

AN EVENING WITH THE

Black Judges

FOR THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

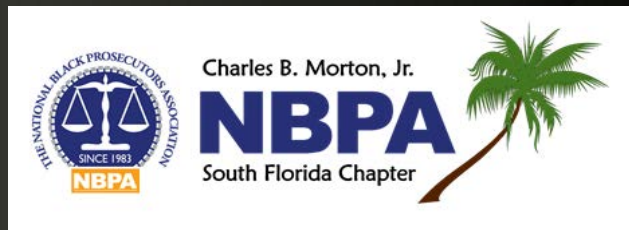
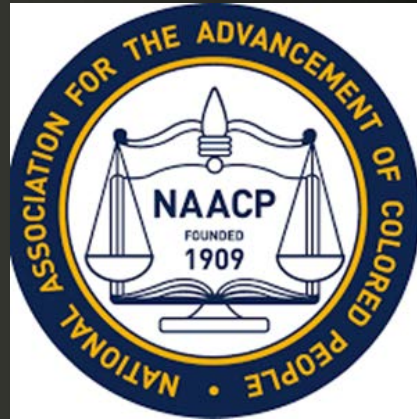
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Letters from the Organizations





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June 28, 2022

Trelvis D. Randolph
President

Greetings!

Christopher M. Lomax
Vice President

On behalf of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, we welcome you to "An Evening with the Black Judges for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County."

Elroy John
Secretary

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Group I Director

Michael Davis
Group II Director

Loreal A. Arscott
*Immediate Past
President*

Tonight's event is critically significant as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic to enter a new chapter of American History. Prior to the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1961, Black people in the United States were discouraged, disenfranchised, intimidated and prohibited from voting for a Judge nor any elected official. It is therefore vitally important that we not only remind our community of the progress and journey that we have made as a people, and to also honor the sacrifice, commitment and hard work that these fourteen (14) jurists have made in the pursuit of judicial excellence. Indeed, they have achieved their positions through their arduous studies, tenacity, endurance, temperament and determination. These Judges are descendants of a legacy of people who were previously not deemed free men and women in the eyes of the court of law. Yet now, they preside as jurists in the very courts that once denied them justice. Where once they were refused the right to speak, they now preside. This is a true example of excellence worthy of honor and celebration.

In honoring these Jurists, our organization has partnered with the NAACP Miami-Dade Branch, the Caribbean Lawyers Association, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, and The National Black Prosecutors Association - South Florida Branch in order to bring these Black Judges before our community. We intend to create a safe space for dialogue and learning. These organizations of professional men and women are also examples of excellence. Like the Judges, these organizations are committed to the pursuit of justice for all. This is exemplified through the countless hours of volunteer efforts to inform and



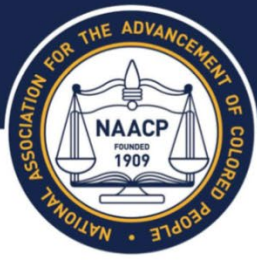
support disenfranchised community members throughout Miami-Dade County.

Recognizing that we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, our goal is to continue the path of excellence set out before us and to encourage the next generation of leaders to be inspired to achieve excellence in pursuit of their goals and aspirations.

Thank you for joining us in honoring these Judges as a community.

Sincerely,

Trelvis D. Randolph, *President*
Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association



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June 28, 2022

Dear NAACP Members, Community Partners, Honored Guests & Friends,

On behalf of the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP, we welcome each of you to an Evening with the Black Judges!

As the nation's oldest and boldest civil rights organization, the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP is committed to ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

Collectively, we not only recognize the importance of representation and diversity on the bench, but we also advocate for it. Black Judges are a critical component of our judiciary and the overall effectiveness of our justice system. If people enter our justice system and do not see anyone who looks like them, they may feel shut out. As such, strategic efforts to diversify the legal profession must continue to be a priority amongst us all.

Join in with the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP to help promote diversity on the bench and within all professions. To stay connected on our national priorities, action alerts, and election readiness, text "power" to 20707. For information on how to become a member of the NAACP and to get involved, email miamidadecommunications@gmail.com.

Fighting Forward,

Daniella Pierre

President

Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP | Unit # 5116

Program

Welcome

Trelvis D. Randolph, President of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association

Daniella Pierre, President of the NAACP Miami-Dade Branch

Invocation

Senior Pastor Arthur Jackson, III, Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Introduction of Moderators

Trelvis D. Randolph, President of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association

Introduction of Judges

Loreal Arscott, Immediate Past President of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association

Amber Dawson, 2022-2023 President-Elect of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association

Panel Discussion

Panel Questions followed by Audience Q&A (time permitting)

Acknowledgments

Christopher Lomax, 2022-2023 President of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association

Adjournment

Trelvis D. Randolph, President of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association

Judge Tanya Brinkley



Judge Tanya Brinkley is a graduate of University of Miami School of Law, and Howard University School of Business. In 2012, Judge Brinkley was elected to the Miami-Dade County Court, and in 2019 was elevated by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court. She has successfully won a county-wide judicial election and was re-elected without opposition as both a County Judge and Circuit Judge. Judge Brinkley currently serves in the Criminal Division, after serving in the County Civil and Criminal Divisions, and as the Associate Administrative Judge of the Domestic Violence Division.

Judge Brinkley has been honored by Legacy Magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential and Prominent Black Women in Business in South Florida, and one of the 2017 Women of Substance by Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board and Commission for Women, as well as various other organizations for her prior legal work, service to the community, and judicial commitment. She served on the 2018 Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board, presiding over Florida's historic triple recount, and the Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, and many other canvassing boards. Judge Brinkley has also served on the City of Miami Civilian Review Board, the City of Miami Asset Review Board and Florida Bar Traffic Rules Committee. Her community involvement extends from youth mentoring through countless organizations, mentoring of law students and young lawyers, work with the sickle cell anemia community, and other community organizations.

She is actively involved in the National Bar Association (NBA) Judicial Council where she serves as the Ethics Committee Co-chair and on the CLE/Education Committee and has led and presented numerous judicial education panels. Judge Brinkley is the chair of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit ABA Judicial Internship Opportunities Program (JIOP), a program creating judicial internships for underrepresented law students. She serves on the Florida Bar Committees on Student Education and Admission to the Bar, and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, where she served on the pipeline and get involved committees. Judge Brinkley is also an appointee to the Florida Supreme Court Standing Committee on Fairness and Inclusion, where she serves as the Technology Committee

*Magistrate Judge
Karl Brown*



General Magistrate/Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida since May 2005, hearing cases in the family division. Magistrate Judge Brown is a native of the island of Jamaica and a graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, with a Juris Doctor in May 1989.

Magistrate Judge Brown is a graduate of the University of South Florida, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and African and Afro-American History in December 1984. He has served as an Adjunct Professor in the University of Miami Paralegal Program teaching courses to paralegal students to develop knowledge of the judicial process and the skills needed to apply their acquired knowledge.

Prior to being appointed as a General Magistrate/Judge, served as the Principal owner and practitioner in the firm, Law Offices of Karl S.H. Brown, P.A., with areas of practice in commercial and contract law, family law, real estate, labor and personal injury litigation from 1997 to 2005.

Served as an Assistant County Attorney with the Office of the Broward County Attorney, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, primarily responsible for environmental law litigation representing the Broward County Department of Natural Resources Protection, from 1993 to 1997.

Served as a Judicial Staff Attorney for the State of Florida Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County, Florida from 1990 to 1993, being primarily responsible for research in all aspects of criminal and civil litigation. Made recommendations, prepared memoranda of law, orders and opinions in County Court appeals.

Judge Miesha Darrough



Judge Miesha S. Darrough is currently a Miami-Dade County Court Civil Judge serving at the Dade County Courthouse. Prior to her appointment, Judge Darrough was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. During her time at the Miami office, she served as Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney. She also worked in the Appellate, Major Crimes, and Economic Crimes divisions where she investigated and prosecuted numerous federal criminal cases involving the illegal possession and trafficking of firearms and drugs, child pornography, Hobbs Act robbery, bank robbery, aggravated identity theft.

As a member of the Economic Crimes Division, Judge Darrough worked with the Health Care Fraud Strike Force where she specialized in the detection, investigation, and prosecution of health care fraud schemes targeting the Medicare and Medicaid programs and private insurance carriers. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Darrough worked for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. During her time at the State Attorney's Office, she served as a Felony Division Chief where she trained and supervised over twenty-five division attorneys and prosecuted hundreds of cases including numerous homicide cases. She was also part of the Public Corruption Unit where she investigated and prosecuted complex cases involving politicians, police officers, and county officials who used their official positions to commit crimes such as racketeering, bribery, unlawful compensation, extortion, fraud, various conspiracies and official misconduct.

Judge Darrough's leadership endeavors and consistent commitment to excellence in the legal profession and community have been recognized by local and national organizations. She has received South Florida Magazine's 40 Under 40 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow Award, the Embrace Girls Foundation's Outstanding Women Who Mentor Award, the Miami Rescue Mission's Outstanding Service Award for 2017, the Daily Business Review's On the Rise Award for 2017, Champion for Children Award for 2017, the National Bar Association's Nation's Best Advocate for 40 Under 40 for 2017, Legacy Magazine South Florida's 25 Most Influential Women in Business and Industry Award for 2017, the Dade County Bar Association's Rising Legal Star Award for 2018, the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association's Rising Star Award for 2018, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation- South Florida's 40 Under 40 Outstanding Lawyers in South Florida Award for 2018, and selected by Legacy Magazine as one of South Florida's 50 Most Powerful Black Leaders in Business and Industry for 2020. Judge Darrough is a proud graduate of Howard University School of Business and Howard University School of Law.

Judge Michelle Delancy



Judge Michelle Delancy is a Circuit Court Judge in the Felony Criminal Division of the 11th Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Prior to rising to the Circuit Bench, Mrs. Delancy was an AV Preeminent rated commercial and criminal trial attorney. In practice for over 25 years, she focused her practice on commercial litigation matters with extensive experience in complex commercial, construction defect litigation, criminal defense and administrative litigation matters. She represented a client base of mid-sized businesses, entrepreneurs and corporations, as well as municipal bodies and individuals. She has successfully litigated complex commercial contract disputes in State and Federal Courts and routinely litigated complex construction litigation and business disputes.

Mrs. Delancy's deep community involvement is reflected in her prior service as a volunteer certified Guardian ad Litem, protecting the interests of children. She was also a Code Enforcement Magistrate for the Villages of Pinecrest and Palmetto Bay. Since 2007, Mrs. Delancy has served as an adjunct law professor at Miami-Dade College Law Center teaching Legal Writing, Business Law I and II, Criminal Law, Trial Prep and Practice and Fundamentals of Law. She is also an adjunct professor

teaching trial advocacy to seasoned litigators through the Skilled Advocate Company. Mrs. Delancy received her Bachelor's of Science in Foreign Service (B.S.F.S.) from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Her major was International Politics, Law and Organization, with a concentration in African and Middle Eastern Studies. After completing her studies at Georgetown in 1992, Mrs. Delancy received a scholarship to the University of Miami School of Law, where she received her Juris Doctor in 1995.



Judge Ayana N. Harris

Judge Ayana N. Harris was appointed as a Miami-Dade County Court Judge by Governor Ron DeSantis on December 16, 2019. She is currently assigned the North Dade Justice Center in North Miami Beach, where she handles a variety of civil and domestic violence cases. Judge Harris began her legal career in 2001 as an assistant state public defender in Miami, and later a federal public defender handling cases in United States District Court. She also served as a training attorney for new lawyers and has tried over 80 state and federal cases to verdict as a trial attorney. Additionally, she is a past vice-chair of a Florida Bar grievance committee, where she reviewed complaints against lawyers to determine whether discipline was warranted for violating professional conduct rules.

Judge Harris graduated with a BA from the University of Miami in 1998; she graduated with a JD in 2001 from Howard University School of Law. She is a member of a number of local voluntary bar associations and a past member of the Daily Business Review's Class of Top 40 Lawyers Under 40. She has also lectured and been a panelist on a number of topics at continuing legal education trainings and seminars. Outside of the legal profession, Judge Harris is a Cheerleading Coach at Florida Memorial University and also volunteers as the Cheer Commissioner for the North Miami Beach Sundevils and is the Cheerleading Director of the Miami-Dade Xtreme Youth Football League.

Judge Julie Harris Nelson



Judge Julie Harris Nelson serves as County Court Judge in the criminal division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for the State of Florida. She also serves as President of the Miami Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Judge Harris Nelson received her JD from St. Thomas University and BBA from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration. Judge began her legal career as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County. She later began practicing insurance defense with an emphasis on premises liability and bodily injury. Before being appointed to the bench, Judge Harris Nelson was a partner in the Miami office of ROIG Lawyers. She also served as VP of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association and served on the Executive Board of the Dade County Bar Association. Judge Harris Nelson continues to serve with distinction on the Board of the Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services and remain active with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Alpha Beta Omega Chapter.

She is the recipient of the Not-for-Profit Pro Bono Award, Dade Legal Aid & Put Something Back (October 2019), South Florida's 25 Most Influential and Prominent Black Women in Business and Industry (2017), and Pro Bono Award Dade Legal Aid & Put Something Back (May 2017). She is a native of Detroit, Michigan; a devoted wife and mother of three incredibly talented children.



Judge Chiaka Ihekwaba

Judge Chiaka Ihekwaba is a County Court Judge in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. She was appointed to the County Court bench by Governor Ron DeSantis in 2020 and currently serves in the civil division. Prior to her service on the bench, Judge Ihekwaba served as an Assistant State Attorney with the Miami Dade State Attorney's office for 19 years where she was a Felony Division Chief for 11 of those years, responsible for supervising a felony division and investigating and seeking justice in mainly homicide cases. While at the State Attorney's Office, she also served as a senior member of the Organized Crime Unit where she was involved in complex investigations.

Throughout her career as an Assistant State Attorney, Judge Ihekwaba was actively involved in training and mentoring young attorneys and is continuing this mentoring quest as a judge as she is now involved in volunteering for moot court competitions and mock trials for both Law School Students and High schoolers. Prior to her career at the State Attorney's office, Judge Ihekwaba was a volunteer arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau dealing with lemon Law cases.

Judge Ihekwaba obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree (J.D) from St. Thomas University School of law in Miami. She also has a Master of laws degree (LL. M) from Kings College, London. Judge Ihekwaba is also a member of the Nigerian Bar. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree (LL.B) from University of Benin in Nigeria following which she attended Nigerian Law School from where she received her Barrister at Law (B.L) Degree prior to joining the Nigerian Bar.

As a Miami-Dade County Judge, Honorable Ihekwaba has demonstrated a clear understanding of the law, integrity, fairness, independence, and an equitable disposition of cases. As a local stakeholder, Judge Ihekwaba is sensitive and committed to the needs of our diverse communities, actively engaged in youth empowerment and progressive programs, as well as involved in community- and faith-based organizations that help promote real change for our residents, businesses, and visitors to Miami-Dade County. Judge Ihekwaba is also an adjunct faculty member of the University of Miami School of Law where she teaches Trial Skills.

Judge Ihekwaba resides in Kendall with her husband to whom she has been married for over 26 years and they have 5 Children.

*Magistrate Judge
Flora Jackson*



Flora M. Jackson was born in Miami, Florida, the sixth of eight children to Andrew and Elizabeth O. Jackson. Educated in the public schools of Miami Dade County, she developed a keen interest in the law at an early age.

After graduating from Florida Memorial University, Jackson attended Howard University School of Law, where she graduated in 1982. She then returned to Miami and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1984. Today, she also holds admissions to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. She is also a past president of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, a member of the Dade County Bar Association and Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, a former member of the North Dade and the Beaches Real Estate Council, and Florida Bar Family Law Rules Committee.

After being admitted to the Florida Bar, Jackson worked as a staff attorney with James E. Scout Community Association for two years. She then became a senior attorney and served in that capacity for three years, providing legal assistance to community-based organizations, community development corporations, and small businesses.

In 1990, she established Jackson-Holmes, P.A., and began providing legal services in the areas of bankruptcy, civil litigation, family, juvenile, probate, and guardianship law, as well as providing pro bono representation to the community. After providing more than 28 years of legal services on the state and appellate levels, and mentoring other young attorneys, in 2018 she was appointed to serve as the first black female General Magistrate in the Family Division of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Jackson is also an adjunct business law professor at Florida Memorial University. Jackson is very active in the Miami-Dade community. She's a Wish Granter with Make-a-Wish Southern Florida, President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dade County Alumnae Chapter and Youth Directress at Millrock Holy Missionary Baptist Church. Jackson was a 2017 Women of Impact Honoree of the Women's History Coalition of Miami-Dade County, Inc.

Judge Lody Jean



Judge Lody Jean was appointed to the Miami – Dade County Court on November 16, 2018, by then Governor Rick Scott. She became the first Haitian American Woman to serve on the Miami- Dade County Court. On April 17, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis elevated Judge Jean to the Circuit Court in Miami-Dade County. She became the first Haitian- American to serve in the Circuit Court. She is currently assigned to the Circuit Criminal Division.

Judge Jean comes from a humble and hardworking family that migrated to Haiti in the early 1900s. Her grandfather of Lebanese descent was born in Brazil, and eventually migrated to Haiti in search of better opportunities. He lived in the countryside of Haiti before moving to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where he owned a modest school uniform fabric shop. The Judge's father was born in Haiti, where he continued to work and grow his father's fabric shop. Judge Jean was also born and raised in Haiti. Inspired by her family's work ethic, the Judge migrated to The United States in 1997 in search of the American Dream.

Taking advantage of the opportunities the United States has to offer, Judge Jean worked hard to obtain her degrees from college through Law School. She attended college at the University of Miami, where she double majored in Political Science and International Studies with a minor in Foreign Languages. Continuing her education, she attended Saint Thomas University, where she obtained her Juris Doctor degree. Judge Jean is trilingual; she speaks French, Creole, and English fluently and is studying Spanish.

While in Law School, Judge Jean was the recipient of the Haitian Lawyers Association Law School scholarship. During her time in Law School, she was selected to intern at the Legal Services of Greater Miami, where she worked with a staff attorney on the Haitian Citizenship Project, applying for Naturalization for those seeking the same opportunities in this country that were so crucial in her ability to succeed. She also interned at the Third District Court of Appeal (3DCA), at the Miami Dade Public Defender's Office, and Broward State Attorney's Office. While at the 3DCA, Judge Jean was a summer clerk for the Honorable Melvia Green, who was the first African American woman to be appointed to the Miami- Dade Circuit Court and the 3DCA.

From August 2004 to June 2012, she served with the State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, first as an Assistant State Attorney and then as a Felony Division Chief. As a Deputy Chief, she prosecuted homicide cases and supervised many Assistant State Attorneys. From June 2012 through the date of her first judicial appointment, she was in a private practice specializing in immigration and criminal defense with a focus on deportation-related matters. While in private practice, she spoke at many lectures and community gatherings on the topic of immigration and deportation. She also volunteered her time through the Haitian Lawyers Association and other organizations at clinics dealing with many legal issues ranging from eviction, small claims suits, citizenship, and Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

Judge Gordon Murray



Judge Gordon Murray graduated from Miami Carol City Senior High School in 1978. As one of the inaugural winners of the Golden Drum Award for community service, Judge Murray was awarded a full scholarship to attend the University of Miami. It was that commitment to community service that changed the trajectory of Judge Murray's life and why he is fondly referred to as the Community Judge.

As a "Double Cane", Judge Murray went on to lead an award-winning legal career prior to joining the bench. He was the first African-American Assistant State Attorney in Monroe County, went on to work for Janet Reno as a prosecutor before opening a private practice focused on criminal defense and family law. During his time in private practice, Judge Murray won numerous awards for his commitment to the minority communities including CABA Distinguished Service Award, the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association Pro Bono Award, the Miami-Dade County Community Pillar Award and The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Award.

Judge Murray was elevated from his position as a General Magistrate and appointed as a County Court Judge in 2017. He currently serves as Administrative Judge in the County Civil division at the Caleb Center.

Judge Orlando Prescott



Judge Orlando A. Prescott received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers University in 1981 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida in 1984.

After graduating, Judge Prescott began his career as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami, Florida under the supervision of former United States Attorney General Janet Reno. He served in the office for almost seven-years during which he prosecuted a wide variety of criminal cases including homicide cases and supervised other attorneys in the felony division.

In 1991, Judge Prescott left the State Attorney's Office to accept the position of Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida where he prosecuted criminal cases. Then in 1999, Judge Prescott was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of the Major Prosecutions Unit where he was responsible for the supervision of Assistant United States Attorneys and the administration of the office and Department of Justice policies and procedures. During his tenure as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Judge Prescott was called upon numerous times to teach other Assistants United States Attorneys in the area of criminal law both locally and at the National Advocacy Center in South Carolina.

In July of 2000, Judge Prescott was appointed to a judicial seat in the County Court in and for Miami - Dade County. As a County Court Judge, Judge Prescott presided over both civil and criminal cases. Those cases ranged from criminal misdemeanors, landlord tenant evictions, domestic violence injunctions, small claims, personal injury protection, assault/battery, possession of marijuana, criminal traffic offenses, DUIs, and domestic violence.

In October of 2005, Judge Prescott was appointed to a Circuit Court seat in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County. As a Circuit Judge, Judge Prescott has sat in the criminal and juvenile divisions. He presently serves as the Administrative Judge of the Unified Children's Court division along with presiding over a juvenile delinquency caseload and the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court.

Judge Prescott participates as a faculty member of the Florida Judicial College and a presenter at Advanced Judicial Studies for judges. Judge Prescott serves his community as a board member of The Greater Miami Service Corps. and the Children's Trust. He's active in ministry at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Miami Gardens and he keeps busy by participating in any cause devoted to the development and education of our youth. Judge Prescott is married to Michelle A. Prescott, Esq. and is a devoted father to three children, Orlando, Jessica and Tatiana.

Judge Fred Seraphin



County Judge Fred Seraphin graduated from the City College of New York with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He obtained a Juris Doctorate degree at Hofstra University. Thereafter, he joined the Office of the Public Defender in Miami Dade County, Florida. It is there that he honed his skills in trial advocacy and more specifically, criminal defense. He went into private practice for a few years, and ultimately returned to his passion: defending indigents as a Public Defender.

On October 15 , 2001, the then Governor of Florida, Jeb Bush, appointed Fred Seraphin as a County Court Judge. He was elected to that position in 2004, 2010, and 2016. He has served in both the Civil and Criminal divisions of the Court. He has served as faculty member of Florida Judicial College.

Judge Seraphin was an adjunct professor at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida , where he lectured on various Law-related undergraduate courses. He was also a member of the Florida Supreme Court's standing committee on Fairness and Diversity and a faculty member at the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies.

Judge Seraphin's commitment to the South Florida community is evident in his participation as the founding member and past Board Chair of Sant La, the Haitian Neighborhood Center, Inc., and is a frequent speaker local schools. He is dedicated to informing the public about their legal rights. For many years, he hosted various educational talk shows on radio and cable television. Additionally , as a part of the "Community Connect" project of the Miami Dade Court, Judge Seraphin spearheaded the Town Hall Meetings throughout Miami Dade County to educate the community regarding the Law and the Court procedures. He is also passionate about mentoring students and young lawyers.

Judge Seraphin has remained connected to his birth place by participating in community-based projects in Haiti. He donated his talent and treasures towards the construction of an Orphanage and a Hospital in Haiti. Until recently, he and his wife, Barbara sponsored the education of one hundred and forty-three under privileged children in Haiti. As an attorney, he spent several months in Haiti working on the Department of Justice's Administration of Justice Project. With the cooperation of the United States State Department, Judge Seraphin coordinated and hosted a group of Haitian Judges and Magistrates to expose them to the American Legal System. In Haiti he participated in panel discussions on various topics such as Justice and Democracy, Independence of the Press and the Judiciary, and the need for an independent Judiciary. Judge Seraphin assisted judges in Haiti to enact a code of Judicial Conduct. His ultimate dream is to one day see an independent Judiciary in Haiti.

Judge Seraphin is most proud of his thirty-five plus years of marriage to his wonderful wife, Barbara and his two loving children.

Judge William Thomas



Judge William Thomas served as an Assistant Public Defender at the Dade County Public Defender's Office, before accepting a position as an Assistant Federal Public Defender with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Southern District of Florida. After seven years at the Federal Public Defender's Office, Judge Thomas' desire to serve the public remained strong.

In 2004, Judge Thomas was elected to the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County. Since elected, Judge Thomas has served in the juvenile (one year), criminal (six years) and civil divisions of the circuit court. Judge Thomas was assigned to the specialized Asbestos division for two years and additionally served in the Civil Complex Business Litigation Division. Judge Thomas has been on the Circuit Court bench for 19 years and has tried over 500 trials to verdict.

Judge Daryl Trawick



Judge Trawick received a bachelor's degree in business magna cum laude from the University of Miami, graduating in the top 15% of his class. He earned a law degree from Howard University, graduating in the top 10% of his class. He received national awards as a member of the school's moot court team and served as a senior associate editor of the school's law review.

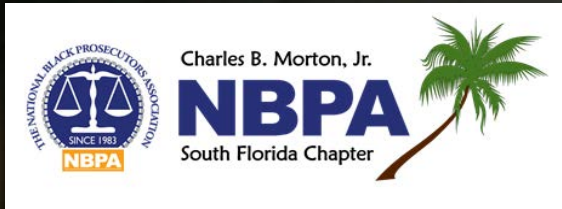
Judge Trawick served as both an active duty and reserve Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force. He was decorated for his outstanding accomplishments on several occasions, including the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, two Joint Service Commendation Medals and three Air Force Commendation Medals. He retired as a lieutenant colonel after 23 years of service in August 2006.

Judge Trawick also served as a prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office in Miami, Florida, and was assigned to the Appellate, Major Crimes, Narcotics and Public Corruption Divisions, before being promoted to the position of Chief of Special Prosecutions, where he supervised 23 attorneys and numerous support personnel.

Judge Trawick has been a member of a number of community and national organizations. He is also an adjunct professor at St. Thomas University School of Law, where he has taught Criminal Procedure and Military Justice, and Miami-Dade College where he has taught several courses in the Paralegal Studies Program, including Legal Research, Fundamental of Law, Legal Writing Trial Preparation, Trial and Appellate Advocacy, Torts and Business Law I and II.

He has served in the Domestic Violence Division of the County Court, as well as the Criminal, Civil, Family and Appellate Divisions of the Circuit Court.

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The National Black Prosecutors Association ("NBPA") is the only professional membership organization dedicated to the advancement of Blacks as prosecutors. Founded in 1983, the Association's membership is comprised of both chief and line prosecutors nationwide. In addition to prosecutors, the association's membership includes law students, former prosecutors, and law enforcement personnel. The Charles B. Morton, Jr. South Florida Chapter ("NBPA-SF") was founded in 2014. The objectives of the NBPA South Florida Chapter are: to advance the art of fair prosecution; to encourage legal education and professional development; to provide an promote fellowship and support for African American prosecutors; to increase camaraderie and nationwide networking among African American prosecutors; to encourage the recruitment, retention, and promotion of African American prosecutors within city, county, state, and federal offices; to uphold the honor and dignity of the bar; to promote the profession of the prosecution of criminal and civil matters in high schools and law schools throughout the state of Florida; and to perpetuate the history of the NBPA and the legacy of its members. For additional information on how you can join, get involved, or collaborate on future events feel free to contact us at NBPASF@gmail.com or our Chapter President, Tierrel "TJ" Mathis at TJMathis.Esq@gmail.com.



Founded in 1994 and based in Miami, Florida, the Caribbean Bar Association ("CBA") is a voluntary bar organization that has grown from just over 25 lawyers at its inception, to well over 200 attorneys from the Caribbean-American community in South and Central Florida. CBA attorneys workkin both the public and private sectors and practice criminal law, civil litigation, administrative law, family, immigration, international law, arbitration, insurance defense, medical malpractice, real estate, trust and estates, probate and a wealth of other practice areas.

In 2000, the CBA adopted the motto "Informing, Educating Empowering"" - capturing the essence of its mission to inform, educate and empower all members of the Caribbean-American community in South and Central Florida.

With its local base and international focus, the CBA continues to be uniquely positioned to advocate on behalf of the entire Caribbean-American community in South Florida and to act as a bridge between law, politics and community awareness.



The Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association (GSCBWLAW), formerly the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division Dade County Chapter, was formed in 1985. The purpose of this association is to address the concerns of our community with an emphasis on the legal, social, economic and political needs of the Black community, and to address the professional development of Black women lawyers, and its members, including continuing legal education and the pursuit of professional excellence.

For over thirty years, the association has been a network of attorneys dedicated to community service and the professional development of its members. The association has placed a strong emphasis on community service through its community seminars, free neighborhood legal clinics and programs educating and empowering youth and the mentorship of law students. The association is also known for its support of its members' growth and development within the legal profession. With this support, our members have achieved many "firsts" within Florida as lawyers within law firms, corporations, government agencies and the judiciary.

In 2005, the association voted to be renamed in honor of community activist Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry, who was the first Black female attorney to practice in Dade County and the first Black female legislator in the State of Florida. Throughout the association's existence, it has grown and its reach has expanded. Although it began as a Dade County bar association, GSCBWLAW currently represents over 350 men and women law students, lawyers and judges throughout the State of Florida.



Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service is what Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated is known for. Culture for Service and Service for Humanity is what we do. The Theta Rho Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated is proud to represent and serve the South Florida Community. The Theta Rho Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma was founded in 1984 and have been serving the community since.

**EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE
PRIMARY ELECTION 8/23/2022**

AUGUST 8TH	AUGUST 9TH	AUGUST 10TH	AUGUST 11TH	AUGUST 12TH	AUGUST 13TH	AUGUST 14TH
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:00AM – 3:00PM	7:00AM – 3:00PM	7:00AM – 3:00PM	7:00AM – 3:00PM	7:00AM – 3:00PM	8:00AM – 4:00PM	8:00AM – 4:00PM
AUGUST 15TH	AUGUST 16TH	AUGUST 17TH	AUGUST 18TH	AUGUST 19TH	AUGUST 20TH	AUGUST 21ST
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11:00AM – 7:00PM	11:00AM – 7:00PM	11:00AM – 7:00PM	11:00AM – 7:00PM	11:00AM – 7:00PM	8:00AM – 4:00PM	8:00AM – 4:00PM

Site Name & Address	Site Name & Address	Site Name & Address
**Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center 405 University Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	Kendall Branch Library 9101 SW 97TH Avenue Miami, FL 33176	North Shore Branch Library 7501 Collins Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33141
Coral Reef Branch Library 9211 SW 152ND Street Miami, FL 33157	Lemon City Branch Library 430 NE 61ST Street Miami, FL 33137	Northeast Dade-Aventura Branch Library 2930 Aventura Boulevard Aventura, FL 33180
Elections Department (Main Office) 2700 NW 87TH Avenue Doral, FL 33172	Miami Beach City Hall 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, FL 33139	South Dade Regional Library 10750 SW 211TH Street Cutler Bay, FL 33189
Florida International University (Student Academic Success Center) 11200 SW 8TH Street Miami, FL 33199 (Entrance on SW 107TH Avenue and SW 16TH Street)	Miami Dade College Kendall Campus (The Fascell Conference Center) 11011 SW 104TH Street - Building K Miami, FL 33176 (Entrance on SW 104TH Street and SW 113TH Place)	Stephen P. Clark Gov't Center (Elections Branch Office) 111 NW 1ST Street (Lobby) Miami, FL 33128
Historic Garage 3250 S Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129 (Same property as the former Museum of Science – as you enter on the right hand side)	Miami Dade College North Campus (Library) 11380 NW 27TH Avenue - Building 2 Miami, FL 33167	West Kendall Regional Library 10201 Hammocks Boulevard Miami, FL 33196
Homestead Community Center (William F. “Bill” Dickinson Community Center) 1601 N. Krome Avenue Homestead, FL 33030	Miami Lakes Community Center (Mary Collins Community Center) 15151 NW 82ND Avenue Miami Lakes, FL 33016	West Miami Community Center 901 SW 62ND Avenue West Miami, FL 33144
John F. Kennedy Library 190 W 49TH Street Hialeah, FL 33012	North Dade Regional Library 2455 NW 183RD Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056	Westchester Regional Library 9445 SW 24TH Street Miami, FL 33165
Joseph Caleb Center Community Meeting Room 5400 NW 22ND Avenue - Building A Miami, FL 33142	North Miami Public Library 835 NE 132ND Street North Miami, FL 33161	

A secure ballot intake station (“Vote-by-Mail Drop Box”) will be available and staffed at each Early Voting location during Early Voting hours of operation.

****Temporary Move (replacing Coral Gables Branch Library)**

MR-REV 6/15/2022