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The Williams Commission to Celebrate Women’s History Month with Fireside Chat Featuring Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – The Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, in collaboration with the New York Women Judges Association, the Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin Commission on Women in the Courts, and the New York City Bar Association, will host its Women’s History Month program, “Women Breaking Barriers: Leadership, Legacy, and Justice,” on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at the New York City Bar Association at 42 West 44th Street, New York.

The program will feature a fireside chat with former **U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch**, exploring her distinguished career, her historic role as the first Black woman to serve as United States Attorney General, and her reflections on leadership and public service. The program will also honor **Bronx County District Attorney Darcel Clark**, for her groundbreaking career and enduring impact on the justice system and the legal community.

Both Attorney General Lynch and District Attorney Clark's trailblazing careers will be celebrated with video tributes and remarks from prominent members of the legal and judicial community – including **Muhammad U. Faridi**, President of the NYC Bar Association; **Hon. Troy K. Webber**, FHW Co-Chair and Associate Justice of the Appellate Division’s First Department; **Hon. Shirley Troutman**, FHW Co-Chair and Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals; **Hon. Llinét Rosado**, Co-Chair of the Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin Commission on Women in the Courts and Associate Justice of the Appellate Division’s First Department; and **Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden**, President of the New York Women Judges Association and Associate Justice of the

Appellate Division's Fourth Department.

Judge Troutman said, "Leadership, resilience, and the unrelenting pursuit of justice define the women we honor this month. We're proud to celebrate the remarkable careers of Attorney General Lynch and District Attorney Clark."

"Women who break barriers expand what's possible for everyone," said Justice Webber. "This program honors the women who have shaped the course of justice and progress throughout history and encourages the next generation to continue breaking barriers."

Sponsors include the New York City Bar Association, New York State Women Judges Association Inc., and the Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin Commission on Women in the Courts. Co-Sponsor includes the New York City Bar Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging.

[Learn more about the program and register for the program.](#)

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