

FREDERICK K. BREWINGTON

Title: Founder/Principal

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Education: B.A. in Sociology, State University of New York at Albany (with honors), 1979. Juris Doctor, Northeastern University School of Law, 1982

Career highlights: For more than 30 years in practice, Mr. Brewington has had numerous high-profile cases. Most recently, he served as co-counsel in a successful Appellate Court case in a historic discrimination lawsuit against the Village of Garden City in 2016. He also successfully challenged the “at large” voting system in the Town of Hempstead and worked on preventing any future discriminatory purging of voters from the voting rolls.

Bio: Mr. Brewington focuses on issues such as affordable housing, police misconduct, community revitalization efforts, employment and civil rights, the environment and, especially, voting rights and fair representation in government. After working at several prestigious law firms and as a clerk at the Office of the Legal Counsel of the U.S. Senate, he began his own private practice on Long Island. He is also an adjunct professor at Touro College’s Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. He is a former president of the SUNY-Albany Alumni Association and served and/or serves on several Church Trustee Boards as well as service as a member of the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches.

What motivates you? Whenever I see injustice happening, I feel that it is my obligation to stand against that injustice and not just let it happen. I am called to stand on my beliefs and promote fairness and equity wherever I can. For those who are not able to advocate for themselves, it is important to help those who have faced abuses, harassment, discrimination, retaliation and other wrongs that result from individual and institutional bias, racism, sexism, homophobia, or other things that are used to separate us one from another, including ethnicity, religion or creed.

What makes you the most proud of your business? Knowing that I can provide a place for my employees that is a good working environment and being surrounded by persons that are eager to help those who have been treated unjustly and help them get back the respect and dignity they deserve.

Complete this sentence...A really great day for me is when I can make real the words of the prophet Amos come to pass and I see “justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Quick tip: Standing up for what you believe in is never easy. The struggle for justice is a constant one so, even if you feel like life is tossing you about, remember there is promise in the newness of the coming day, so never give up. The victory is often not just in winning, but the struggle required to get there.