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MVA Lawyers of Color and Leadership Charlotte Partner to Host Community Forum

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The MVA Lawyers of Color (LOC), led by Charlotte Bankruptcy Member Luis Lluberá, hosted a community event on October 11 in partnership with Leadership Charlotte titled "Social Distrust". The program, hosted at UNC Charlotte Center City, featured a presentation by Dr. Amy Hawn Nelson of the University of Pennsylvania highlighting how social trust affects the lives and relationships of various demographic groups in Charlotte. Guests were then invited to participate in an interactive roundtable discussion, led by various LOC attorneys and Leadership Charlotte alumni, to reflect on Dr. Hawn Nelson's presentation and to provide their personal perspectives of social distrust within Charlotte.

The program concluded with panel presentation on how Charlotte can improve the social capital and trust of its residents. Panelists included James Ford, Program Director at the Public School Forum, Patrice Funderburg, Founder of Educate to Engage LLC, and Brenda Tindal, Senior Vice President of Research & Collections at Levine Museum of the New South. Guests were invited to continue their conversations at a cocktail reception at the close of the event.

Over 70 guests attended the inaugural community program from the business, government, and community sectors, including legal and/or business representatives of Bank of America, Brighthouse Financial and AXA Equitable. The MVA Lawyers of Color and Leadership Charlotte plan to continue the programming series, exploring topics that advance equality and bridge differences within our community.