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**Presiding Justice Renwick Announces historic all African-American Bench to hear oral arguments on February 14, 2024**

Today, Presiding Justice Dianne T. Renwick announced that on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, oral arguments before the Appellate Division, First Department will be heard for the first time by an all African-American bench. The bench will be comprised of Presiding Justice Dianne T. Renwick, Justice Troy K. Webber, Justice Tanya R. Kennedy, Justice Bahaati Pitt-Burke, and Justice Marsha D. Michael.

This historic event will fittingly take place during Black History Month, the annual celebration that promotes the achievements and contributions of African-Americans and fosters an understanding of Black history in general.

The arguments will be livestreamed starting at 2:00 pm and may be observed on the Court's YouTube channel ([Appellate Division, First Department - YouTube](#)) or via the live webcast link on the Court's website - [Unified Court System \(nycourts.gov\)](#).

For the calendar and other pertinent information, please consult the Appellate Division, First Department's website at [www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad1](http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad1).