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Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Announces John Johnson as New Director

Law and advocacy background crucial to MLBC outreach efforts

LANSING – State Representative and Michigan Legislative Black Caucus (MLBC) Chairman **Thomas F. Stallworth III** (D-Detroit) today announced that John Johnson will be the new director of the MLBC.

"I am very pleased to announce John's appointment as director of the MLBC," said Stallworth. "He brings a wealth of experience in advocacy for social and economic justice. His track record of leadership will be instrumental in our aggressive development of public policy that will close racial disparities, ensure equal opportunity and improve the quality of life for Michigan's communities of color."

Johnson, a lawyer, currently has a private practice in Detroit. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University School of Law and Howard University. He serves as a program evaluator for the Legal Services Corp. in Washington, D.C. He was also appointed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal where he served as a hearing officer in the tribunal's small claims division from October 2010 through September 2011. He has also worked for the Detroit branch of the NAACP, the city of Detroit Law Department and the Legal Aid and Defender Association. He is currently the chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Fellowship Chapel United Church of Christ in Detroit, and the first vice president of the Detroit ranch of the NAACP.

Johnson will assume his new duties as MLBC director on Oct.7.