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A maverick group of both conservatives and liberal attorneys in the black Cook County Bar assn. met recently and drew up a mixed slate of present officers and proposed candidates in a move to "change the image" of CCBA.

The slate includes the names of several of the most important and respected black lawyers in the city.

Atty. James Harris, who cannot succeed himself as president after completing his second term this year, said that nominations would be entered at the CCBA annual meeting Friday, Dec. 4, and the elections would be held on the following Thursday, Dec. 11.

Harris said he had "heard rumors" about the proposed slate, but that nothing official could be settled until Friday's meeting.

The list of officers includes: Attys. Archie B. Weston, Sr., president; Clarence Bryant, 1st vice-president; E. Duke McNeil, 2nd vice president; Sophia Hall, 3rd vice-president; Edward A. Wil-

liams, treasurer; Levi Morris, financial secretary; and Clara Benford, secretary.

Fifteen attorneys were nominated at the session for the 14-member board of trustees of CCBA. All names will be entered, including those brought in by the main body of members. Alphabetically, these nominees are:

James E. Caldwell, Lawrence Carroll, Leo Holt, Lawrence Kennon, Anna Langford, James G. Lemon Jr., Gaylord Lott, William R. Ming.

Also James D. Montgomery, William E. Peterson, R. Eugene Pincham, Ernest Powell, Alice Reed, W. Mauldin Smith and Thomas Todd.

The slate-making session, which was not secret, was held in the offices of Atty. Anna Langford, 1249 W. 63rd. Mrs. Langford is thus far unopposed in her candidacy for the aldermanic seat in the 16th Ward.

She said after the meeting that she is "an independent Democrat, who wants no part of Mayor (Richard J.) Daley's machine."