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## Northern District of Ohio Chapter

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### **Federal Bar Association Honors Louis Stokes Former Congressman Receives First-Ever Pillar of Justice Award**

Cleveland, Ohio...Former Cleveland-area Congressman Louis Stokes received the Federal Bar Association Northern District of Ohio's first Pillar of Justice Award at the chapter's State of the Court Luncheon held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Cleveland on September 14. The award was given to Stokes who "substantially contributed to the advancement of justice."

Carter Strang, Chapter President-Elect, introduced Louis Stokes by noting his rise from the Outwaite Public Housing Projects to the highest echelons of power in Congress, and his long and distinguished career as an attorney, which included the landmark 1968 *Terry v. Ohio* case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, which addressed the limits of warrantless searches.

Louis Stokes, a 1953 Cleveland-Marshall College of Law graduate, spoke to the over 430 attorneys in attendance of his love for the practice of law and his use of it as a means to fight for justice for the poor of our society. In accepting the award, he said he did so on behalf of the many other attorneys who have also sought justice for their clients.

Louis Stokes served 30 years in Congress, beginning in 1969. He was the first African-American elected to the U.S. Congress from Ohio, a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Chair of the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the Intelligence and Ethics Committees. He is presently Senior Counsel with Squire Sanders & Dempsey.

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A photo of Louis Stokes receiving his award is available for publication. Please contact association administrator, Mandy Fowler Aquilina at the FBA-NDOC office at 877-322-6364 to request a copy of the photo and caption.

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