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**Celebrating History after 50 Years of  
Struggle for Justice and Equality**

*The Sixth Annual Deliverance Ball - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of  
**Brown v. Board of Education***

**White Plains, NY, April 29, 2004,** - In recognition of the 1954 landmark Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Association of Black Lawyers of Westchester County and The African American Chambers of Commerce will host the Sixth Annual Deliverance Ball to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landmark United States Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* with a black tie gala on June 10, 2004 from 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Isle Country Club, Eastchester, New York. The keynote speakers will be the Brown Sisters, Linda Brown Thompson and Cheryl Brown Henderson, two of the original litigants. Jacques DeGraff, HardBall on MSNBC's HardBall, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The evenings' honorees will be Clarence Jones, Esq. - Former Counsel and Draft Speech Writer for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and current Executive Consultant, Marks Paneth & Shron, LLP. - recipient of the Professional Service Award; Justice Juanita Bing Newton - Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives and Administrative Judge for the Criminal Courts of the City of New York - recipient of the Constance Baker Motley Award; Rodney J. Reynolds - Founder and Publisher of *American Legacy* Magazine and Executive Producer of *American Legacy* Television - recipient of the Earl G. Graves Award and Judge H. Hawthorne Harris - the first elected African-American to the bench in Westchester County -recipient of the Presidents Award.

A silent auction will be held during the cocktail hour; a portion of the silent auction proceeds will be donated to establish a scholarship at Pace University School of Law.

The ticket price is \$150.00 before May 24, 2004 and \$175.00 after May 24, 2004. The ticket for the MOET VIP Reception with the Brown Sisters is \$200.00. The price for a table of 12 is \$1,800 before May 24, 2004 and \$2,000 after May 24, 2004. A Commemorative Journal will be distributed.

Dinner sponsors include: Citibank, Black Enterprise Magazine, American Express, Heineken USA, Sheffelin and Somerset, PepsiCo, the Business Journal, Verizon, Bermuda Tourism and Pace Law School.

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The Association of Black Lawyers of Westchester County was formed in 1973. The organization's objectives include improving the integrity and standards of professionalism in the legal community; improving public confidence in the judicial system and the administration of justice; promoting and encouraging independence, diversity and inclusion in the judiciary and in the court system; and upholding the promise of equality, fairness, and justice for all under law regardless of race, color, sex, creed, or national origin. The organization's membership consists of attorneys residing or working in Westchester County and New York City, judges, public officials, academia, and law students. The organization cherishes the contributions and struggles by African-American lawyers for equality in America and their dismantling of racial segregation in education 50 years ago in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The African American Chambers of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties, Inc. (the "Chamber") was established June 28, 1996 as an independent not-for-profit agency to aid, counsel and protect the interests of African American businesses. The Mission of the Chambers is to preserve competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of Westchester and Rockland Counties. The Chamber provides business development seminars as well as networking events throughout the year for its members and public at large. On March 1, 2004, New York State Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton was the Keynote Speaker at the Chamber's Celebration of Women's History Month. Senator Clinton who spoke to the attendees on the state of minority business, opportunities available on the national level and issues surrounding the concerns of today's minority business owner, among other topics. For more information on the Chamber or to become a member you can visit its website at [www.africanamericanchamberofcommercenys.org](http://www.africanamericanchamberofcommercenys.org). Robin L. Douglas is the Founder, CEO and President of the Chamber.

For further information about the dinner, to purchase tickets, to place an ad in the journal or make a donation to the silent auction contact Erma Garland at 914-699-4749 or visit us on the Internet at [www.africanamericanchamberofcommercenys.org](http://www.africanamericanchamberofcommercenys.org).

