



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you to the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association Gala. This is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate 49 years of legal service to our Commonwealth. Since 1973, the MBLA has nurtured a network of dedicated Black attorneys who provide critical insights on equitable solutions to the most complex challenges of the legal industry. Lawyers who fight everyday to remove the disproportionate barriers that Black people face in entering this field.

I want to thank Jermaine Kidd for your service as President of the MBLA. And congratulate President-Elect D'Andre Fernandez on your successful election. With the Presidency going from one Bostonian lawyer to another, the MBLA is in good hands.

I'm grateful to join you in honoring three outstanding community leaders. Congratulations to Carolyn Golden Hebsgaard for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award! And congratulations to Damon Hart and Michael Curry, recipients of the Trailblazer Awards! On behalf of the City of Boston, we are beyond grateful for your decades of service and leadership in advancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

I hope you all enjoy tonight's gala.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston