

THE T.J. REDDICK BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

# THE BLACK EXCELLENCE BALL

*A Black Tie Soirée*

COMMEMORATING MORE THAN THREE DECADES  
OF  
SCHOLARSHIP · COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT  
& INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

SATURDAY · JULY 11 · 2026 · 6:00 PM

Tower Club Fort Lauderdale

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friend of the T.J. Reddick Bar Association,

*It is the honor of my presidency to invite you to one of the most meaningful evenings on our calendar, the 34th Annual Scholarship, Awards & Installation Gala, reimagined this year as The Black Excellence Ball: A Black Tie Soirée.*

On Saturday, July 11, 2026, we will gather at the Tower Club Fort Lauderdale for an unforgettable evening of celebration, recognition, and purpose. We will install our 2026-2027 officers, honor extraordinary leaders whose work has shaped our profession and community, and award scholarships to the high school and law school students who represent the very future our Association was built to champion.

Founded in 1982 by a remarkable group of attorneys who refused to accept exclusion as a status quo, TJRBA has spent more than four decades opening doors, into law firms, courtrooms, classrooms, and judicial chambers. We continue that work today by advancing professional excellence among Black lawyers in Broward County, expanding pathways into the legal profession, and serving the most vulnerable members of our community.

This gala is the engine behind much of that mission. Your sponsorship directly funds scholarships, mentorship, community programming, and the platform we provide to a new generation of legal leaders. In return, you will be recognized in front of an audience that includes the leaders of South Florida's bench and bar, our partners across the state, and the families and students whose lives your support changes.

I am serving as Acting Gala Chair this year, and I would be delighted to discuss how we can tailor a sponsorship that reflects your values and elevates your brand. To ensure prominent recognition in our printed program and across event materials, kindly submit your commitment by **Monday, June 22, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at **(954) 833-8218** or **presidenttjreddickbar@gmail.com**, or reach our Gala Co-Chairs **Sylvester Bailey** and **Raymond Jackson** at **tjrgala2026@gmail.com**. Thank you for considering this partnership, we look forward to standing alongside you on July 11.

With gratitude,

*Chelsea Lewis*  
**CHELSEA LEWIS, ESQ.**  
*President & Acting Gala Chair*

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**SYLVESTER BAILEY,**  
**ESQ.**  
*Gala Co-Chair & Sponsorship Liaison*

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# Nominate a Trailblazer

## 2026 AWARD CATEGORIES

Each year, TJRBA honors outstanding individuals who exemplify excellence, leadership, and service in the legal profession and beyond. From trailblazing judges and impactful attorneys to community advocates and visionary leaders, our past honorees have paved the way for progress and representation. We invite you to help us shine a light on those making a meaningful difference.

### ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PROFESSION

A current or past TJRBA member who has excelled in the legal profession with at least 10 years of practice in Broward County, exemplifying the highest moral character and a passion for increasing diversity on the bench and throughout the profession.

### JUDGE ZEBEDEE WRIGHT JUDICIAL AWARD

A past or present Broward Circuit or County Court Judge (Magistrate / Hearing Officer) who has supported TJRBA and the Black community in Broward County, uplifted the legal profession through community outreach, and championed diversity on the bench.

### EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

A TJRBA member or nonmember committed to enhancing the community through pro bono activities, providing access to courts, educating citizens, volunteering with youth, and working to end the school-to-prison pipeline.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A past or present TJRBA member, legal entity, business professional, or sponsor committed to the professional development of young lawyers, members, and aspiring Black legal professionals.

### EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

A TJRBA member active in The Florida Bar, the Broward Bar Association, or other voluntary bar associations who demonstrates innovation, constant involvement, and a commitment to enhancing the practice of law.

### RISING JURIST

A Broward Circuit or County Court Judge (Magistrate / Hearing Officer) serving less than three (3) years who has already demonstrated fairness, integrity, community engagement, advancement of diversity, and a commitment to mentoring young lawyers.



NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

### SUBMIT A NOMINATION

[TJREDDICKBAR.COM/AWARD-NOMINATIONS](https://tjreddickbar.com/award-nominations) · scan the QR or visit the link to nominate via Google Form.

Award and scholarship opportunities are open to all qualified candidates regardless of race, color, national origin, or background. The T.J. Reddick Bar Association evaluates nominees on achievement, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to advancing access, equity, and service in the legal profession.



*Partner with Purpose*

# SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

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*The T.J. Reddick Bar Association has refreshed its sponsorship benefits at every level to bring greater value and recognition opportunities to you, our treasured sponsors.*

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- Recognition on all event marketing, invitations, press, newsletters, social, digital media
- Ten (10) complimentary tickets with premier seating at a specially appointed table

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### PLATINUM

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- Three (3) complimentary tickets with premier seating

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**\$750**

- Quarter-page ad in the Installation program
- Recognition on electronic invitations, press releases, newsletters, and digital media at the event
- Two (2) complimentary tickets

### BRONZE

**\$375**

- Recognition on electronic invitations, newsletters, and digital media at the event
- One (1) complimentary ticket

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### VBA SPONSORSHIP

**\$325**

- Reserved exclusively for voluntary bar associations partnering with TJRBA
- Recognition on electronic invitations, newsletters, and digital media at the event
- One (1) complimentary ticket

*\*VBA pricing is reserved for recognized voluntary bar associations and is subject to verification. TJRBA reserves the right to confirm organizational status before applying VBA rates.*

### EXCLUSIVE UNDERWRITING

*Category-exclusive recognition · One sponsor per category · Tickets included*

<b>BAR</b> · 7 tickets · full-page ad	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> · 5 tickets · full-page ad	<b>\$3,000</b>
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# Sponsorship Commitment

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### INSTALLATION & AWARDS SPONSORSHIP

TITLE	\$6,000	PLATINUM	\$3,000
GOLD	\$1,500	SILVER	\$750
BRONZE	\$375	VBA*	\$325

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### PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

FULL PAGE	\$500
HALF PAGE	\$300
QUARTER PAGE	\$200
BUSINESS CARD	\$125

### EXCLUSIVE UNDERWRITING

BAR · 7 tix	\$4,500
ENTERTAINMENT · 5 tix	\$3,000
BALLROOM DÉCOR · 4 tix	\$2,500
SOUVENIRS · 3 tix	\$1,500



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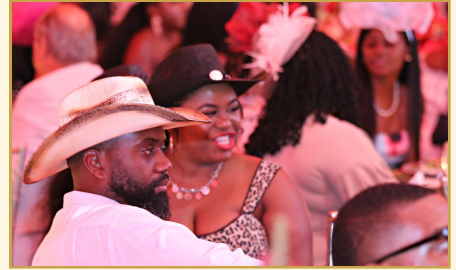
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# A Win-Win Proposition

WHY PARTNER WITH TJRBA



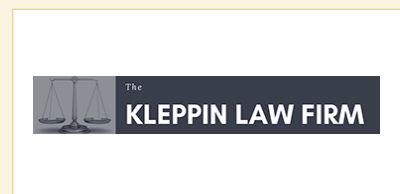
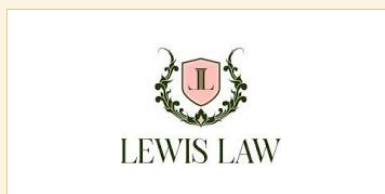
*Moments from the 2025 Scholarship & Awards Gala*

By advertising your support for the T.J. Reddick Bar Association, you are branding your business alongside a nonprofit with a long, proud history of supporting our community, Black lawyers, high school and law school students, and all who share our mission.

Each month, our website at [tjreddickbar.com](http://tjreddickbar.com) reaches hundreds of attorneys, judges, and community leaders. Our social media channels are among the most followed in the South Florida legal community, and our e-newsletter reaches a growing list of subscribers every week.

We offer a variety of marketing options designed to maximize visibility to a highly targeted, professional audience. We look forward to partnering with you.

## A Few of Our Past Sponsors & Partners



# The 2025 Gala

BY THE NUMBERS

## \$30K+

RAISED

Through 2025 Gala fundraising, the largest in recorded TJRBA history.

## \$17K+

SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED

The most in recorded TJRBA history, directly into the hands of future legal leaders.

## 100+

IN THE ROOM

Legal professionals, judges, and community allies gathered in support.

Behind every number is a student funded, a story changed, and a profession opened. The 2025 Gala did not just raise dollars, it raised the floor for the next generation of Black lawyers in Broward County. **Your sponsorship in 2026 keeps that floor rising.**

## 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

- Henry Latimer Scholarship, law school students
- Judge Mary Rudd Robinson Scholarship, Nova BLSA
- Raleigh R. Rawls Scholarship, Ft. Lauderdale pre-law student
- Charlie B. Levy Scholarship, law school students



## Highlights from the 2025 Scholarship & Awards Gala

Scholarship and award opportunities are open to all qualified applicants regardless of race, color, national origin, or background. The T.J. Reddick Bar Association evaluates candidates on academic achievement, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to advancing access, equity, and service in the legal profession.

# In Solidarity

IN GRATITUDE TO OUR COMMUNITY

A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

In gratitude to every voluntary bar association, firm, and friend who walked with us through **ANOTHER YEAR OF PARTNERSHIP AND PURPOSE**

*your continued support fuels the scholarships, mentorship, community clinics, and platform we offer the next generation of legal leaders.*

WITH APPRECIATION

South Palm Beach County Bar Association

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*“If you want to go far, go together.”*

- AFRICAN PROVERB

# ABOUT TJRBA

*A Legacy of Excellence Since 1982*



THE HONORABLE  
THOMAS J. REDDICK  
JR.

1939, 1993

The T.J. Reddick Bar Association was founded in 1982, when Black attorneys in Broward County were systematically denied equal access, to law firms and partnerships, to court appointments in civil and criminal cases, to judgeships, and to the basic respect of their profession. The founding members, attorneys W. George Allen, Alcee L. Hastings, Benjamin F. Lampkin, Jr., Henry Latimer, Raleigh R. Rawls, James Brown, William Hutchinson, Jr., Judge Zebedee Wright, and of course Thomas J. Reddick, Jr., refused to accept those terms.

They named the Association after Thomas J. Reddick, Jr.: the first Black attorney to open an office and practice law in Broward County, the first Black attorney appointed to the Broward County Court of Record, and the first Black attorney elected to serve as Circuit Court Judge in the State of Florida. Though Judge Reddick passed in 1993, his legacy endures.

Today, the Association is dedicated to promoting the professional excellence of Black lawyers in Broward County, increasing the enrollment of minority students in college and law school, and promoting the

## OUR SHARED MISSION

- Articulate and promote the goals and objectives of Black lawyers in Broward County.
- Foster and encourage professional excellence.
- Promote awareness of and commitment to the civil and political rights of the local Black community.
- Influence positive change in the American legal community to make it more responsive to Black lawyers and to the local and national Black communities.
- Increase the enrollment of Black law students.
- Promote the general welfare of all citizens in Broward County.
- Uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession, both locally and nationally.



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*For your dedication and your support.*



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*We Look Forward to Celebrating with You*

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