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Minority Bar Association of Western New York Honors & Celebrates Distinguished Community Members and Organizations at Annual Dinner

April 26, 2024 – The Minority Bar Association of Western New York (MBAWNY) will honor several local men, women, and organizations for their diligent and impactful contributions to our community and steadfast dedication to facilitating and advancing equality and excellence in the legal profession. The event will take place on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at Acqua Banquets, 2192 Niagara Street, in Buffalo. The Honorable Shirley Troutman, Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, will be this year’s keynote speaker.

Awards to be presented are:

Outstanding Member Achievement Award: JAMILA LEE, ESQ.

Emerging Legal Excellence Award: ARRIANNA HART, ESQ.

Future Legal Scholar Award: University at Buffalo, School of Law Student TYONNA ACOFF.

Judicial Excellence Award: HONORABLE MARK A. MONTOUR.

Excellence in Promoting Diversity Award: HODGSON RUSS LLP & CRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ-DABNEY, ESQ.

Community Service Award: THE BELLE CENTER & SAY YES BUFFALO.

Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award: HONORABLE DAVID L. EDMUNDS, JR., (RET.)

More information about the event and ticket availability can be found at mbawny.com/dinner.

ABOUT THE MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK

The Minority Bar Association of WNY exists to facilitate and advance equality and excellence in the legal profession; aid in the progress of minorities in the legal profession, address legal issues affecting minorities, encourage the personal and professional development of lawyers and students, advocate for the civil rights of all people and to enhance the legal services available to minority communities.

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