

Destini K. Bowman, Esq.

Qualified, Servant Leader, Integrity

Dear Democrat Committee Member,

I humbly ask for your support for Monroe County Court. I zealously await the opportunity to contribute my servant leader experience, history as a Monroe County native, and my overall integrity to the Monroe County Court system. I currently serve, and have served for the last five years, as the principal law clerk for Monroe County Court's first elected African American and Caribbean American Judge. It has been my honor to work hand in hand with the Judge to resolve complex legal issues. We accomplished results against the backdrop of the recent health pandemic and the overhaul of Criminal Procedure Law (Bail and Discovery reform).



Since graduating from law school 14 years ago, I have had the unique experiences of prosecuting thousands of criminal cases, including complex felony level cases, giving a voice to victims of crimes and their families; and serving as a civil rights attorney, passionately advocating for and representing child and adult clients with developmental disabilities and mental illness. In addition to practicing in NY State Supreme, County, City, Town, and Village courts, I was sworn into the United States Western and Northern District Courts of NY. I'm also a former public safety community organizer in Baltimore, MD, where I trained and served as a community mediator/facilitator.

As a volunteer in the community, I'm proud to have annually served as an advisor and mock trial judge to the Northeast Black Law Students Association and as a leader and service unit manager in Girl Scouts. Most recently I was honored as a Woman of Distinction for Girl Scouts of Western New York and the Mayor of Buffalo proclaimed April 25, 2024, as Destini K. Bowman Day (along with other honorees).

Born and raised in an 1199 SEIU union household in the 19th Ward where my grandmother was one of the founders of the local union at Strong Memorial Hospital, I am thankful to her, my mother, Zola Brown, members of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, and several community "aunts" and "uncles" for supporting me through East High School, Cornell University, and Albany Law, and reminding me of the importance of advocacy, listening to people, and fighting for justice.

This qualified servant leader with integrity is experienced and ready for Monroe County Court. I look forward to receiving your designation vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Destini K. Bowman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

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