 2nd Floor**
- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM** Green Room, **Logan Salon, 2nd Floor**
- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM** Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon & Issues Symposium Continental Breakfast, **West End, 2nd Floor**
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM** Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon & Issues Symposium Registration, **Metropolitan Ballroom Foyer, 2nd Floor**
- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM** Opening Plenary, **Metropolitan Ballrooms 1 and 2, 2nd Floor**  
"The Charge" – The Honorable Judge Arnette R. Hubbard  
NBA President (1981-1982)



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### 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

#### **CLE #1 – “Genetic Justice: Henrietta Lacks Litigation Case Study Establishing Modern Precedent to Address Medical Racism”**

- Ben Crump, Founder, Ben Crump Law PLLC, NBA President (2015-2016)
- Deleso A. Alford, Convenor, and Moderator, Rachel Emanuel Endowed Professor of Law Southern University Law Center
- Kim Parker, Founder, The Law Offices of Kim Parker, PA
- Yusuf N. Henriques, Founder & CEO of IndyGeneUS AI & IndyGeneUS

### 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

#### **CLE #2 – “Diversity and Corporate Board: The Way Forward”**

- Benjamin Wilson, Former Chairman, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.
- Dean Alfreda Robinson, Associate Dean, The George Washington University School of Law, Chair of the 35th Annual Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon & Issues Symposium, NBA President (2019-2020)
- Belinda Coleman, Phd. CEO, The Coleman Inc. Group
- Heidi Thomas Revels, Moderator, Corporate Counsel, IP, Amazon Corporation

### 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

#### **CLE #3 – “The Power of Dissent”**

- Rev. William H. Lamar IV, Pastor, Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church
- William W. Bennett, Esq., JD & M. Div., Convenor, President and CEO of Harika Consulting LLC
- Sheila S. Boston, Partner, Arnold & Porter PC
- Dionna Maria Lewis, Esq., LLM, D.C. Office of Employee Appeals, Trial Lawyer and Managing Attorney, District Legal Group, PLLC

### 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

#### **CLE #4 – “The Future of Economic Equality”**

- Vanita M. Banks, Moderator, NBA President (2006-2007)
- Mitchell Crusto, Loyola University, New Orleans College of Law
- Michael Rand, Assistant Dean, Business and Finance Law, The George Washington University School of Law



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### 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

#### Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon, **West End, 2nd Floor**

##### HONOREES:

- Honorable Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge - District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Honorable Demetrius Shelton, Administrative Law Judge - California Department of Social Services, 68th President of the National Bar Association
- Dayna Bowen Matthew, JD, PhD, Dean and Harold H. Greene Professor of Law - George Washington University Law School
- Honorable Robert C. White, Jr., At-Large Councilmember - Council of the District of Columbia
- Honorable Michael A. Blake, CEO, Atlas Strategy Group, Former New York State Assemblyman

### 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

#### CLE #5 – “Artificial Intelligence, Diversity, and Democracy”

- Robin M. Earnest, Moderator, (Founder) The Earnest Law Firm
- Spencer A. Overton, Patricia Roberts Harris Research Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School
- Shannon McNeal, Partner, Davis, Wright, Tremaine, LLP

### 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

#### CLE #6 – “U.S. Census and Project 2025 Potential Impact”

- Honorable Demetrius Shelton, Convener/Moderator, NBA Liaison to the United States Census, NBA President (2010-2011)
- Damon Hewitt, President and Executive Director, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Meeta Anand, Senior Director, Census & Data Equity, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- Tanya Clay House, CEO Clay House Consulting Inc., Chair, National Bar Association Civil Rights Section
- Barbara R. Arnwine, President & Founder, Transformative Justice Coalition

### 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

#### CLE #7 – “Legal Advocacy Strategies to Promote Health Policies”

- Kinika Young, Moderator and Panelist, Director of Legal Advocacy, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Office of Public Policy, Washington, D.C
- Caroline Wolverton, Senior Counsel, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP



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### 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM

#### **CLE #8 – Project 2025 Attacks on Gender Equity: “Are They Radical New Concepts, or Focused Versions of Smaller Attacks Courts Have Been Incrementally Upholding Even Before Dobbs?”**

- Bayliss Fiddiman, Moderator, Senior Director of Educational Equity, National Women’s Law Center
- Joi Chaney, Founder, J.O.I. Strategies
- Jasmine Banks, Executive Director, Generation Common Good
- Denise Smith, Senior Fellow, Deputy Director of Higher Education Policy, The Century Foundation

## Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

### 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

**Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon & Issues Symposium**  
Continental Breakfast, **West End, 2nd Floor**

### 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Speaker’s Room, Metropolitan Ballroom 3, 2nd Floor**

### 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Green Room, Logan Salon, 2nd Floor**

### 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

#### **CLE #9 – “Project 2025 and Dismantling the U.S. Department of Education and Anti-Discrimination Standards”**

- William W. Bennett, Esq., JD & M. Div., Covenor and Moderator, President and CEO of Harika Consulting LLC
- Dr. Frank Smith, Executive Director, African American Civil War Museum, D.C.
- Dean Tamara Lawson, Toni Rembe Dean and Professor of Law, University of Washington School of Law in Seattle
- Marcilynn A. Burke, Dean, Tulane University Law School

### 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### **CLE #10 – “International Criminal Justice Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict Zones: Criminal and Presidential Immunity Under the Color of Official Acts”**

- Theori Henry, Moderator, JD Candidate May 2025, The George Washington University Law School
- Dean Tamara Lawson, Toni Rembe Dean and Professor of Law, University of Washington School of Law in Seattle
- Mario Barnes, Chancellor’s Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law
- James Carter, Vice President of Finance, National Bar Association, Managing Partner Trials & Mass Torts, The Cochran Firm, New Orleans



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**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**CLE #11 – “Perfecting Civil and Human Rights Law: The Role and Re-Envisioning of Legal Experts”**

- D. Wendy Greene, Convenor/Moderator Professor of Law, Director, Center on Law, Policy & Social Action, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law
- Deleso A. Alford, Rachel Emanuel Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center
- Victor Jones, Senior Counsel, The Legal Defense Fund
- Rachel Lopez, James E. Beasley Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law

**12:00 PM - 1:20 PM**

**Wiley A. Branton Awards Luncheon & Issues Symposium  
Closing Lunch,  
West End, 2nd Floor  
“Responding to the Charge” – Dr. Walter L. Sutton, Jr.  
NBA President (1987-1988)**

**CLE #12 – Election Protection Seminar – Part 1,**

**“The Dark Side of Democracy: What History Teaches Us About Upcoming Elections, Anticipated Election Shenanigans and Their Impact”**

- V. Lynn Whitfield, Moderator, NBA Chair, Election Protection Task Force
- Barbara R. Arnwine, President & Founder, Transformative Justice Coalition
- Daryl Jones, Board Chair of the Transformative Justice Coalition
- Nile Blass, DMV Regional Organizer, League of Women Voters of the United States

**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

**CLE #13 – Voting Rights Training Workshop – Part 2**

- V. Lynn Whitfield, NBA Chair, Election Protection Task Force

**2:30 PM**

**Departure**