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**LACBA to Present its Inaugural Diversity Impact Award to Hon. Kevin C. Brazile,  
Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court**

**LOS ANGELES – June 5, 2019** – The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA), one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the country, will present its inaugural Diversity Impact Award to Hon. Kevin C. Brazile, Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, during its Installation and Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The award is presented to Judge Brazile for his lengthy record of effectuating diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Long before becoming the first African American Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, one of the nation's largest trial court systems, Judge Brazile served as a mentor to countless judges, commissioners and attorneys from diverse backgrounds.

His inclusiveness is seen as an important and vital step to advancing and achieving diversity on in the Court, as he encouraged and assisted many as they successfully sought leadership positions on the Judicial Council, California Judges Association, the Court's Executive Committee and Supervisor positions within the Court. Judge Brazile has worked tirelessly to ensure that there are no barriers to a judge's advancement based on race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

In addition, Judge Brazile opened doors and broadened various minority bars' access to Court Leadership. He invited representatives of various minority bar associations - John M. Langston Bar Association, Black Women Lawyers Association, Mexican American Bar Association, Latina Lawyers Bar Association, LGBT Bar Association, and Armenian Bar Association, among others – to join the Court's coveted Central Civil Bench Bar Committee meeting.

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Judge Brazile began his career as a member of the Los Angeles Office of the County Counsel and remained until his appointment to the bench in 2003 by then California Governor Gray Davis. There, he was the first African American lawyer to become division chief of the General Litigation Section, a position in which he supervised all litigation for the County Counsel office, including high-profile police abuse and employment matters.

As Presiding Judge of the LASC, Judge Brazile is responsible for operations in 39 courthouses throughout the court system.

LACBA's Diversity Impact Award was established in 2019 to recognize an individual, bench officer, government legal office, public-interest law organization, law firm, corporation or other legal service organization for their long and distinguished history of increasing inclusion and diversity in the practice of law.

To purchase tickets to the 2019 Installation and Awards Dinner, please visit [www.lacba.org/Installation-2019](http://www.lacba.org/Installation-2019).

**About the Los Angeles County Bar Association**

The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) is one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the nation and has nearly 20,000 members. LACBA is engaged in advancing the administration of justice and meeting the professional needs of lawyers. For more information on LACBA, visit [www.lacba.org](http://www.lacba.org).

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