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## **LDF Congratulates Ajmel Quereshi on His Appointment as Magistrate Judge to the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland**

Today, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland announced that NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., (LDF) Senior Counsel Ajmel Quereshi has been appointed as a magistrate judge.

A member of the LDF team since 2015, Mr. Quereshi has litigated on behalf of Black Marylanders' right to equal economic opportunity and [in response](#) to the closing of Baltimore's Red Line light rail; on behalf of low-income Americans' right to greater housing security and [in response](#) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's attempt to suspend a rule to provide greater housing opportunities for low-income families; and on behalf of public school students and parents in Baltimore and [in response](#) to the repeated failure of Maryland officials to fulfill their duty to provide a quality education to all students.

In response, LDF issued the following statements:

### **Sherrilyn Ifill, LDF President and Director-Counsel**

"Ajmel is a treasured and highly skilled senior attorney on the LDF staff. He is fair and deeply knowledgeable about the challenges of litigation. He will be an excellent magistrate for our federal court in Maryland."

### **Janai S. Nelson, Associate Director-Counsel**

"While his loss will be keenly felt within LDF, we could not be happier to congratulate Ajmel for his much-deserved appointment as a magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. He will bring to the district court the same passionate dedication to equal justice under the law that has inspired so many of his LDF colleagues during his tenure as Senior Counsel."

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