Guests of Honor
All seven Supreme Court justices, a panel of three judges and one circuit clerk, other judges, court staff and guests gathered at the Administrative Office of the Courts to celebrate Black History Month and honor the first William E. McAnulty Jr. Award winner.

Keynote Address
Shauna M. Morgan, Ph.D., gave a moving keynote address at the Judicial Branch’s Black History Month Celebration.

She stressed the importance of taking the spirit and fervor with which we celebrate Black History Month and applying it to the work we do every day.

Morgan is director of Equity and Inclusion Initiatives in the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching at the University of Kentucky.
Panel Discussion
A panel of court officials discussed how race has affected their careers. From left: Hopkins Circuit Clerk Tanya M. Bowman, Chief District Judge Jerry D. Crosby II, Circuit Judge Angela J. Johnson and Court of Appeals Chief Judge Denise G. Clayton.

2020 William E. McAnulty Jr. Award Recipient
Chief Justice Minton (right) closed out the celebration by presenting Fiscal Specialist Anita Lee with the first William E. McAnulty Jr. Award, named for the first black justice on the Supreme Court of Kentucky. Lee recently celebrated 40 years with the Administrative Office of the Courts and was praised for her public service and positive attitude.