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NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION FAIRMONT HOTEL—JULY 27-AUGUST 4, 1984 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

HISTORY OF THE NBA

During the first quarter of the twentieth century twelve Black Americans, with a mutual interest in and dedication to justice and civil rights, helped to structure the struggle of the Black race in America. The National Bar Association, formally organized in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 1, 1925, was conceived by such legal pioneers as George H. Woodson, S. Joe Brown, Gertrude E. Rush, James B. Morris, Charles P. Howard, Sr., Wendell E. Green, C. Francis Stradford, Jesse N. Baker, William H. Haynes, George C. Adams, Charles H. Calloway and L. Amasa Knox.

The purpose of the National Bar Association is "to advance the science of jurisprudence, uphold the honor of the legal profession, promote social intercourse among the members of the bar, and protect the civil and political rights of all citizens of the several states of the United States."

When the NBA was organized in 1925, there were fewer than 1,000 Black lawyers in this nation, and at that time only one of every 85 Blacks belonged to the Association. By 1945 there were approxiamtely 250 dues-paying members—nearly 25 percent of the Black members of the bar. During the past 54 years the NBA has grown enormously in size and influence. Our network of over 8,000 lawyers, jurists, scholars and students have made great strides, but we still have a long way to go. By becoming an NBA member today

-Your goals will be our goals

-Your interests will be our interests

—Your struggle will be our struggle

[[image - Dennis W. Archer President]]

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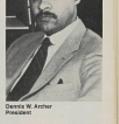
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DENNIS W. ARCHER is the 41st President of the National Bar Association, America's oldest and largest organization of Black attorneys. Archer is a partner in the Detroit law firm of Charfoos, Christensen, Gilbert and Archer, which specializes in medical malpractice and personal injury cases.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Archer holds an undergraduate degree in education from Western Michigan University. Encouraged by his future wife to pursue a career in law, Archer graduated from Detroit College of Law in 1970, after four years of evening classes. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit; the Federal District Court, Eastern District; and all the courts in Michigan. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia Bar Association.

Archer's involvement in bar associations began as a law student member of the Young Lawyers Divisions of the NBA affiliate Wolverine Bar Association and the Ameircan Bar Association. He has since held increasingly responsible officers as a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates (1979-83), Wolverine Bar Association President (1979-80), Michigan State Bar Commissioner (1976-85), and President-Elect of the State Bar of Michigan (1983-84), with the expectation of being President (1984-85).

Archer's dedication to legal organizations is matched by his enthusiasm for politics. An energetic strategist, he managed the campaigns of Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and Representative George W. Crockett (D-MI). Archer plans to apply his political savvy during his term as NBA President lobbying in Washington, D.C. on behalf of issues supported by the Black bar. He also plans an aggressive campaign for economic parity. Archer encourages Black professionals to lead their people in the struggle for economic justice.

A resolute runner, Archer approaches his career and civic responsibility with the same drive as his daily three-mile run. He is married to the former Trudy DunCombe, also an attorney. The Archers have two sons, Dennis, Jr. and Vincent.

CALENDAR

[[two-column table]] DATE | EVENT January 26-29, 1984 | Board of Governors Meeting/NBA Judicial Council Mid-Winter Meeting; Freeport, Bahamas

March 23-24, 1984 | Mid-Year Conference/ Gertrude Rush Dinner; Washington, D.C.

June 7-10, 1984 | Board of Governors Meeting/Region VI Conference; Cleveland, OH

July 27-August 4, 1984 | 59th Annual Convention/Black Congress on Health, Law and Economics; New Orleans, LA

[[image - logo of National Bar Association]] NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION INC., 1773 T STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009 (202) 797-9002 59THE ANNUAL MEETING JULY 27-AUGUST 4, 1984 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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