

# Ida's Legacy

Ida B. Wells Legacy Committee

*Activist - Crusader - Disrupter - Feminist - Journalist - Strategist*

## Black Women's Economic and Political Power

Celebrating our 5th anniversary as the state's first Political Action Committee to support African American women candidates and progressive issues.

**Friday,  
December 9, 2022**  
7:30 a.m. Reception  
8 a.m. Breakfast

**Greater Rock M.B. Church**  
718 S. Independence Blvd.  
Chicago, Ill.



Delmarie Cobb



Darlene Hill

### Program

Networking and Refreshments

#### Welcome:

Delmarie Cobb, Ida's Legacy Founder,  
Political Consultant and Commentator

#### Greeting:

Devorah Crable, Mistress of Ceremony

#### Invocation:

Bishop Shirley Coleman

#### Featured Political Discussion:

Delmarie Cobb and Award-winning Journalist  
Darlene Hill

Q&A

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The purpose of Ida's Legacy is to develop the next generation of progressive African American women candidates who are willing to speak truth to power and work in the best interests of their constituents, keep voters informed and engage political activists around public policy decisions that positively or adversely impact their respective communities.

Ida's Legacy is inspired by the bravery and selflessness of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, whose advocacy for quality education, a free press, women's rights, civil rights and the safety and protection of all American citizens is still relevant.

It so happens our November 2017 Black Women's Economic and Political Power breakfast, with speaker Economist Julianne Malveaux, launched the first of three planned Ida's Legacy annual events; followed in March 2018 by our Black Women Candidates Forum and candidate endorsements; Spring Luncheon in April featuring Hillary Clinton; Legacy & Libations summer mixer in August, with then-nominees/candidates Lauren Underwood, U.S. Congress; Donna Miller, Cook County Commissioner; Nicole Johnson, alderman; and former candidate for Illinois Attorney General Sharon Fairley; as well as our second breakfast in December, with Co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund LaTosha Brown.

In March 2019, we were one of four community sponsors of the final televised debate between Chicago mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle; held our second fundraising luncheon in April, featuring former Planned Parenthood President Faye Wattleton; combined our second Legacy & Libations mixer with a private screening of the documentary *Lincoln Is Crying: The Grifters, Grafters and Governors of Illinois*; and concluded with our breakfast in December, featuring political commentator Karen Finney.

Like so many other organizations, we found ourselves grappling with COVID realities in 2020. We had to cancel our April luncheon, the one big fundraiser for Ida's Legacy, and raise ticket prices for some activities we had purposely kept affordable for attendees. Undaunted, we produced for our website *Faces of The Black Suffrage Movement*, a video series highlighting seven key women. In June 2021, we co-sponsored the Next Steps Collaborative three-part virtual series Exploring Progressive Women & Political Values.

August 2021 enabled us to finally return to an in-person event with Legacy & Libations showcasing Yvette Simpson, CEO of Democracy for America and ABC News political contributor. Unfortunately, COVID-related fundraising and logistical limitations still forced us to push our 2022 summer mixer program to the December breakfast. We wish to thank all of you who have stuck with us during these difficult times, particularly the sponsors and host committee listed herein.



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