ACBA’s 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast set for Jan. 21 at Hill District Church

Pitt’s Larry E. Davis and New Pittsburgh Courier Newspaper to be Honored

WHAT: Allegheny County Bar Association’s 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast and Program.

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 21. Buffet breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. Program starts at 8:30.

WHERE: Ebenezer Baptist Church, 2001 Wylie Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Free parking on site.

WHY: One of the biggest Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations in the Pittsburgh area, the annual breakfast commemorates the life of Dr. King and his contributions that led to changes in the law and social justice. The event is organized by the ACBA’s Homer S. Brown Division. Numerous dignitaries from throughout the Pittsburgh legal community and the community at large will be on hand to remember the noble work of Dr. King. The event includes moving speeches and a stirring musical performance. Among the event’s highlights is the presentation of the Drum Major for Justice Award to an individual who perpetuates Dr. King’s convictions “to make justice, equality and opportunity a reality for all people.” The award’s name comes from Dr. King’s Drum Major Instinct sermon, during which he said, “If you want to say that I was a drum major, say I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness.”

DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE AWARD: Receiving this year’s Drum Major for Justice Award will be Larry E. Davis, Director of the Center on Race and Social Problems at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. Dr. Davis is the founder of Pitt’s Center on Race and Social Problems, which is in its 15th year. He was the first African-American in any discipline to be awarded tenure at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was a Professor of Social Work and Psychology and the holder of the E. Desmond Lee Chair in Ethnic and Racial Diversity. In 2001, Dr. Davis was recruited to the University of Pittsburgh, where he served as Dean of the School of Social Work until 2017, and holds the Donald M. Henderson Chair.

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Legacy Award: The ACBA will honor the former *Pittsburgh Courier* newspaper, and its successor, the *New Pittsburgh Courier*, with a special Legacy Award for providing over a century of service. The newspapers have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to providing timely and relevant reporting of issues of importance to the African-American community in Pittsburgh and across the United States.

**RSVP:** The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, email homersbrown@acba.org or call 412-402-6658 by Monday, Jan. 14.

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** For more information, visit www.ACBA.org.

**MEDIA INFO:** The event includes numerous photo and interview opportunities. Please make arrangements in advance by contacting Brian Knavish, ACBA Director of Marketing and Media Relations, at 412-901-5955 or bknavish@acba.org.

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