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**Former Justice, Kings County Supreme Court of New York  
to Receive Award Celebrating Black History**  
*Hon. yvonne lewis to receive 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ida B. Wells-Barnett Justice Award*

New York, NY – January 30, 2018 – On Tuesday, February 27 at 6 p.m., The New York County Lawyers Association and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association will present the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Ida B. Wells-Barnett Justice Award to the Honorable yvonne lewis, former Justice, Kings County Supreme Court of New York. Visit [nycla.org](http://nycla.org) for more information on this event taking place at the NYCLA Home of Law, 14 Vesey Street in Manhattan.

“Justice lewis was selected to receive this year’s Ida B. Wells-Barnett Justice Award for the many accomplishments she has made as a minority woman,” said the Honorable Pam Jackman-Brown, Chair of the Ida B. Wells-Barnett Justice Award Committee. “The New York County Lawyers Association along with the Metropolitan Black Bar Association is honored to present this year’s award to Ms. lewis at the February 27th Awards Reception at the Home of Law.”

Justice lewis began her career as a managing attorney for Bronx Legal Services and continued to work with Legal Services in several offices as a Staff Attorney, a Unit Director, the Director of Litigation, and the Managing Attorney. She was elected to the Civil Court (Kings County) in 1986 and was the first African American female to sit in that Court in Kings County. Justice lewis was elected to the Supreme Court Bench in 1991. She is currently on the board of the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission on Minorities and the National Consortium on Racial Fairness in the Courts.

**About the Ida B. Wells Award**

Named for Ms. Wells-Barnett, one of the first African American women to run for public

office in the United States, each year the award is presented to a woman of color whose life reflects her spirit and courageousness by distinguishing herself in the right for racial and gender equality.

### **About the Metropolitan Black Bar Association**

For more than twenty-eight years, the MBBA has committed to advance equality and excellence in the pursuit of justice and to aid the progress of African-American and other attorneys of color by encouraging the personal and professional development of our members.

### **About the New York County Lawyers Association**

The New York County Lawyers Association ([www.nycla.org](http://www.nycla.org)) was founded in 1908 as one of the first major bar association in the country that admitted members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender. Since its inception, it has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence. For more information on NYCLA please visit [nycla.org](http://nycla.org)

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