

JOHN M. LANGSTON
BAR ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES

43rd Annual
Installation & Awards Gala

Langston is Family:
Looking Back, Looking Forward, Looking Out

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Cocktail Reception 5:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

JW Marriott Los Angeles LA Live

900 W. Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, California

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www.LangstonBar.org/2019Gala

For more information, please contact:

Valarie Dean, Gala Chair • **Email:** vdean@langstonbar.org



Re: 43rd Annual Installation and Scholarship Awards Gala

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Supporters of the John M. Langston Bar Association:

As the 2019 President of the John M. Langston Bar Association, I am excited to invite you to support and attend the 43rd Annual Installation and Scholarship Awards Gala on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the J.W. Marriott Los Angeles L.A. Live Hotel.

The theme for the 2019 year is "Langston is Family: Looking Back, Looking Forward, Looking Out." Our organization truly is a family, and the Board works very hard throughout the year to have a positive impact on our Langston family members and in the community. Each year, Langston awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving law students. Langston provides continuing legal education for attorneys, free bar exam tutorials for law students, participates in attorney job fairs, creates mentoring programs for law students and young attorneys, and evaluates candidates who are interested in judicial officer positions. Langston's attorneys also provide pro bono legal services, participate in community service projects, and sponsor elementary to high school pipeline programs for young students who may one day be attorneys.

Langston's annual Gala serves as the primary source of funding for Langston's many efforts to support our members and the community. With the commitment and generosity of our sponsors, this celebration has grown in size and strength with over 600 attendees just last year. Our past sponsors include major corporations, law firms, legal service providers and individuals. Your sponsorship and commitment means we can assist our law students with scholarships, internships and fellowships in 2019, help grow the pipeline with programming at select schools, support legal clinics throughout the county and so much more. I would be happy to sit down and speak with you about how we can continue to grow and support our Langston family together!

Our Gala Sponsorship Package is enclosed. We hope that you consider investing in our work in 2019. And we sincerely hope that you join us as we recognize our scholarship recipients and our illustrious group of 2019 honorees. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to your partnership and seeing you at the Gala.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Byron J. McLain

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2019 Honorees

Loren Miller Lawyer of the Year Award

Tina Perry

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Bernard S. Jefferson Judge of the Year Award

Hon. Kevin C. Brazile

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Ridley-Thomas Public Service Award

Hon. Karen Bass

House Representative, 37th District
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Law Firm Diversity of the Year Award

Covington & Burling, LLP





JOHN M. LANGSTON BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS REVIEW

The John M. Langston Bar Association has hosted numerous programs and activities and has provided services that have benefited its membership, the legal community and individuals who find themselves without legal representation or an advocate. Below is an illustrative list of programs, activities and services provided by our dedicated Board of Directors and supported by our general membership and generous sponsors throughout the years:

- Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive
- Annual Indispensable Associate 101 Workshop for Summer Associates and Junior Attorneys
- Annual Langston Law Institute Full-Day CLE Program
- Award of Scholarships to Law Students (\$75,000 awarded in 2016 alone)
- Corporate Firm Network Committee's (CFN) Annual Summer Dinner to honor African-American Summer Associates, Clerks, and Interns
- Courtroom Etiquette CLE
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition
- Free California Bar Exam Tutorial Preparation Courses offered in February and July
- John M. Langston Bar Association Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
- Judicial Appointment Process Seminar with Joshua Groban, Senior Advisor for Policy and Appointments to the Office of the Governor seminar
- Judicial Officer Candidate Evaluations
- Judicial Reception recognizing State and Federal Judges (2018)
- Know Your Rights Community Forum on Police Brutality
- Langston Bar Association's Day of Giving where Langston members volunteer at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank assembling food packages for low income seniors, women with infants, and children in Los Angeles County
- Los Angeles NAACP Justice & Equality Award, 2017
- Law Student and Young Lawyers Networking Reception (2018)
- Meet and Greet Lunches for Young Lawyers and Law Students
- Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles Just Neighbor Award Recipient, 2016
- Networking Events and Mixers
- Pajamas Giveaway at the Edmund G. Edelman Children's Court sponsored by Hyundai (2018)
- Pro Bono Legal Clinics in Inglewood and Compton
- Silicon Beach Technology and Entertainment Diversity Initiative @ Google (2018)
- The Milton Grimes Trial Lawyer's College Scholarship (2018)
- Voter Registration Training (2018)
- Voting Rights Act - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and Examination of Strategies for Moving Forward
- Women at the Table Panel Series (co-sponsored with Lim, Ruger and Kim LLP)
- Young Attorney and Law Student Mentorship Program
- Young Lawyers 101 Continuing Education Series
- Young Lawyers Career Expo with Panel Discussions, Networking and Résumé Acceptance
- Young Lawyers Summer Soirée
- Youth and the Law Know Your Rights Seminar at Local Schools



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- DIAMOND SPONSOR \$30,000:** Three VIP tables of 10 with table signage, complimentary valet parking passes for 20 guests, live sponsor and slide presentation acknowledgment at gala, one full page Premium ad in program book, featured recognition on Langston website, in e-newsletter and acknowledgment in all news, social media and press releases regarding the 2019 Gala, through February 28, 2019, complimentary 2019 Corporate Firm Network Sponsorship recognition.
- PLATINUM SPONSOR \$20,000:** Two VIP tables of 10 with table signage, complimentary valet parking passes for 5 guests, live sponsor and slide presentation acknowledgment at gala, one full page standard ad in program book, featured recognition on Langston website, in e-newsletter and acknowledgment in all news, social media and press releases regarding the 2019 Gala through February 28, 2019, complimentary 2019 Corporate Firm Network Sponsorship recognition.
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- SILVER SPONSOR \$10,000:** One table of 10 with table signage, slide presentation acknowledgment at gala, full page standard ad in program book, featured recognition on Langston website regarding the 2019 Gala through February 28, 2019.
- BRONZE SPONSOR \$5,000:** One table of 10 with table signage, slide presentation acknowledgment at gala and one-half (1/2) page standard ad in program book.
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- DONATION \$** _____

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Individual Ticket(s)

\$165.00 by January 9, 2019

\$225.00 after January 9, 2019

Table(s)

\$1,550 by January 9, 2019

\$2,150 after January 9, 2019

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Name: _____

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INDIVIDUAL TICKET(S)

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Number of Tables: _____ Total \$ _____

Email your list of attendees to Valarie Dean at vdean@langstonbar.org

I cannot attend but I would like to donate: \$ _____

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JOHN M. LANGSTON BAR ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The John M. Langston Bar Association proudly carries the name of a man who has made an immeasurable contribution to our history. John Mercer Langston was a United States Congressman from Virginia, one of the first African Americans to be elected to public office, and the first Dean of Howard University School of Law, the first African-American law school in the country. The Association also has a long and impressive history. Founded in the 1920s, the Association was originally known as the Blackstone Club and was founded in response to other bar associations' policy of excluding African Americans as members. The Blackstone Club became the Langston Law Club in 1943, and officially became the John M. Langston Bar Association in 1968. In 1990, the organization incorporated as a California nonprofit corporation. The John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Contributions to the organization are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Under the leadership of distinguished Presidents and active board members, the John M. Langston Bar Association has provided its members and the community with exceptional programs and events. Some of its annual events include awarding scholarships to deserving law students at the installation and award gala; providing free bar exam tutorials to assist law students in passing the bar examination; inducting accomplished legal practitioners and pioneers of our Bar into the Langston Hall of Fame; mentoring activities for law students and young lawyers; sponsoring continuing legal education programs for members and hosting the Langston Law Institute where bar members and the community discuss solutions to legal issues affecting our neighborhoods.

The John M. Langston Bar Association thanks its members, sponsors, and volunteers for their dedication and assistance throughout the year and looks forward to another successful year in this legacy of legal excellence.

ABOUT JOHN MERCER LANGSTON

The Association is named after John Mercer Langston (December 14, 1829 - November 15, 1897) who was an American abolitionist and U.S. Congressman from Virginia. He was one of the first African Americans in the United States to be elected to public office when in 1855, he was elected as a town clerk in Ohio.

Langston was born a slave in Louisa County, Virginia. His parents died when he was five years old and Langston was freed in compliance with his father's wishes. Langston then moved to Oberlin, Ohio, and enrolled in Oberlin College at the age of fourteen, where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree. Langston later applied to Albany Law School, and was denied admission due to his race. Langston studied law under attorney Philemon Bliss and became a member of the Ohio bar in 1854. He was the first African American to be so admitted and later became a member of the Virginia bar as well.

Langston moved to Washington, D.C. in 1868 to establish and serve as Dean of the Howard University School of Law, the first African-American law school in the country. He became president of the school in 1872. President Ulysses S. Grant appointed Langston a member of the District of Columbia Board of Health, and he was elected its secretary in 1875. In 1877, he resigned to become U.S. minister to Haiti. He returned to Virginia in 1885, and was the first president of Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute (now Virginia State University).

In 1888, Langston ran for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican. He lost to his Democratic opponent, but contested the results of the election. After an 18-month fight, he was declared the winner and awarded the Congressional Seat. He served for the remaining six months of the term. Langston was the first African American elected to Congress from Virginia, and he was the only one for another century.

After a lifetime of firsts and numerous historical accomplishments, Langston died in his Washington home on November 15, 1897. John Mercer Langston was the uncle of world-renowned poet, Langston Hughes (born James Mercer Langston Hughes - named after his uncle).



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