

# Metropolitan Black Bar Association 40th Anniversary Awards Gala - May 17, 2024

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The Metropolitan Black Bar Association ([MBBA](#)) is thrilled to announce its 40th Anniversary

Awards Gala, themed “Celebrating MBBA at 40: Advancing Our Purpose. Advancing Our Power” encapsulates our storied history and forward-looking aspirations.



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*Carl Forbes, Jr., MBBA  
President*

This milestone event will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at Pier Sixty -Chelsea Piers in New York City, starting at 6:30 pm.

Honoring Excellence and Leadership

The 40th Anniversary Awards Gala will recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of

distinguished members of the legal community, including:

Jurist of the Year: Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge, Court of Appeals State of New York.

Public Servant of the Year: Hon. Sylvia Hinds-Radix, Corporation Counsel, New York City Law Department.

Trailblazers of the Year: Breon Peace, Esq., United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, and Damian Williams, Esq., United States Attorney, Southern District of New York.

Corporate Counsel of the Year: LaTanya Langley, Esq., Chief People and Legal Officer, Corporate Secretary, Edgewell Personal Care.

Private Practitioner of the Year: Patrick Michel, Esq., Partner, Sidley Austin LLP.

40th Anniversary Impact Award: Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Darrell S. Gay Esq.,  
Partner, ArentFox Schiff.

Presidential Award: Wayne S. McKenzie, Esq., Chief,  
Pathways to Public Safety Division, New York  
County District Attorney's Office

Co-Members of the Year Award: Alexis Stanley, Esq.  
& Madjeen Garcon Bonneau, Esq., Co-Chairs, MBBA  
Young Lawyers Division,

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The poster features a dark blue and purple background with a city skyline at night. At the top left is the Metropolitan Black Bar Association logo. The main title is '40th ANNIVERSARY AWARDS GALA HONOREES'. The honorees are listed in two columns, each with a portrait and their name and title.

Award Category	Honoree Name	Title
JURIST of THE YEAR	Hon. Rowan D. Wilson	Chief Judge, Court of Appeals State of New York
TRAILBLAZER of THE YEAR	Breon Peace, Esq.	United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York
TRAILBLAZER of THE YEAR	Damian Williams, Esq.	United States Attorney, Southern District of New York
PRIVATE PRACTITIONER of THE YEAR	Patrick Michel, Esq.	Partner, Silley Austin LLP
CORPORATE COUNSEL of THE YEAR	LaBryn Langley, Esq.	Chief People and Legal Officer, Corporate Secretary, Edgewell Personal Care
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Award	Darrell S. Gay, Esq.	Partner, ArentFox Schiff
40th ANNIVERSARY IMPACT AWARD	Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP	
PRESIDENTIAL Award	Wayne S. McKenzie, Esq.	Chief, Pathways to Public Safety Division, New York County District Attorney's Office
CO-MEMBERS OF THE YEAR Award	Alexis Stanley, Esq. & Madjeen Garcon Bonneau, Esq.	Co-Chair, MBBA Young Lawyers Division
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