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[image - Dennis W. Archer President]

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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 Charles, Christian, 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 father 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 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 Division of the NBA affiliate, the Young Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has since held increasingly responsible offices as a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates (1979-82), Michigan Bar Association President (1979-82), Michigan State Bar Commissioner (1979-82), and President-Elect of the State Bar of Michigan (1983-84), with the expectation of being President (1984-85).

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A regular 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 Dier-Carson, also an attorney. The Archers have two sons, Dennis, Jr. and Vincent.

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March 23-24, 1984	Mid-Year Conference/Central Bank Dinner, Washington, D.C.
June 7-10, 1984	Board of Governors Meeting/Report of the Conference, Cleveland, OH
July 27-August 4, 1984	Annual Conference/Black Congress on Health, Law and Economics, New Orleans, LA

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