



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello TMBA family,

Today's message will be short and sweet. Vote! "Slavery is not abolished until the Black man [and woman] has the ballot." These words, declared by the great Frederick Douglass, one month after the end of the Civil War, still ring true today. The only way that we secure true freedom and self-determination is by exercising our right to vote. Many brave and impassioned Americans protested, marched, were arrested, and even died working towards voting equality. Voting resulted in the passage of the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, and 24th amendments. Voting is also responsible for the Civil Rights Act & The Voting Rights Act. Voting has been responsible for dismantling local laws created to suppress the black vote. Unfortunately, voting has also been

responsible for creating local laws to suppress the black vote. Although the fight to protect African American suffrage still rages on today—These key pieces of legislation were critical in securing the right to vote for black men and women in this country. We owe it to our ancestors, our future generation, and the individuals on the front lines today, to exercise our right to vote!

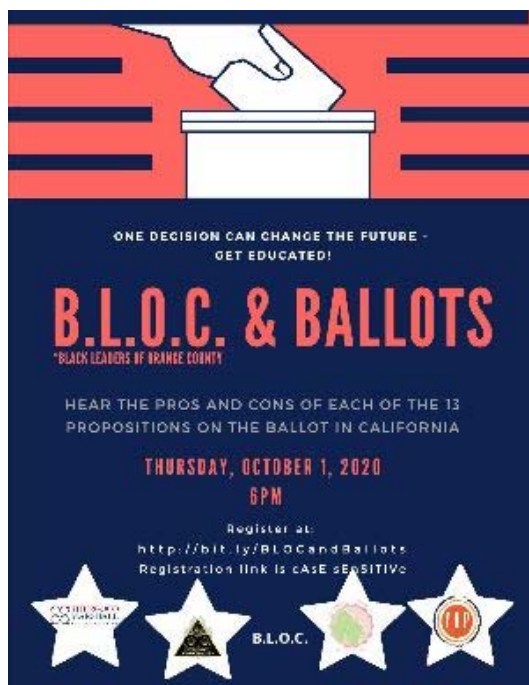
2020 has been a unique year, and the 2020 election season has been just as unique! If you have questions about the election process (i.e. Is it safe to mail in my ballot? Should I mail in my ballot vs. physically go to the ballot box on election day? Is there a way to track my ballot if I do mail it in? etc.), feel free to email [info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org](mailto:info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org) and we will be happy to answer your questions. Also, if you choose to go to the polls on election day vs. mail in your ballot early and run into any issues, feel free to email us! Lastly, if you have questions regarding any of the propositions that will appear on the November ballot and missed our "Bloc and Ballots" event, feel free to check out summaries of each of the propositions [HERE!](#)

We are all in this together! As always, please feel free to let us know how we can best assist you by emailing: [info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org](mailto:info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org). Please click [HERE](#) to join the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association Facebook page and be sure to follow us on Instagram [@thurgoodmarshallbarofficial](#) for more information and updates. We are stronger together!

Best,

Keshia Dorsey  
*Thurgood Marshall Bar Association President*

## RECAP OF TMBA'S PAST ACTIVITIES



ONE DECISION CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE -  
GET EDUCATED!


# B.L.O.C. & BALLOTS

\*BLACK LEADERS OF ORANGE COUNTY

HEAR THE PROS AND CONS OF EACH OF THE 13  
PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT IN CALIFORNIA

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020**  
6PM

Register at:  
<http://bit.ly/BLOcandBallots>  
Registration link is case sensitive



**OCTOBER  
LEGAL WORKSHOP**

FEATURING • Hollie Washington, Esq. • Topic: Your Rights  
at the Polls; Powers of Attorney and Advanced Healthcare  
Directives

**WHEN**  
Saturday, October 10, 2020  
11:00am

**WHERE**  
Live Webinar  
Zoom Link: 954 7111 4092



THURGOOD MARSHALL BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

# WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS

Live DJ and Games  
7:00PM - 8:00PM  
Every 2nd Wednesday  
Zoom ID: 459-777-1233



Music By:  
DJ AmRe




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Hosted by The S.C.E.A. Foundation

OCT. 15, 2020 | 5-8:30PM

# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT TOWN HALL



VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON ZOOM WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS IN OC

Confirmed City Councilman Jose Moreno, Mayor Pro Tem Terita Clark and other candidates running for office

Top 10 Indica Voting, COVID-19, and more.

Fast-track law firm to achieve a 40% through diversity, equity and inclusion metrics by 2025. 100% Black

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REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE  
Some go to only 1000  
Zoom link will be sent after registration

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT ALICIA NEEDHAM 714-756-0027  
INFO@THEGREENFOUNDATION.NET

TMBA presents a PRE-LAW THREE PART WEBINAR SERIES

## THE ROAD TO BECOMING A LAWYER

### Part I: The Journey to Practicing Law - Firsthand Experiences from Black Professionals

Get the inside scoop on what it's really like to practice BigLaw, Public Interest Law, and Government Law while Black. Q&A to follow presentation.

September 25, 2020  
2:00 - 3:30pm PT

Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/TMBAPreLawSeriesPartIJourney>

Registration link is cAsE sEnSiTiVe




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## THE ROAD TO BECOMING A LAWYER

### PART II: LAW SCHOOL LIFE - DISPELLING THE MYTHS & EXPLORING THE TRUTHS

Come listen to current law students and recent graduates talk about their experiences preparing for law school, selecting a law school, the ups and downs of being a Black law student, and all other aspects of the daily life of a law student.



OCTOBER 16, 2020  
2:00 - 3:30PM PT

Register here:  
<http://bit.ly/TMBALawSchoolLife>  
Registration link is cAsE sEnSiTiVe



## THE ROAD TO BECOMING A LAWYER SERIES

In keeping with its mission, **TMBA** reaches out to various colleges and community colleges in the southern California area to provide pre-law students an opportunity to learn about the practice of law and law school life, all in an effort to encourage young African Americans to pursue a career in the legal field. Here is a recap of Part I and Part II of the three-part series, "The Road to Becoming a Lawyer," to educate pre-law students on various facets of the legal profession.

### **Part I: The Journey to Practicing Law - Firsthand Experiences from Black Professionals**

Held on September 25th, students were exposed to seasoned attorneys across different practice areas. The webinar covered various aspects of practicing law as in-house counsel, civil litigator, and criminal defense and featured the following panelists:



**Uche Anene**  
Director, Legal Counsel at AT&T



**Justin Sanders**  
Co-Managing Partner at  
Sanders Roberts, LLP



**Tamika Williams**  
Deputy District Attorney at  
Orange County District  
Attorney's Office

The panelists were candid and shared their broad experiences, including why they chose a legal career, their law school experiences, how they chose their practice area, the ups and downs of being an attorney, and tips for being successful in the legal profession.

### **Part II: Law School Life - Dispelling the Myths & Exploring the Truths was held on October 16, 2020**

In this October 16th webinar, students heard directly from current law students and recent law school graduates who shared their truths about preparing for law school and the challenges of being a law student from the first year through graduation. Our panelists also

shared helpful tips on navigating law school, successfully preparing for exams, how to build a network and support system, and getting involved in student organizations and bar associations.

Part II Panelists:

Anthonya James, UCI School of Law, 2L

Dominique Cavalier, Chapman University Fowler School of Law, J.D. 2020

Lance Cotton, Chapman University Fowler School of Law, J.D. 2019

[Mark your calendars for Friday, November 6 at 2:00 pm for Part III of the series: Financing Law School - Surviving Your Student Loans.](#)

## UPCOMING TMBA EVENTS

### ***WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS***

Wednesday, November 11 | 7:00pm

**Life Happens ~ Wine Helps**

*Click on the flyer to go to the Zoom link*



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**THE ROAD TO BECOMING A LAWYER**  
**Part III: Financing Law School - Surviving Your Student Loans**  
Friday, November 6 | 2:00pm  
*More information to follow soon*

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**LEGAL WORKSHOP WITH THE NAACP-OC**  
Saturday, November 14 | 11:00am

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**NOVEMBER  
LEGAL WORKSHOP**

**FEATURING • Yemi Adeyanju, Esq.**  
**Topic: Patients' Privacy & Rights in the Healthcare System**

**WHEN**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2020**  
**11:00am**

**WHERE**  
**Live Webinar**  
**Zoom Link: 954 7111 4892**

**LAW STUDENT CORNER**

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

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**JOHN M. LANGSTON**  
BAR ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES

**2020-21 Scholarship Application**

The 2020-21 Langston Bar Scholarship Application goes **LIVE** on **Monday, October 19**.

Application submission **DEADLINE** is **Monday, November 9 (11:59pm PT)**.

A virtual '**INFORMATION SESSION**,' which will include an overview of the application process, insights from scholarship committee members, and testimony from former scholarship recipients, will be held on **Monday, October 26 from 4:50pm-5:50pm**.

Register in advance for this session:  
["https://ucla.zoom.us/j/71f-irzopHdenmBGIO16FygSBASZ6P3cQ"](https://ucla.zoom.us/j/71f-irzopHdenmBGIO16FygSBASZ6P3cQ)

**APPLY AT:**  
[www.langstonbar.org/2020-21-scholarship-app](http://www.langstonbar.org/2020-21-scholarship-app)

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**Our Mission Statement:**

*Thurgood Marshall Bar Association is a contemporary bar association committed to connect, support, and increase the Black legal community in Orange County. TMBA strives to promote diversity, professional improvement, and the advancement of justice through positive community involvement and excellence in the practice of law for the Black legal community, allies, and the community at large.*

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