

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Brian
ANTHONY
Figeroux

May 3, 1960 - November 5, 2025

Founding Partner - The Law Firm of Figeroux & Associates
Host - Ask the Lawyer Radio Program

Homegoing | Wednesday, December 3, 2025

*Join the family in thanksgiving for his life, honoring his distinguished career,
extraordinary spirit, and deep love for and service to his community.*

Viewing & Service

Caribe Funeral Home
1922 Utica Avenue | Brooklyn, NY 11229

Viewing | 9:00am – 10:00am **Service** | 10:00am – 11:30am

Burial Service | 1:00pm

Cypress Hills Cemetery
833 Jamaica Avenue | Brooklyn, NY 11208

In keeping with Brian's lifelong commitment to justice and community, the family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made in his name to:

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To make a donation without tax deduction TO ACLU: <https://www.aclu.org/leadershipgivingc4>

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May his soul rest in eternal peace.

OBITUARY

Brian Anthony Figeroux, Esq.

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Brian Anthony Figeroux, a devoted civil rights attorney, media entrepreneur and community advocate, passed away on 5 November 2025 at the age of 65. Born in the vibrant city of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Brian's life was defined by a deep commitment to education, justice and the empowerment of immigrant communities. He was known for his booming voice, keen intellect, sharp humor and unwavering dedication to his family, his work and the people he served.

As a young man in Trinidad, Brian attended Belmont Boys' Secondary School in Port of Spain, where he laid the foundations of a strong academic life. He later earned a certificate in banking from the Institute of Accounting and Business Studies, signaling an early aptitude for business and finance and a lifelong respect for professional excellence. In 1982, seeking broader opportunities, Brian migrated to the United States. After becoming a U.S. citizen, he pursued higher education with remarkable determination. He completed a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Master's degree in Economics at Brooklyn College, distinguishing himself as a student leader, including serving as President of the National Association of Black Accountants and engaging actively in student government.

Brian's passion for justice led him to Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, where he earned his Juris Doctor. During law school he was an active member of the Black Law Students Association, continuing his pattern of leadership and advocacy for underrepresented communities. Following graduation, he served as an Assistant District Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, gaining invaluable courtroom experience and a deep understanding of the criminal justice system.

In 1997, while teaching as an Adjunct Professor at LaGuardia Community College (CUNY), Brian fulfilled a lifelong dream by founding The Law Offices of Figeroux & Associates in Brooklyn, New York. What began as a practice focused on criminal defense, family law, divorce and police misconduct grew into a respected full-service law firm with particular strength in immigration, personal injury, tax services and bankruptcy. Over nearly three decades as CEO and Managing Partner, Brian and his team assisted more than 10,000 clients, many of them immigrants and working families seeking a fair chance.

Figeroux & Associates played a role in several high-profile matters in New York City. Notably, Brian was the first attorney representing Abner Louima in his quest for justice after being tortured by members of the New York City Police Department, a landmark case that ultimately resulted in a significant financial award and brought national attention to police brutality.

Alongside his legal practice, Brian was a gifted educator. He taught Business Law and Introduction to Business at LaGuardia Community College and later at Medgar Evers College (CUNY), where he inspired students to think critically, know their rights and see business and law as tools for building stronger communities. His classrooms were known for lively discussion, high standards and his insistence that knowledge must be used in service of others.

Brian's entrepreneurial vision extended powerfully into media. In 1998, responding to a hostile anti-immigrant climate, he founded I.Q. Inc., a New York City media company dedicated to educating and empowering immigrants. His first publication, *The Immigrant's Journal*, served Caribbean, African and Latin American communities. Over time he built a portfolio of community-focused newspapers, including *Caribbean American Weekly*, *Consumer Advocate*, *Today's Christian*, *Incarcerated*, *Liberty Times*, *Flatbush Times*, *CARE* (Concerned Americans for Racial Equality), *Workers' World Today* and *New Black Voices*—all aimed at informing, uplifting and giving voice to those too often marginalized.

The biblical phrase, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," was a guiding truth for Brian. A powerful orator and a man of many words, he took his message to the airwaves through radio. He created *The Negro World Inc.*, inspired by Marcus Mosiah Garvey, and hosted the popular program "ICE" (Immigration & Caribbean Cultural Exposé) on WPAT 930AM. As immigration issues grew more pressing, the show was rebranded "Ask the Lawyer" and broadcast on WVIP 93.5FM, as well as in Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Saint Lucia and Grenada. In 2025, he launched the online radio station *InceptionFM*, further extending his reach to listeners at home and abroad. Brian also applied his business acumen in real estate. He founded *Unified Realty Inc.* and later *Equity Smart Realty, Inc.*, focusing on residential and commercial properties and real estate development. In 2005, he established the *New American Chamber of Commerce (NACC)*, a non-profit organization championing minority-owned businesses. Over more than twenty years as founder, chairman and CEO, he built programs to promote economic development, international trade and practical business networking. He later added the *African-American International Chamber of Commerce (AAICC)* and the *Hispanic-American International Chamber of Commerce (HAICC)*, collectively known as the *Chamber Coalition*, creating a broad platform for entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds.

A man of the people, Brian was also active in civic and political life. His work and advocacy in local politics were well known, and he was one of the first to support then U.S. Senator Barack Obama during his presidential campaign. In 2024, his lifetime of service, education and community advocacy was recognized when President Joe Biden honored him with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for his sustained commitment to volunteer service and nation-building.

Beyond his many titles and achievements, Brian was, above all, a family man. He cherished time with his children, loved a spirited debate around the table and could always be counted on for a story, a joke or a word of hard-earned advice. To friends, colleagues and clients, he was both counsellor and champion—demanding at times, but fiercely loyal and deeply compassionate.

Brian is survived by his loving wife, Pearl Phillip-Figeroux, who was his faithful companion to the end; his children Mario, Chantal and Briana from his first marriage with Laverne Figeroux; and his sons Xavier, Brian Jr. and Michael with Diandra Archibald. He is also survived by his siblings Lisa Gomes, Debra Campbell, Derrick Webster, Darren Webster, David Webster and Sharon Webster, as well as a wide circle of relatives, colleagues, friends, clients and community members who will feel his absence profoundly.

Though he has left this earthly realm, Brian's impact—through his legal practice, media and real estate ventures, non-profit leadership, teaching and unshakeable dedication to justice—will endure for generations to come. His family and community will remember him as a man who believed that knowledge, courage and faith could change lives.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.