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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

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THURSDAY, MARCH 18 – FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010

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We applaud The Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys for presenting seminars to educate students on oratory skills, presenting a professional image and developing strategies for success in the classroom as they pursue their law degrees.

Congratulations to The Leadership Institute for bringing together outstanding panelists, moderators and presenters who will share important insights for those seeking to reach the pinnacles of the legal profession.

Best wishes for a successful conference!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Curtis L. Mack'.

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THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

FOR
WOMEN OF COLOR ATTORNEYS
IN LAW & BUSINESS, INC.

Our Mission

It is our mission to educate, mentor, inspire and network with women of color attorneys and businesswomen, as well as create a forum to teach mentoring and networking skills that are critical to our success in the business world.

This mission will be achieved during our annual events featuring the most prominent women of color attorneys and businesswomen in the United States.

The Leadership Institute also fuels the pipeline by funding scholarships to women of color law students in partnership with McGuireWoods. Our “Aspiring Lawyers’ Conference Track” session provides valuable instruction and training to prepare these students for law school.

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March 18, 2010

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the Fifth Annual Conference of The Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys in Law and Business, Inc.

We continue the mission to educate mentor, inspire, and network with women of color attorneys and businesswomen.

Practicing these pillars, it is my pleasure to introduce the first speed-mentoring seminar at our conference, furthering our campaign to advocate lawyers embracing mentors and mentees. 2010 has already proved a tumultuous time for many of our peers facing hardships in the new economic landscape. It is unfortunate that so many women of color attorneys have been laid off after conquering so many obstacles. Addressing the difficult climate, the inclusion of the seminars "How to Leverage the Media to Maximize Your Practice: New Marketing Strategies In A New Economy" and "Making Lemonade Out of Lemons: Positioning Your Practice For Success In A Recession" aim to prepare us and encourage achievement by adapting to new times.


It is my pleasure to present outstanding keynote speakers this year, including Leslie Turner, General Counsel, Coca-Cola-North America, who has reached the pinnacle of the Profession in private practice and in corporate practice. This year, we also present outstanding academicians. Professor Anita Hill will participate in a luncheon conversation with Dr. Jane Smith, Executive Director at the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (LEADS) at Spelman College.

We continue to offer seminars on alternative opportunities for lawyers differing from the traditional firm route, as well as provide new forums on women's health and what professionals can do to find a healthy physical and mental balance, despite demanding careers.

Entering the fifth year of the Leadership Institute/McGuire Woods Scholarship Competition, the recession has created greater urgency to continue assisting students with the financial burdens of law school. We celebrate the third year since launching our competitive Pipeline Project for High School Students, involving students in speech competitions, writing workshops, etiquette classes, and introductions to a diverse array of lawyers and judges. The Pipeline has proven a great success in the community, thanks to the generosity of sponsors, law firms, businesses, and volunteers who have dedicated themselves to introducing these young visionaries to the world of law.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to our vice-chairs, Leadership's Planning Committee, administration, sponsors, and speakers for creating another wonderful conference. I look forward to seeing you all around the Ritz!

Best Regards,



Marian Cover Dockery, Esq.
President and CEO



Marian Cover Dockery, Esq.
Chair and Founder

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Bryan M. Cavan, Esq.
President of the
State Bar of Georgia

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Supporting Lawyers' Service to the Public and the Justice System

March 18, 2010

Greetings!

On behalf of the State Bar of Georgia, I want to welcome you to the 5th Annual Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys in Law & Business, Inc. That this is the 5th Annual conference is important because it confirms that the success of this program. Further, it confirms there is a need for the education and training that it provides. We applaud the Institute's mission to aid women of color attorneys achieve professional success in private practice and in other legal positions; provide networking opportunities to the attendees, provide guidance and opportunities for the next generation of lawyers of color; and to continue its dedication to give back to the community. It is essential for us in the legal field to give back to the community and offer pro bono services for the less fortunate.

The Institute is also to be commended for the mentor-mentee services it provides women of color. Similar to the State Bar of Georgia's Transition into the Law Practice Program, which provides guidance to new attorneys, the Institutes' mentor program also addresses those needs specific to women of color as they grow in their professional career.

I congratulate the founder and officers of the Leadership Institute, the Planning Committee members and the Institute's Board, and all sponsors and professionals who have helped create and continue this wonderful event.

I encourage the attendees to take advantage of the education, training and guidance that will be offered by the outstanding faculty of the Leadership Institute.

Best wishes for another successful conference!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "B. Cavan".

Bryan M. Cavan, Esq.
President
State Bar of Georgia

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

March 17-19, 2010

5th Annual Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys, Inc.
The Ritz-Carlton Downtown • 181 Peachtree Street, NE • Atlanta, GA 30303

**KING &
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Welcome and Networking Reception

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Georgian Room
The Ritz-Carlton Downtown

Sponsored By: King & Spalding LLP

Day Two General Session

Thursday, March 18, 2010

7:30 AM - 4:45 PM



Continental Breakfast:

Ballroom Pre-Function Area

Sponsored By: Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM



McGuireWoods Scholarship Presentation

Thursday, March 18, 2010

11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Leslie M. Turner**

2010 Law Student Scholarships Sponsored By: McGuireWoods LLP



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The Grand Ballroom



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Networking and Mentoring Reception

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5:00 - 6:30 PM

Georgia-Pacific, 133 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA

Day Three General Session

Friday, March 19, 2010

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



Power Breakfast with Charitable Gift Wrapping Event

The Grand Ballroom

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8:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Luncheon

A Conversation with Professor Anita Hill...

LUNCHEON INTERVIEWER: **Jane E. Smith, Ed.D.**

11:30 - 1:15 PM

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Prof. Anita F. Hill**

The Grand Ballroom

March 17-19, 2010

5th Annual Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys, Inc.
**(8.0 Hours Regular CLE Credit, Including 1.0 Hours Professionalism Credit,
2.0 Additional Professionalism Credit Optional)**

Day One

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Welcome and Networking Reception
[The Georgian Room • Ritz-Carlton Downtown]
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Day Two

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

7:30 AM

Registration Opens

7:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Continental Breakfast
[Ballroom Pre-Function Area]

**PARKER HUDSON
RAINER & DOBBS**

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Opening Remarks

Andrea A. Coleman
Mistress of Ceremonies

Welcome

Marian Cover Dockery, Esq.
President/CEO
Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys

8:45 - 10:15 AM

**(1.0 Hour CLE Credit,
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OPENING SESSION

More War Stories of Women of Color Equity Partners

MODERATOR:

Lovita Tandy, Esq.
Vice-President
Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys

Former Partner
King & Spalding, LLP
Atlanta, GA

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+ BIRD_{LLP}**

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Thursday, March 18, 2010

10:15 - 11:30 AM

(1.0 Hours

Regular CLE Credit,

***Including 1.0 Hour**

**Professionalism Credit
this session only)**

CONCURRENT MORNING BREAKOUT MENTORING SESSIONS:

[The Grand Ballroom]

Session #1

So You Want To Start Your Own Practice:

Tips From The Experts On Technology, Financing, Marketing and More

MODERATOR:

Natalie R. Kelly

Director, State Bar of Georgia

Law Practice Management Program

Atlanta, GA

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SPEAKERS:

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Partner

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Regina Sledge Molden, Esq.

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Atlanta, GA

Chong Joo Kim, Esq.

Partner

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Atlanta, GA

10:15 - 11:30 AM

(1.0 Hours

Regular CLE Credit]

CONCURRENT MORNING BREAKOUT MENTORING SESSIONS:

[The Committee Room]

Session #2

How To Leverage The Media To Maximize Your Practice:

New Marketing Strategies In a New Economy

- The news media has changed dramatically due to technological advances and the downturn in the economy. Learn what it takes to connect with reporters, producers and editors.
- Discover the tricks for effectively using the media to get exposure for your practice.
- Understand how to shape your message so it is succinct and relevant to current news cycle.
- Find out how to be "news ready" for a print, radio or television interview.

SPEAKER:

Judy Fortin, Esq.

Vice President

NewsCertified Exchange

Atlanta, GA

10:15 - 11:30 AM

(1.0 Hours

Regular CLE Credit]

CONCURRENT MORNING BREAKOUT MENTORING SESSIONS:

[The Georgian Room]

Session #3

Opportunities In Government Practice: Prestige, Status and Security

In Public Service (and Experience You Never Get In a Law Firm!)

MODERATOR:

Lisa Chang, Esq.

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and Chief Legal Officer

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of the City of Atlanta

Atlanta, GA

Thursday, March 18, 2010

11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

MCGUIRE WOODS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON: Presentation of Scholarships to Law Students

[The Grand Ballroom]



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Introductory Remarks

Andrea A. Coleman
Mistress of Ceremonies

Welcome

Marian Cover Dockery, Esq.
President/CEO
Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Fredrick H.L. McClure, Esq.
Partner, DLA Piper US LLP
Tampa, FL

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Leslie M. Turner, Esq.
General Counsel, Coca-Cola North America
Atlanta, GA

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

[1.0 Hours
Regular CLE Credit]

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSIONS

Making Lemonade Out of Lemons: Positioning Your Practice For Success In a Recession

[The Grand Ballroom]



MODERATOR:

Tara Adyanthaya, Esq.
Associate General Counsel
Emory University and Emory Healthcare
Atlanta, GA

SPEAKERS:

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Partner
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
Atlanta, GA

Vickie E. Turner, Esq.
Partner
Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP
San Diego, CA

Anandhi Soundara Rajan, Esq.
Partner
Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP
Atlanta, GA

3:15 - 3:30 PM

AFTERNOON BREAK

[Ballroom Pre-Function Area]

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Thursday, March 18, 2010

3:30 – 4:45 PM

**(1.0 Hours
Regular CLE Credit)**

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

HEALTH PANEL

**Why Your Health Drives Success In Your Career...
Strategies From The Experts On A Healthy Lifestyle**
[The Grand Ballroom – Salon 2]

MODERATOR:

Imani VanNoy, M.D.
Internist, Marietta Medical Group
Marietta, GA

SPEAKERS:

Judith Rochon, M.D.
Kaiser Permanente
Atlanta, GA

Alise Jones-Bailey, MD
OB/GYN
Center for Anti-Aging and Vitality
Atlanta, GA

Windell D. Boutte, M.D.
Medical Director and Founder of
Premiere Essence MedSpa
Lilburn, GA

3:30 – 4:45 PM

**(1.0 Hours
Regular CLE Credit)**

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Grabbing Them at Hello: How Powerful Women Communicate

- Much of your success in business depends on your ability to communicate powerfully and authentically. Learn how to use your innate strengths to connect and make your point. We all know that acting like men is not the way for women to succeed in business and as lawyers!
- Learn the crucial four steps to powerful communication for women
- Find out how your body language and voice add to or subtract from first impressions
- Test yourself with our ten step "How Powerful Women Communicate" checklist
- Tips for gathering your thoughts in the moment
- Know how to make your point and be memorable

SPEAKER:

Marsha Redmon, Esq.
President
M Group Communications Training
Washington, D.C.

Day Three

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010

8:15 AM - 10:00 AM

(1.0 Hours

Regular CLE Credit)

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10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

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MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

[The Georgian Room]

Session #1

So You Want A Sizeable Book of Business?

Lessons On Business Development Techniques

MODERATOR:

Angela K. Washington, Esq.
VP & General Counsel-Real Estate
Walmart
Bentonville, AR



SPEAKERS:

Fredrick H.L. McClure, Esq.
Partner
DLA Piper US LLP
Tampa, FL

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Austell, GA

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Leslie D. Davis, Esq.
Partner
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
Chicago, IL

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

(1.0 Hours

Regular CLE Credit)

MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Session#2

The Myths and Realities of Going In-House:

Insiders Reveal The Ups and Downs Of The Corporate Attorney

[The Cabinet/Caucus Room]

MODERATOR:

Horace G. Dawson, III, Esq.
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Friday, March 19, 2010

10:15–11:30 AM
(1.0 Hours Regular
CLE Credit)

MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

[The Committee Room]

Session #3

Alternatives To Law Firm Practice:

Use Your Law Degree To Exploit Unique Opportunities

MODERATOR:

The Honorable Kimberly Esmond-Adams
Fulton County Superior Court
Atlanta, GA

PANELISTS:

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Valdosta, GA

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New York, NY

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

LUNCHEON

[The Grand Ballroom]



Leading Women, Leading Change

A Conversation with Professor Anita Hill...

Introductory Remarks

Andrea A. Coleman
Mistress of Ceremonies

Welcome

Marian Cover Dockery, Esq.
President/CEO
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INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS:

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Jane E. Smith, Ed.D.
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Atlanta, GA

SPEAKER:

Anita F. Hill
Professor of Social Policy, Law & Women's Studies
Brandeis University
Waltham, MA

Friday, March 19, 2010

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM
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AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

[The Congress Room]

Session #1

**Why Every Lawyer Needs Mentors and Why Every Lawyer Should Mentor:
The Trainer, The Cheerleader and The Advocate**

MODERATOR:

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1:45 PM – 3:00 PM
[1.0 Hours
Regular CLE Credit]

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

[The Cabinet/Caucus Room]

Session #2

Striking A Balance In Your Career and Personal Life: The Juggling Act

MODERATOR:

Angela Payne James, Esq.
Partner
Alston & Bird LLP
Atlanta, GA

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Dawn M. Jones, RN, MSN, JD
Associate
King & Spalding LLP
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3:00 PM -3:15 PM

AFTERNOON BREAK

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3:15 PM – 4:30 PM
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AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

**Each One Teach One: Putting Your Best Foot Forward In
Fostering A Mentor Relationship – Speed Mentoring For Lawyers**

[The Grand Ballroom-Salon 1]

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8:15 AM – 10:00 AM

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10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

ICE BREAKERS:

- Birthday Line-Up
- Celebrity ID Game
- Speed Friendship Game



10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF ATTENDING A CONFERENCE: NETWORKING 101

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

LUNCHEON

A CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSOR ANITA HILL...

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM

RAP SESSION: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LAW SCHOOL

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

- Is law school for me?
- What should I take in college to prepare for law school?
- How do I prepare for the LSATs?

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- Choosing the Right School
- Paying for Law School

FOR LAW STUDENTS:

- Finding Your Calling
- Private versus Public Sector: Evaluating Your Career Options
- The Balancing Act

Friday, March 19, 2010

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PRE-LAW & LAW STUDENT TRACK FACULTY

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Marian Cover Dockery, Esq.
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Marian Cover Dockery is the Chair and Founder of The Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys, Inc.

Professionally, Ms. Dockery is a founding partner of Dockery Mills LLC and the executive director of the State Bar of Georgia Diversity Program where she leads the Bar in designing programs to promote diversity among its members. Ms. Dockery specializes in employment discrimination, sexual harassment, labor relations and diversity issues. Additionally, Ms. Dockery serves on the arbitration panel for the FNRA. Prior to her current positions, Ms. Dockery practiced at the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education (Atlanta) as a Senior Attorney and was an Adjunct Professor at the John Marshall School of Law.

Before moving to Atlanta, Ms. Dockery held several positions including Trial Attorney at the EEOC, and as in-house counsel at FEDEX Corporation in Memphis, TN where she was the first woman and first minority in the Legal Department. Additionally, Ms. Dockery worked in Cleveland, OH at BP Oil (The Standard Oil Company) as Corporate EEO/AA Manager, the first African-American woman to serve in an executive management position at the company. While at BP Oil, Ms. Dockery completed the Executive Management Program at the University of New Hampshire.

Ms. Dockery is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Her professional activities include the American Bar and National Bar Associations, the Gate City Bar, Georgia Association of Women Lawyers (GAWL) and the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA).

Currently, Ms. Dockery is a trustee on the Shepherd Foundation Board where she serves on the Community Relations Committee. Ms. Dockery is also a member of the Mount Holyoke College "2010 Legacy Campaign for Diversity" Committee. For eight years, Ms. Dockery was a member of the Pace Academy Board of Trustees where she chaired the Communications Committee. Ms. Dockery has also served on the following Boards: The Theatrical Outfit (Atlanta), The Executive Board of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. (Atlanta), where she served as Teen Co-Sponsor for two years, the Equal Employment Advisory Council (Washington, DC) where she represented BP Oil, the Cleveland Urban League, and the Memphis Gallery of Art.

Ms. Dockery received her B.A. in Political Science and History from Mount Holyoke College where she was Sophomore Class President and her J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law where she was an Earl Warren Fellow, a member of the Moot Court Board and Honor Council and named Outstanding Oralist, Appellate Argument I.

She is married to Keith M. Dockery, M.D. They have two children, Stephanie (Williams, '07, Sotheby's Institute of Art, '10) and Todd, a graduate of Northwestern, 2009.

VICE-CHAIR BIO



Lovita Tandy, Esq.
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Former Partner
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Lovita Tandy is a former partner in King & Spalding's Business Litigation Practice Group and she focuses on labor and employment law and complex commercial disputes. She also Chairs the firm's Diversity Committee and provides diversity-related legal services to law firms, other professional services firms and corporations. She has been named a "Georgia Rising Star" in Civil Litigation and Labor & Employment by Atlanta Magazine and Law & Politics from 2005 to the present and was one of ten lawyers profiled in the magazine's 2006 edition. She was named one of Atlanta's "Up and Comers" by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in 2004 and has appeared in Who's Who in Black Atlanta. She speaks frequently on substantive labor and employment law issues as well as issues related to diversity in law firms.

Ms. Tandy's employment and diversity related experience includes: conducting high-level internal investigations, providing employment related training to corporations and high-level executives, strategic diversity counseling, ensuring wage-and-hour compliance, and structuring reductions-in-force. She has defended dozens of employment discrimination and/or retaliation claims involving federal and state anti-discrimination laws, whistleblower laws and the FLSA. She regularly represents unionized employers in collective bargaining negotiations, board proceedings and arbitrations. She has also prosecuted and defended multiple trade-secret and restrictive covenant matters.

She is a graduate of Harvard University and Duke School of Law. She is the current Vice President of the Leadership Institute for Women of Color in Law and Business, Inc. and the current Vice President of the Association of Legal Diversity Professionals. Prior civic and charitable contributions include: Board Member Sheltering Arms for Children, Grady Hospital Board of Visitors and Vice President of the Atlanta Anti-Prejudice Consortium.



Philippa V. Ellis, Esq.
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Philippa V. Ellis is as a member of the Board of Trustees and Co-Vice-President for The Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys. After practicing with a product liability, insurance defense and medical malpractice litigation boutique law firm in Oklahoma City, she migrated to Atlanta in 1992, to join a law firm handling the defense of corporations embroiled in tort and product liability litigation. In 2000, she became a founding partner of the Atlanta firm -- Owen, Gleaton, Egan, Jones & Sweeney, LLP. She serves as lead trial counsel for the firm's product liability litigation team. Handling complex insurance defense litigation and business entity representation have also been longstanding components of her practice since she graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1988, where she earned an American Jurisprudence Award and was a member of the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Fraternity. She received the honor of being selected as a Georgia Super Lawyer ~ 2006, 2007, 2008, and Super Lawyer/Corporate Counsel Edition ~ 2007, 2009.

She is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)(Trial Academy Faculty) and American Bar Association (ABA)(Member, Center on Racial and Ethnic Diversity). She is a member of and frequent speaker for Defense Research Institute (DRI) on various product liability and trial strategy topics including "Federal Preemption in the Wake of Wyeth v. Levine", "Defense Strategies for Defending the Failure to Recall Claim at Trial", "Litigation Testing: How The Failure to Prepare for a Daubert Challenge Can Sink Your Case", and "Cross-Examining the Sympathetic Plaintiff". For the American Conference Institute she has spoken on topics including "Evidence & Discovery (Paper and ESI): Ensuring that Neither Overwhelms the Defense's Case on the Merits" and "Preparing and Defending Daubert/Frye Challenges". For the ABA Litigation Section Conference, Philippa served as a panelist speaking on "Preemption in Product Liability Litigation".

She is a member of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association, National Bar Association, Litigation Counsel of America, Gate City Bar Association, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Industrial Truck Association--Lawyers Committee, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Atlanta's Alliance Theatre.

In Philippa's spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, which includes her 5-year old son and daughter, and husband who transitioned from his partnership with the law firm, Epstein, Becker & Green, and tenure on the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to take over the helm in the elected position of Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, Georgia, in January 2009.

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Leslie M. Turner, Esq.
General Counsel
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Leslie M. Turner is General Counsel for Coca-Cola North America.

Leslie joined The Coca-Cola Company in January 2006 as Associate General Counsel, Bottling Investments Group. Immediately prior to joining the Company, she was a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Akin Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P.

Leslie began her legal career in 1985 as law clerk to the Honorable William C. Pryor, former Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. In 1986, she joined Akin Gump's litigation practice group in Washington, D.C. In 1993, Leslie accepted the U.S. Senate confirmed position of Assistant Secretary for the Office of Territorial and International Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior. In that role, Leslie managed the office that oversaw U.S. relations with such territories and federated states as American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Micronesia and Palau. In 1995, Leslie became counselor to then-Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, and she also served as director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior. Leslie returned to Akin Gump in 1996 and practiced with that firm until she joined The Coca-Cola Company.

Leslie serves on the Board of Directors for Georgia Appleseed and the Student Conservation Association and is also a trustee for the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. Leslie is the recipient of the distinguished Wiley A. Branton Award and the Heman Marion Sweat awards.

Leslie received her Masters of Law from The American University, Washington College of Law, Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center and Bachelor of Science degree from New York University. Leslie is admitted to practice in New York and Washington, D.C.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



Andrea A. Coleman
Founder
New South Communications, LLC
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Andrea Arceneaux Coleman formerly served as chief spokesperson for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority [MARTA]. A former broadcast journalist and magazine publisher, Andrea joined MARTA in October 2008.

During a 17-year run as a news broadcaster, Andrea worked as an anchor and reporter for a number of television stations including the Cable News Network [CNN] and CBS Atlanta. Upon leaving the broadcast industry, the Emmy award winning journalist founded New South Communications, LLC and published Southwest Atlanta Magazine and Cultured Living Atlanta Magazine. Andrea has also worked as a communications consultant for small and emerging businesses as well as a public speaking coach.

Andrea is married to long-time Atlanta attorney Michael Coleman. The couple lives in southwest Atlanta and enjoys sharing life with their six children and one grandchild.

INTERVIEWER: A CONVERSATION WITH...



Jane E. Smith, Ed.D.
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Dr. Jane E. Smith is Executive Director of the Spelman College Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (LEADS). The mission of LEADS is to develop and teach a leadership model based on the experiences of African-American women leaders. This model, Engaged Leadership, requires intellectual, personal and community involvement in activities that improve the quality of life for women, men and children.

Dr. Smith began her professional career in 1975 at Spelman College where she served as Assistant to the President. From 1981 to 1990, she was the Managing Director of INROADS, Inc., responsible for corporate placements for college interns. In 1991, Mrs. Coretta Scott King invited Dr. Smith to serve as Director of Development at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. From 1994 to 1998, she directed the award-winning Atlanta Project at The Carter Center. In this capacity, she reported to former President Jimmy Carter. From 1998-2001, Dr. Smith was President and CEO of the National Council of Negro Women, founded by noted educator and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. Prior to rejoining Spelman College in 2004, Dr. Smith was CEO of Business and Professional Women/USA, a national membership organization that promotes equity for all women in the workplace.

Today, in addition to her work as Executive Director of LEADS, Dr. Smith is a member of boards for the following: American Institute for Public Service, "To The Contrary," a nationally syndicated television program, the Women's Leadership Exchange and the United States Women's Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Smith was appointed by former President William Clinton to the National Women's Business Council and by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the United Nations Beijing Plus Five Conference delegation. She has served as a member of the National Judging Panel for the National Women's Hall of Fame Inductees, the US Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, a Trustee of the University of the District of Columbia and a judge for Lifetime Television's Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Dr. Smith holds a Doctorate of Education in Social Policy Analysis from Harvard University, a Masters in Sociology from Emory University, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Spelman College, and honorary doctorates from Spelman College and Texas College. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Emory University Alumni Medal, the American Association of University Women's Woman of Distinction Award, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Roy Wilkins Award, and the Johnnetta B. Cole Spelman College Alumnae Achievement Award.

Dr. Smith has two sons and four grandchildren.



Professor Anita F. Hill
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The youngest of 13 children from a farm in rural Oklahoma, [Anita Hill](#) received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1980. She began her career in private practice in Washington, D.C. Before becoming a law professor, she worked at the U. S. Education Department and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In 1989, Hill became the first African American to be tenured at the University of Oklahoma, College of Law, where she taught contracts and commercial law. In addition to teaching, Professor Hill has made presentations to hundreds of business, professional, academic and civic organizations in the United States and abroad.

In 1995, Hill wrote her biography, *Speaking Truth to Power*, which was published by Doubleday Press. She also has written commentary for Time, Inc., Newsweek, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, and Ms. Magazine and appears regularly on national television programs including Good Morning America, Meet the Press, The Today Show, The Tavis Smiley Show and Larry King Live.

Professor Hill has received numerous honorary degrees and civic awards. She chairs the Human Rights Law Committee of the International Bar Association. In addition, she is on the Board of Governors of the Tufts Medical Center and the Board of Directors of the National Women's Law Center and the Boston Area Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights.

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**The Honorable
Kimberly M. Esmond Adams**
Judge of the Fulton County
Superior Court
Atlanta Judicial Circuit
Atlanta, GA

Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams began her term on the Fulton County Superior Court January 1, 2009. Prior to her election, Judge Adams served the citizens of Fulton County as a Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney for nearly six years. She began her public service career in 2002 after more than three years of practice as an employment attorney with Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLC, an Atlanta-based labor and employment boutique.

A past president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA), Judge Adams has served in a number of leadership capacities, both professionally and in her community. She has served on the boards of the Atlanta Technical College Foundation, The Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta - West End Cluster, and the Restorative Justice Board of the Atlanta Municipal Court. She also recently completed a term on the board of The Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation.

Judge Adams has been the recipient of several honors and awards, most notably, Who's Who in Law and Business by the Atlanta Business Chronicle; Woman of the Year - "Ordinary Woman With Extraordinary Talents" by Women Looking Ahead News Magazine, Special Unit Trial Attorney of the Year by the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, and the Gate City Bar Association Thelma Wyatt Moore Legacy Award. She is an alumnus of Leadership Georgia and a member of The Leadership Atlanta Class of 2010.

Judge Adams received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She earned her Juris Doctor Degree from the Notre Dame Law School.

She resides in Atlanta with her husband, Michael Adams, and their teenage son, Michael.



Tara Adyanthaya, Esq.
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Tara Adyanthaya is an Associate General Counsel at Emory University focusing on healthcare matters. Before joining Emory's Office of General Counsel, Tara was a healthcare litigator with King & Spalding, LLP and Morris Manning & Martin, LLP. She started her career as a Staff Attorney with the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Tara serves on the Board of Governors for the Georgia Bar and is the Secretary for the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation's Board of Directors. She is a past President and member of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association, former Member of the Board of Directors for the Litigation Section of the Atlanta Bar Association, former Chair of the Multi-Bar Leadership Council, and former member of the Investigation Panel of the Georgia Bar.

Tara graduated with honors from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University where she was on the Mercer Law Review, the Moot Court Board, and earned membership in the Phi Kappa Phi and Brainerd Currie Honor Societies. She got her B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology from Boston College and a Masters Degree in Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania. Named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Healthcare Attorneys nationally by Nightingale's in 2007, Tara is a member of the Georgia Bar, the American Health Lawyers Association, and the Georgia Academy of Healthcare Attorneys.

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Carolina Colin-Antonini, Esq.
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Carolina Colin-Antonini is a native of Venezuela. She immigrated to the United States in 1979, and subsequently received a Bachelor's and Juris Doctor Degrees from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ms. Antonini worked in the legal clinic of Catholic Social Services where she represented indigent immigrants in international human rights and immigration matters. She later became a partner in Antonini, Odom, & Sullivan and eventually opened her own office, The Antonini Law Firm. Ms. Antonini has participated in numerous legal workshops and in many "know your rights" seminars for the immigrant community (including the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Latino Law School). She is a co-founding member of the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association and served on its Board of Directors. She currently is an adjunct professor of the Georgia State University School of Law. She served on the Board of Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Interpreters and Georgia Law Related Education Consortium. She is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and has served on the Board of its Atlanta Chapter.

As a well-known community educator, Ms. Antonini has appeared in a variety of media programs such as CNN's "Robin and Friends" and "From the Top," NPR's "Latin Beat," "The Layman's Lawyer," and "Leyes Cotidianas." – Her remarks about current immigrant issues and immigration policy are constantly published. Ms. Antonini also hosted a weekly live "call-in" radio show where she answered questions about immigration law to a Spanish speaking audience. She also co-authored a high school textbook, Introduction to Georgia Law, used to teach youth and continuing education adults about the legal system.

In 2001, Ms. Antonini was named Judge Pro Hac Vice for the City Court of Atlanta, becoming the first Latina judge to sit on the bench in Georgia's history. In 2004, she also became an adjunct professor at the College of Law, Georgia State University, where she teaches immigration law to juris doctor candidates. Ms. Antonini has a successful immigration practice focusing on deportation defense, detention, asylum/human rights, family immigration, domestic violence and consular issues.



Alise Jones-Bailey, MD
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Dr. Alise Jones-Bailey has been in private practice in the Atlanta area for the past 15 years and is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Jones-Bailey graduated from Morehouse School of Medicine and completed her residency in Obstetric and Gynecology at Boston University. She is affiliated with North Fulton Regional Hospital and Northside Hospital. She has a very successful women's practice in Roswell, Ga.

Dr. Jones-Bailey has been featured in "Essence" magazine, WAGA TV "The Intimate Questions" & "Pap Net and Pat Smears" and CNN News "Vitamin A Toxicity". She is currently a member of Atlanta Women's Medical Alliance and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

She is currently completing her fellowship in FFAFM, 'Fellowship for Anti-Aging and Functional Medicine.'

Dr. Jones Bailey is married with 2 children and her husband is an orthopedic surgeon in Atlanta.

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Cicely Tabb-Barber, Esq.
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Cicely Barber is the owner and principle of Litigation Training Solutions LLC (LTS), a business committed to providing customized training for legal professionals. LTS also provides quality continuing education and professional development seminars for paralegals and attorneys new to the practice of law. A former teacher with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, Cicely has been dedicated to legal education for over 10 years. Prior to attending law school, Cicely received an ABA approved paralegal certificate with a specialty in Civil Litigation. After graduating from law school, Cicely spent several years as the staff attorney to a judge in the busiest trial court in Georgia, where she was responsible for managing a civil docket consisting of over 1000 cases. Cicely's backgrounds in education and law afford her students a unique and practical perspective. In addition to working as a paralegal educator at Emory University for the past several years, Cicely has also taught paralegal studies at Clayton State College & University and Kaplan University in Florida.

Cicely is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, Women & Minorities in the Profession Committee of the State Bar of Georgia, and the Georgia Association of Paralegals. Cicely is also on the Board of Directors for Georgia Legal Services Program, and she is a trained and registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Cicely graduated cum laude from both Spelman College and Thomas M. Cooley Law School.



Wilma Beaty, Esq.
VP, General Counsel and Secretary
Caraustar Industries, Inc.
Austell, GA

Wilma Beaty joined Caraustar in November 2004 and established the corporate law department. She was promoted to her current position in January 2007; Ms. Beaty was admitted to bar, 1994, New York and U.S. District Court, Western District of New York; and to the Georgia bar in 2006. She earned her undergraduate degree at Princeton University (A.B., 1988); her juris doctor at University of Texas Law School at Austin (J.D., 1993). Her extracurricular activities include: Member of the Association of Corporate Counsel; Minority Corporate Counsel Association; Georgia and Cobb County Bar Associations.

Ms. Beaty was formerly associated with the law firm, Nixon Peabody LLP as an associate in its labor and employee benefits and commercial litigation practice groups. For the past ten years Ms. Beaty has worked with various (Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. and presently Caraustar Industries, Inc.) corporate law departments, accepting increasing levels of responsibility. Ms. Beaty has been practicing law for seventeen years.

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**The Honorable
Keisha Lance Bottoms**
Member, Atlanta City Council
Atlanta, GA

Keisha Lance Bottoms has always strived to make sure that her work as a member of the Atlanta City Council, Judge, Attorney, Reporter, and Legal Analyst would speak to her life's desire to improve the lives of others.

Keisha serves the 11th District as a member of the Atlanta City Council. She currently sits on the Public Safety, Transportation, and Zoning Committees. In her over 15-year career as an attorney, Keisha has worked as a prosecutor, General Counsel for a multi-million dollar company, Guardian ad Litem, as well as a private attorney representing everyone from captains of industry, to indigent clients in civil and criminal matters. She is also a Certified Mediator. As one of the youngest serving Judges in Atlanta, Keisha was widely respected for her judicial temperament and thoughtful decision making ability. It has been a dream come true for Keisha to combine her passion for Journalism with the law by working as a reporter and legal analyst in both radio and television throughout Georgia.

She graduated from Frederick Douglass High School and finished at the top of her Journalism class, Magna Cum Laude, from Florida A&M University. She has studied at Trinity College in the United Kingdom and earned her law degree from Georgia State University. They are delighted to be the parents of two wonderful sons, Lance and Langston. Keisha volunteers extensively in her community and church, and has served on the boards of several professional and nonprofit organizations. She was named as one of the Top 10 Outstanding Young People in Atlanta as a result of her professional achievements and extensive volunteerism in her community.



Windell D. Boutte', M.D.
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Dr. Windell D. Boutte' is the founder of Premiere Aesthetic Center. Our Center is the home of Premiere Dermatology and Surgery, Aesthetic and Laser Boutique, and Premiere Essence MedSpa. Our Center began serving the Atlanta community at large in 2007. Dr. Boutte' has been a practicing, board-certified dermatologist since 1997, and she oversees all facets of the Center's operations. Dr. Boutte' has earned a local and national reputation for providing patients with leading edge technological advances, and she has expertise in all facets of dermatology and aesthetic care.

Dr. Boutte' completed her undergraduate studies at Xavier University in 1988 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she graduated summa cum laude. While attending Xavier University, she was a recipient of the Minority Access to Research Careers scholarship, and was awarded the National HBCU Student Award for Excellence in Science and Technology, presented to her by President Ronald Reagan. Dr. Boutte' also was chosen by the President of her university to represent her senior class in honoring Pope John Paul II as he visited her college campus.

Dr. Boutte' obtained her medical degree from UCLA School of Medicine in 1993 in Los Angeles, California. Under the tutelage of her mentor, Dr. Ronald Moy, she published several research-based articles in dermatology, and was co-author of chapters in dermatological textbooks. She performed an internship in Internal Medicine at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, California. She then returned to her Southern roots by moving to Atlanta, Georgia, to complete her training in dermatology at Emory University Medical Center.

Dr. Boutte' married Adejia Boutte, Sr. in 1990, and is the proud mother of three wonderful sons, DJ, Devan and Daniel.

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Ernessa M. Brawley, Esq.
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Ernessa M. Brawley joined Swift, Currie, McGhee, & Hiers, LLP, in 2008. Ms. Brawley practices in the firm's civil litigation section focusing primarily on products liability, automobile litigation and premises liability.

Ms. Brawley graduated from Georgia State University College of Law in 2008. During law school, Ms. Brawley actively participated as an organizational president, graduate research assistant and member of the Student Trial Lawyers Association. In 2008, the Georgia General Assembly recognized Ms. Brawley's trial team for winning a national mock trial competition. In addition, Ms. Brawley served as a pupil in the Logan E. Bleckley Inn of Court. She is also a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Ms. Brawley received a B.S. degree in Biology, B.A. degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Gerontology. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Brawley marketed several multi-million dollar products on behalf of Merck pharmaceuticals.



Vickie Brown
Director of Career Services
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Vickie Brown is a graduate of the College of Business and Economics, Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. Her professional career in legal administration spans 20+ years in both private and public institutions, which has involved working with over 5,000 law students and graduates.

As Director of Career Services her areas of responsibilities include career advising and coaching students and alumni, strategic planning, employer recruitment and development, operations, events planning, marketing and human resources. Prior to her appointment as Director in 1996, she held several positions at the law school to include Program Administrator for the Externship and Litigation Programs. Before coming to GSU, she was the Business Administrator for the University of Puget Sound Law School in Tacoma, Washington (now Seattle University School of Law). Ms. Brown is a member of the National Association for Legal Career Professionals, the preeminent organization in legal career planning, recruitment and hiring, employment and professional development worldwide.

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Mary L. Bulls, Esq.
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Mary L. Bulls currently serves as deputy regional attorney in Region 10 of the National Labor Relations Board, a federal agency charged with enforcing the National Labor Relations Act. Ms. Bulls received her bachelor's degree in business education from the University of North Alabama and her master's degree in secondary education from the University of Alabama.

She taught in the public schools in Sheffield, Alabama, and Cleveland, Ohio prior to entering Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. After earning her J.D., cum laude, Ms. Bulls embarked upon her career in labor relations in the Cleveland regional office of the National Labor Relations Board. She transferred to Atlanta in 1981 and worked as a trial specialist until her promotion to a supervisory attorney position in 1996. She was promoted to her current position in 1998. Ms. Bulls was admitted to the state bar of Ohio in 1976 and the state bar of Georgia in 1984.

During law school, Ms. Bulls received the Carl B. Stokes Outstanding First Year Minority Student award. She was also 1987 Alumni of the Year representing the professions at the University of North Alabama. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Lisa E. Chang, Esq.
DeKalb County Attorney
DeKalb County Law Department
Decatur, GA

Lisa Chang was confirmed as DeKalb County Attorney by the DeKalb Board of Commissioners on January 12, 2009, after being nominated for the position by DeKalb County's new Chief Executive Officer, W. Burrell Ellis, Jr. Lisa started in her new position as DeKalb's Chief Legal Officer on January 26, 2009.

Prior to becoming County Attorney, Lisa had a solo practice in Decatur that focused on employment law, though she also handled some commercial litigation. Lisa was Counsel with the Atlanta office of Jones Day from 1997 to 2005, where she successfully defended employers in individual and class action employment lawsuits throughout the southeast. Lisa has been recognized as one of Georgia's Super Lawyers, and was identified as "the best of the best" employment lawyers in "Cutting-Edge Labor and Employment Practitioners," an article published in the January-February 2006 issue of Diversity & The Bar.

Among other activities, Lisa remains active in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, where she was president in 2001 to 2002; completed serving as a vice president and board member of the Georgia Legal Services Program in 2009; and is a current board member and past chair of the Labor & Employment Section of the Atlanta Bar Association. She also has served in various capacities with the American Bar Association.

Lisa clerked for the Honorable James S. Holden, United States District Court for the District of Vermont. She is a Harlan Fiske Stone graduate of the Columbia University School of Law, class of 1986, and a graduate cum laude of Amherst College, class of 1982.

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John C. Childs, Esq.
Chief Litigation Counsel
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John Childs is Georgia-Pacific Corporation's Chief Counsel – Litigation. In this position he is responsible for all of the litigation, except employment and labor, brought against and by the company. His duties also include the management of the defense of the extensive asbestos personal injury litigation filed throughout the country.

Prior to joining Georgia-Pacific, Mr. Childs was an equity partner in Sonnenschien, Nath & Rosenthal LLP in Chicago, Illinois. At Sonnenschien, Mr. Childs managed the law firm's Products Liability Practice Group and acted as the Chicago office's diversity officer. Previously he had been a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago (1997-1999) and Popham Haik in Minneapolis, Minnesota (1981-1997). Throughout his career in private practice he was a civil trial lawyer who practiced primarily in multi-party, multi-jurisdictional toxic tort, products liability and complex commercial litigation. He tried to verdict more than 35 jury trials in both state and federal courts, and argued numerous appeals before state supreme courts and various federal appellate courts.

Mr. Childs is admitted to the Minnesota, Illinois, Georgia, and North Dakota State Bar Associations, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar), the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Circuits and the United States Supreme Court. He is currently Chair of the Corporate Counsel Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC); and has been an active member of the American Bar Association's Litigation Section; Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA); Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC); Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity Innovation (MAPI); Center for Public Resources (CPR); the Minnesota Academy of Trial Lawyers; the Minnesota State Bar Association (Litigation Section); and the Hennepin County Bar Association.

He received a B.A. (magna cum laude) degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in 1978 and a J.D. (cum laude) degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego, California in 1981, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review.



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La'Keitha Jonise Daniels is legal counsel for Concessions International, LLC, a family and minority-owned company and a leading airport concessionaire, with operations in Atlanta, Detroit, Denver, Miami, Columbia, Seattle, Portland, and St. Thomas. She is also the Principal of The Results Group, LLC, a legal and consulting firm that provides advice and counsel to small businesses, political candidates, and a host of other clients. When the economy found her out of a job last year, she followed one of her passions and opened "Sweet Justice", a bakery serving traditional and gourmet cakes and cupcakes. Prior to owning her own business, La'Keitha served as Corporate Counsel for Harland Clarke, a Fortune 500 company focusing on payment systems, and as a litigation associate at Nelson Mullins. La'Keitha serves as President of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, a voluntary bar association that touts over 500 members. She was recently named to the Atlanta Business League's 2010 list of "Atlanta's Top 100 Black Women of Influence". La'Keitha was also named one of Georgia Trend's Top 40 Under Forty for 2008 and named Community Champion by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for 2009. Ms. Daniels is a member of a host of community organizations, on the Board of the Red Clay Democrats and the American Constitutional Society, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta. She received her Juris Doctor from Tulane University School of Law and completed her undergraduate degree in Mass Media Arts/Public Relations at Clark Atlanta University.

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In the employment area, she has handled a full range of employment litigation in federal and state courts, representing employers in lawsuits brought under Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, other federal and state statutes, as well as claims based on breach of contract and tort theories.

Previously, Ms. Davis was an Associate at McGuireWoods LLP. Prior to joining that firm, she served as an elbow law clerk for the Hon. Roger L. Gregory, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, and the Hon. Vanessa D. Gilmore, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Ms. Davis attended University of Michigan Law School, J.D. 2002, University of Georgia, M.Ed. 1996, and Emory University, B.A. 1993. Ms. Davis is married to George Davis and has a son, Carter (2 ½), and expecting a baby girl in April 2010.



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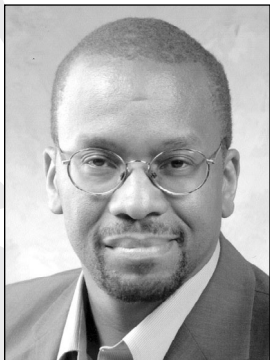
Leslie Davis' practice is concentrated in complex commercial litigation, tort litigation, and Media/First Amendment cases. She represents major corporations and institutions in a wide range of matters, including commercial contract and lease disputes, products liability, fraud claims, and insurance defense and coverage.

Ms. Davis is an experienced trial lawyer who has been the lead counsel for numerous jury trials, bench trials and mandatory arbitrations. She successfully co-defended a major corporation, an insurance company and a medical school in jury trials with multi-million dollar exposure. In addition to her numerous trial victories, she has an extensive background in resolving cases in State and Federal Court in Illinois and other states through dispositive motions and negotiating favorable settlements.

Ms. Davis has served as an adjunct professor at Roosevelt University and John Marshall Law School. She is a member of Sonnenschein's firm-wide Diversity Committee and is active in many bar associations and civic activities. She was named to the Illinois 40 Attorneys Under 40 to Watch in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin in 2001 and is a member of the Board of Directors for Legacy Charter School and Mount Sinai Hospital.

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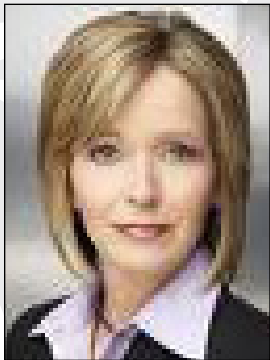
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Andrea Foster started her legal career with the FTC's Southeast Regional Office as a staff attorney. For three years Ms. Foster was a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee. As such, she criminally prosecuted white collar fraud cases. After completing that special assignment, she returned to the Southeast Regional Office in the position of Assistant Regional Director, which she held for one and one-half years before becoming the Regional Director.

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Ms. Gaskins earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, (cum laude), from Valdosta State University, and thereafter received her Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Florida State University's College of Law. Prior to beginning her career in education law, she was engaged in the private practice of law.

Ms. Gaskins is actively involved with a number of entities. To list a few: she serves on Editorial Board of The Journal of College and University Law, she is a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the Valdosta Rotary, Florida State University's College of Law Alumni Board and was the immediate past President of the AAUW's Valdosta Branch. Ms. Gaskins has written several articles that have appeared in national and state publications. Ms. Gaskins, a 2008 Nominee for Woman of the Year sponsored by Valdosta Junior Woman's Club, was recently honored with the State Bar of Georgia's Justice Brenham's Award for Community Service. A 2009 Fulbright recipient, Ms. Gaskins will be traveling to Hungary in March.

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[Gloria J. Green](#) is currently General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer at The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta. Gloria is the chief lawyer for the Atlanta Housing Authority and is an integral member of the senior management team. She began her legal career as an Attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Office of General Counsel, Washington, DC. Later she returned to Atlanta as a Senior Attorney in the Division of Enforcement in the Atlanta Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission investigating and bringing cases against persons and companies for securities violations. After several years as an Enforcement Attorney, Gloria joined Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta as a Senior Attorney. She was subsequently promoted to the position of Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Director of Legal Services. She began her career at the Atlanta Housing Authority in 1998 as Deputy General Counsel. Gloria has been a frequent speaker and moderator for programs sponsored by the ABA Forum and formerly chaired the Public Housing Committee of the Forum.

She is a member of several professional and civic associations including: the Governing Committee of the American Bar Association, a board member of ROOTS Adoption Agency, a member of the Georgia Bar Association, Atlanta Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Gate City Bar Association, Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and a Trustee of Ousley United Methodist Church. Gloria has also been recognized for her civic involvement by the South DeKalb YMCA where she chaired a fundraising campaign and by the PTA for her leadership and service.

The mother of two daughters, Avery and Jennifer, Gloria is a graduate of Duke University and holds a Juris Doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law Center.



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[Avarita L. Hanson](#) is the Executive Director of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism ("Commission"). Ms. Hanson was an Associate Professor at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and served as its Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Before joining John Marshall, she headed special legal projects and was the executive director of the Health and Consumer Services Section of the Georgia Secretary of State's Office. She has served as an Associate Judge Pro Hac Vice for the Fulton County Juvenile Court and as Clerk to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. She has also served as the Pro Bono Project Director for the State Bar of Georgia and Georgia Legal Services Program. Prior to and between government positions, Ms. Hanson engaged in the private practice of law, starting as a civil litigator with the Houston office of Fulbright & Jaworski law firm. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University and received her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Hanson has served as president of the Gate City Bar Association, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, Harvard Club of Georgia, the Atlanta Chapter of the Links, and in leadership capacities in many other bar associations, civic, social and community organizations. She is a member of Cascade United Methodist Church, Leadership Atlanta, Leadership Georgia, Leadership America and is the recipient of many awards. Most recently, she was inducted into the Gate City Bar Hall of Fame, received the Judge Barbara Harris Award for Community Service and Spirit of GABWA Award from the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, and Atlanta's John Marshall Law School named its chapter of the Black Law Students Association in her honor.

She has been married to William Alexander, M.D. for more than 30 years and they are the parents of two adult sons, Justin and Colin.

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Trudy Hardin is a member of the Aon Financial Services Group Employment Practices Liability Team. In that capacity, she is responsible for identifying exposures, creating and placing risk transfer programs for complex EPL programs nationwide for companies with 10,000 employees or more. In doing so, Trudy offers loss prevention services and advice, monitors EPL litigation, settlements, statistics and regulatory changes. She also writes Aon's EPL Advisor and various "White Papers" related to EPLI issues. She has also published an article in the Spring 2008 and Winter 2009 American Bar Association Labor and Employment Newsletter. She has presented at the 2007 National Equal Employment Advisory Council conference, 2008 National Institutional Investor Conference, and the 2009 National Employment Law Counsel Conference.

Trudy joined Aon Financial Services Group in 2003 from Aon Risk Consultants where she was a Senior Risk Consultant outsourced to an international real estate investment firm. In addition to day-to-day risk management duties, which included negotiation of insurance and indemnification contract provisions, she was responsible for the negotiation and administration of the EPLI, Professional Liability and REIT D&O renewals. She was also the risk manager to a pension funded construction project that had been taken over by the Department of Labor. Prior to joining Aon, Trudy was an Account Manager at Near North and was the U.S. Insurance Administrator for Tetra Pak, a foreign multi-national corporation, where she managed claim settlements and trained subsidiaries in EPLI issues. Trudy has held a number of other positions of increasing responsibility throughout her career that began with Allstate Insurance Company.

She is a member of the American Bar Association and is admitted to practice in Illinois.

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Allegra Lawrence-Hardy, a member of Sutherland's Litigation Practice Group and co-leader of the Business and Commercial Litigation team, has extensive experience handling complex multi-party, class action, multi-jurisdictional commercial and labor and employment matters. She has successfully defended primarily Fortune 100 companies throughout the United States and abroad in numerous trials, arbitrations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. Allegra has extensive experience negotiating complex settlements and finding creative solutions. She is regularly quoted in the media as a leading practitioner in her field.

As Chair of Sutherland's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Allegra was the architect of Sutherland Scholars, a summer pre-law school "boot camp" offered at no cost for students from historically black colleges and universities. The firm graduated its first class of scholars in 2005. Allegra regularly mentors students from the program.

Before joining the firm in October 1997, Allegra served as law clerk for Judge Susan H. Black of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Allegra chairs the firm's Diversity Committee and is a member of the firm's Hiring Committee. She also is a member of the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Community Food Bank, the Atlanta Legal Diversity Consortium, the Leadership Institute for Women of Color, and the Atlanta Girls' School, and the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Georgia. She previously served on the Boards of Directors for the Justice Center of Atlanta, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society Board, the Georgia Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, Atlanta Habitat for Humanity and the Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking. She serves as pro bono counsel to the Atlanta Women's Foundation. She is a Past President of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys and currently chairs the Women and Minorities in the Profession Committee of the State Bar of Georgia. She also is a member of the Bleckley Inn of Court, the Gate City Bar Association and the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers. She was appointed to the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, the Supreme Court's Commission on Domestic Violence, the Supreme Court's Commission on Access and Fairness in the Courts and the Mayor's Commission on the Living Wage. She is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta and Leadership Georgia.

In 2007, Allegra was honored as the recipient of the Gate City Bar Foundation's A.T. Walden Outstanding Lawyer Award and the Spirit of the Bench and Bar Award from the Black Law Students Association at the Georgia State University School of Law. In 2008, she received the State Bar of Georgia's Commitment to Equality Award and GABWA's Chief Justice Leah Sears Award for Distinction in the Profession.

As Sutherland's Diversity Partner, Allegra was the architect of Sutherland Scholars, a summer pre-law school "boot camp" offered at no cost for students from historically black colleges and universities. The firm graduated its first class of Scholars in 2005 and has since expanded the program to include Washington, DC. Over 100 students have graduated from the program. The Scholars learn skills targeted to help improve their success in the first semester of law school. Allegra regularly mentors students from the program.

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[Sarah J. Hawk](#) is a partner in the firm headquarters and concentrates her practice on business immigration. As a published author and speaker, Sarah has been on the board of governors and the national board of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). She currently serves as legal counsel on the board of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, Inc. In 2007, Sarah was recognized by "Who's Who in Asian American Communities." She is also on the Board of GAPABA (Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association) and on the Executive Board of NAAAP (National Association of Asian American Professionals), Atlanta.

Sarah is listed in Chambers 2009, Top Business Attorneys in the US, Who's Who Among Business and Professional Achievers and 2009 Bar Register of Pre-Eminent Lawyers. Sarah provides: counsel to national and multinational companies regarding immigration issues, I-9 compliance, employment issues for foreign nationals; counsel to health care providers for immigration employment issues for medical staffing issues for doctors and nurses; and counsel to multinational companies and employers with federal compliance issues in the contexts of mergers and acquisitions and government audits. Sarah advises clients on current immigration legislation and conducts I-9 compliance training, I-9 Webinars, performs I-9 audits and advises on immigration policy for companies.

Sarah received her J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law. She received her M.A.T. in English and her B.A. in 1992 in Latin/Greek/English from Agnes Scott College.



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As the Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, [Maja D. Hazell](#) leads an independent department and oversees all firm-wide diversity and inclusion initiatives. She creates strategies and programs to improve diversity of cultural background among firm attorneys and achieve equal opportunity for women, racial and ethnic minorities, LGBT lawyers and lawyers with disabilities. Prior to joining Fried Frank, she served as the Assistant Dean for Career Development of Pace University School of Law, where she provided counseling services, created and implemented career development programs for students and alumni, and oversaw all employer relations, professional development, and minority student internship and mentorship programs, and organizational minority job fairs. Prior to joining Pace, she was an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, practicing in the labor and employment litigation and executive compensation and benefits groups. She also worked on numerous pro bono matters in the areas of labor, employment discrimination, employee benefits, housing and family law. During her tenure at Simpson Thacher, Maja worked extensively with partners serving on both the Recruiting Committee and Diversity Committee, and with the firm's Recruiting Department, to improve associate recruitment and retention at the firm. Prior to becoming an associate at Simpson Thacher, Maja clerked with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP in their Washington, D.C. office, the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., and the New Haven Legal Assistance Association in Connecticut. Maja also developed and implemented numerous student programs at both Yale University and Georgetown University Law Center, in conjunction with the Dean's Office and Admissions Office of both institutions, and the Office of Career Services at Georgetown. Maja is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and NALP. She serves as Vice President of the Association of Law Firm Diversity Professionals, and serves on the New York City Bar Association (NYCBA) Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Lawyers and the NYCBA Committee to Enhance Diversity in the Profession. She received her B.A. in English from Yale University and J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

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Angela Payne James is a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Group. She focuses her practice on patent, trademark, trade secret, and copyright litigation as well as other complex commercial litigation. Ms. James has extensive experience in federal and state court at both the trial and appellate levels. She has litigated matters on behalf of a variety of technology-based clients including software companies, Internet service providers, and medical technology companies on a nationwide basis.

Recently, Ms. James represented a medical technology startup in a fraud/deceptive trade practices jury trial in federal court in North Carolina and won a judgment of \$318 million. On appeal, the case settled for \$180 million.

Ms. James also has extensive experience counseling clients on intellectual property compliance and enforcement matters, including web site and domain name disputes and administrative actions under ICANN's Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy.

Angela Payne James is the recipient of Alston & Bird's 2006 Diversity Leadership Award. The award recognizes exemplary service on behalf of Alston & Bird's diversity initiatives.

She earned her JD from Harvard University and her BA from Harvard College.



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E. Jewelle Johnson is a partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP, a labor and employment boutique. She maintains a national practice focused on defending management against employment claims arising under federal and state law, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 1981, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act. Jewelle also handles restrictive covenants and employee defection issues and claims, and advises clients on preventative measures aimed at reducing employment-related claims. In addition, she has a strong background representing companies in union organizing campaigns and unfair labor practice charges.

Jewelle's honors include being named one of "Georgia's Rising Star Super Lawyers" by Atlanta and Law & Politics magazines in 2005, 2006 and 2009, being selected as one of "Atlanta's Top 100 Black Women of Influence" by the Atlanta Business League in 2007 and 2009, and being listed in the 2007 "Who's Who in Law" section of the Atlanta Business Chronicle. In addition, Jewelle was recognized as one of the "Top 25 Power Women to Watch in 2006" by Atlanta Woman magazine and selected as one of 14 attorneys identified as one of the Daily Report's 2006 young lawyers "On the Rise."

Jewelle served as a founder and Co-Chair of Fisher & Phillips' Diversity Committee from 2007-2009 and as the 2007 President of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys. Since 2008, she has served as Treasurer of the GABWA Foundation, Inc. since 2008. Jewelle also sits on the Advisory Board of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society and serves as a Director of the Fulton County Chapter of the Metro Atlanta Boys and Girls Clubs and a Director for the Atlanta Legal Diversity Consortium. She is a member of the National Bar Association, the National Employment Law Council, the Georgia Committee on Access & Fairness in the Courts, the State Bar of Georgia Women and Minorities in the Profession Committee, and the Atlanta Business League.

Jewelle received her Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Arts from Miami University in 1994, and her juris doctorate from the Duke University School of Law in 1997. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

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Dawn's active membership includes: Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (past President); Gate City Bar Association (past Board of Directors); Advisory Council to the Health Law Partnership; Atlanta Bar Association Continuing Legal Education (Board of Directors); Atlanta Bar Association Law School Outreach Committee (past Chair); Atlanta Bar Foundation (Board of Directors); Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc. (Board of Directors); Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism; Georgia Election Protection Legal Coordinating Committee (past co-chair); Multi-Bar Leadership Council (past Chair); and Women and Minorities in the Profession Committee of the State Bar of Georgia (member). Dawn has received several awards and honors, including: being recognized as one of Georgia's "Rising Stars" in the legal profession by Atlanta Magazine (2005, 2007, 2009); being named to Atlanta Business Chronicle's list of "Who's Who in the Law" (2004, 2005); receiving the Atlanta Bar Association Distinguished Service Award (2007); receiving the Georgia State University College of Law Alumni Service to BLSA Award (2007); and receiving the Georgia State University Service to the College of Law Award (2009), among others. Dawn is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Dawn received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Virginia, her Master of Science degree from Georgetown University, and her Juris Doctorate from Georgia State University College of Law.

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Natalie R. Kelly is the Director of the State Bar of Georgia's Law Practice Management Program. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Political Science from Spelman College in 1990. While not a lawyer, she has attended law school at the University of Miami and Georgia State University; and she has also taught Law Office Management as an Adjunct Professor at John Marshall Law School in Atlanta. Prior to her employment with the State Bar, she worked as a legal assistant to a sole practitioner; and held law-related positions within the hospitality, commercial real estate, education, and communications fields. Currently at the State Bar, she is the staff liaison to the Law Practice Management Program Advisory Committee and the Member Benefits Committee. In 2005, she was named the State Bar of Georgia's Employee of the Year.

Mrs. Kelly is a Certified Consultant/Trainer for Timeslips, Amicus Attorney, ABACUS Law, Time Matters, Billing Matters, TABS3, PracticeMaster, and PCLaw legal software. She also consults and trains on a number of other legal and general business software applications. She serves as the State Bar Liaison for the Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators, and is a member of the Advisory Board for the lawyer coaching firm, ATTICUS, Inc.

She is active in her association with the American Bar Association's Law Practice Management Section and the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division. In the Law Practice Management Section, she is a member of the 2009-2010 Publishing Board; and was the 2008-2009 Vice-Chair of the Standards Sub-Committee of the Education Board. She was the Co-Chair of the 2007-2008 Education Board and the 2006-2007 Chair of the Practice Management Advisors Committee. She has also served on the Section's Membership and Marketing Committee; past Publishing Board; and the 2004, 2005, and 2006 ABA TECHSHOW Planning Boards. In the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division, she is a past member of the Editorial Board for the GPSolo Magazine's Technology and Practice Guide. She is a former member of the National Association of Legal Administrators and currently holds memberships in the National Bar Association and the National Association of Bar Executives.

She is a frequent presenter on legal technology and practice management topics and has presented on solo and small firm issues for lawyers. She has presented national CLE and law-related programs for the American Bar Association, the Association of American Law Schools, the National Conference of Bar Presidents, and other organizations. She has been a faculty member on multiple occasions for the international legal technology tradeshow, ABA TECHSHOW and LegalTech New York.

Mrs. Kelly writes extensively on practice management and legal technology. She is a regular contributor to the Georgia Bar Journal; the Law Practice Management Program's departmental newsletters; and other national, ABA, and State Bar publications. She authored the chapters When and How to Use Technology Consultants in Flying Solo: A Survival for the Solo and Small Firm Lawyer, 4th Edition and How to Make Your Bills a Rainmaking Tool in How to Capture and Keep Clients: Marketing Strategies for Lawyers. One of her law school exams for the Law Office Management course is published in the Instructor's Manual for the casebook, Materials and Cases on Law Practice Management: a Learning Tool for Law Students (Thomas McKnight Steele - Lexis/Nexis).

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Altomease R. Kennedy was born in Cleveland, Ohio and received her undergraduate education at Goucher College earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She received her Juris Doctor degree Georgetown University Law Center.

She began her legal career as a Research Associate for the National Urban League. For the next five years, Ms. Kennedy served as a trial attorney in the Litigation and Liquidation Division of the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, was a member of the Office of the General Counsel for Potomac Electric Power Company from 1981 to 1983, joined Ashcraft & Gerel LLP and spent the next 17 years with the firm, advancing to become a partner. Following a one year stint from 2000 to 2001 as Special Assistant and Counsel to the President of The Village Foundation, she rejoined Ashcraft & Gerel, as Of Counsel, in May 2001. In 2009, she co-founded McKnight & Kennedy LLC.

Ms. Kennedy has successfully litigated cases on behalf of plaintiffs in claims involving personal injury and medical malpractice. In 2005 and 2006, she represented whistleblowers in a series of successful actions alleging that office products companies were illegally selling products from non-compliant countries to the United States Government in violation of the Trade Agreements Act and several General Services Administration (GSA) policies. In 2009, Mr. McKnight and Ms. Kennedy were lead counsel for the Relator who was the Government Contracting Director for Network Appliances; this case resulted in the largest GSA procurement fraud settlement in history.

Ms. Kennedy is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia. She was also the secretary of the Qui Tam Litigation Subgroup of the American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA); a member of The Advisory Committee to the District of Columbia Bar Foundation, a former member of the Board of Trustees of Goucher College, former President of the Board of the Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation, past Vice President of the Board of Directors of City Lights School. Ms. Kennedy is also the author of the novel, *Friends and Lovers in Black and White*.



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Chong Kim is the founder and Managing Partner of Kim & Kert. The firm handles a broad spectrum of criminal defense cases, with a specialty in DUI and DUI related offenses. Kim & Kert has a unique expertise and capability to handle Korean and Hispanic community clients through its strategic relationship with the Law Offices of Kim and Woo, LLC.

A highly successful and effective criminal defense lawyer, prior to founding Kim & Kert, Ms. Kim was an attorney with the firm of Harvey T. Siegel & Associates where she exclusively practiced as a criminal defense attorney for 13 years.

In addition to her responsibilities as Managing Partner at her law practice, Ms. Kim is a Magistrate Judge for Fulton County. Ms. Kim was named a 2005 Super Lawyer by Atlanta Magazine, as well as being named one of the Best 40 Lawyers Under 40 by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 2002. She is a member of the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Interpreters and she sits on the State Bar Committee on Post Conviction Capital Representation (which is involved in death penalty appeals).

Ms. Kim received her BA in history from the University of Georgia and earned her JD from Washington and Lee University Law School. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and is also admitted to the Federal District Court of Georgia.

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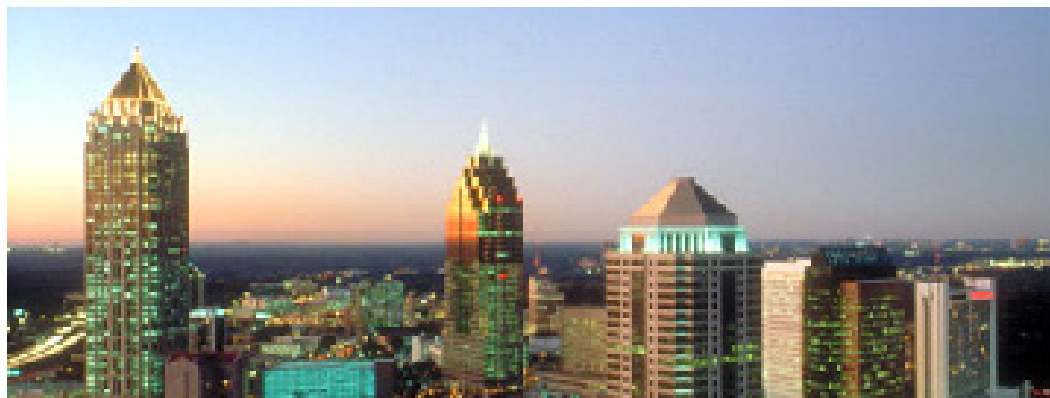


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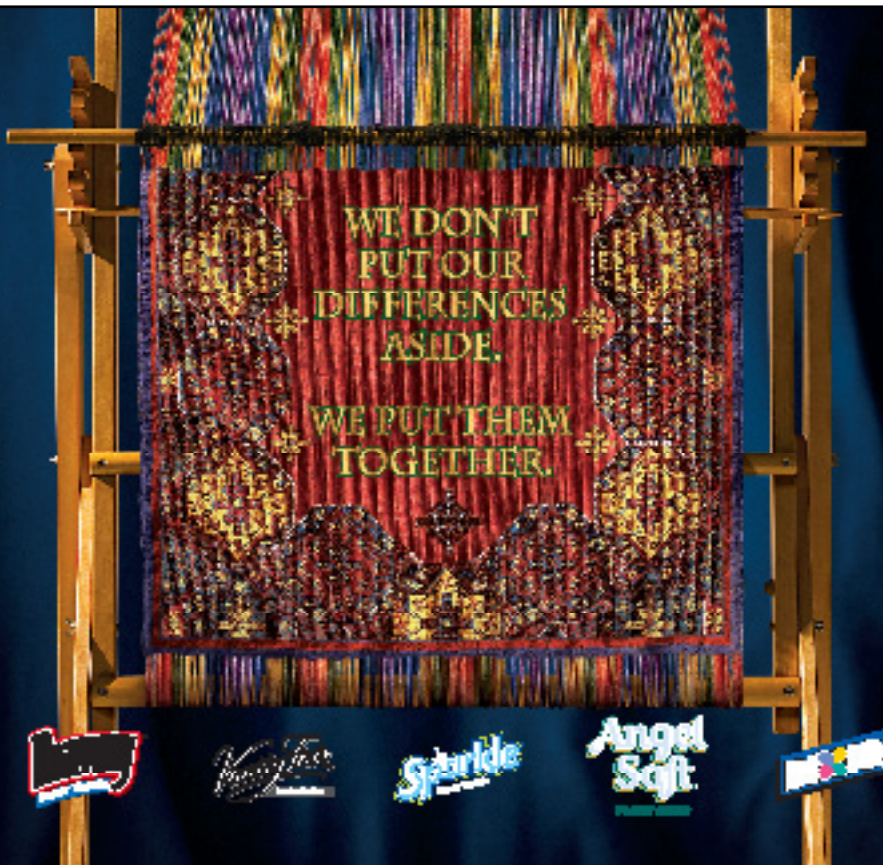
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