

MVA Hosts Law School Panel Discussion

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The MVA Diversity Committee recently hosted a panel discussion titled, "Transitioning to Practice: Tips and Techniques for Diverse Students Preparing for Life in the Legal Profession." The program featured Wells Fargo Senior Counsel Brandon Neal, Chief of the Appellate Division at the United States Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of North Carolina Jennifer May-Parker and MVA Litigation Member Valecia McDowell. Moderated by MVA Intellectual Property Member Tristan Fuierer, the discussion focused on strategies to help diverse law students effectively transition into a professional setting. The panelists' expertise provided valuable insight on topics related to networking opportunities, gaining access to substantive work projects, sourcing good mentors and attaining professional goals.

"One of the great benefits of practicing law is its constant evolution and your ability to respond to variety of problems," said Neal. "Mastering the law doesn't necessarily mean knowing all the answers. It means using the tools and skills that you've acquired to find the right answers."

Close to thirty law students from the University of North Carolina, Duke University, and North Carolina Central University attended the event. Attending students were invited to stay for a networking reception after the panel discussion to meet with featured speakers and guests from MVA. MVA Members Amy Johnson and Arlene Hanks were also in attendance.