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McDowell Featured as "Minority Powerbroker"

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Charlotte Litigation Member Valecia McDowell was featured in *Law360's* "Minority Powerbrokers Q&A" series on December 16. McDowell's profile highlights her practice and the ways in which she has overcome obstacles as a minority attorney. McDowell provided *Law360* with candid advice, and shared about challenges she has faced, including a story of a time she encountered blatant discrimination in her career. The profile can be seen in its entirety [here](#).

"In addition to my work as a mentor, I work just as hard to be an effective 'influencer.' Issues of diversity, access and equity are complicated and they do not come naturally to everyone. I endeavor to listen and equally importantly, I endeavor to influence those at my own firm, across the Bar, and the business community as a whole, for whom issues of diversity do not come naturally."