



## **Diversity Spring Event**

**Sponsored by the MS Bar Diversity Committee**

**April 19, 2023**

### **Agenda**

- 9:00 a.m.-9:45a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:45a.m.-9:55 a.m. **Opening Remarks**  
Amanda Alexander, Chair of Diversity Committee  
Blake Teller, President of MS Bar
- 10:00 a.m. -10:50 a.m. **What's Happening Now: Intergenerational Perspective**  
Dean Susan Duncan & Brittany Barbee, University of Mississippi  
Interim Dean John Anderson & Jay Armstrong, MS College School of Law  
This session will consist of a panel exploring inter-generational efforts directed at students and incorporating professors and/or the law schools.
- 11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m. **Small but Mighty: Tackling Diversity Issues from the Solo/Small Firm Practitioners**  
Victoria Washington, The Washington Law Firm, PLLC  
Ammie Nguyen, Khalef & Nguyen, PLLC  
Brandi Gatewood, Gatewood Law, PLLC  
Assma Ali, Law Office of Ali & Association, PA  
This session will consist of a panel of small and solo practitioners of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging efforts.  
  
Session Two Q&A
- 11:50 p.m.-12:00 p.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m.-12:50 p.m. **A View from the Bench: The Ethics Hour**  
The Honorable Sharion Aycock, U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Mississippi  
The Honorable Carlyn Hicks, Hinds County Court  
The Honorable Latrice Westbrook, MS Court of Appeals  
This session will consist of a panel of representatives from the courts and how they approach diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.  
  
Session Three Q&A

12:50p.m. -1:05 p.m. Break

1:10 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

**The Corporate Roundtable**

Jason Varnado, Sanderson Farms

Gayla Carpenter-Sanders, MVL P General Counsel

Lauren Lawhorn, C-Spire In-House Counsel

This session will consist of a panel who will discuss initiatives of in-house counsel and a view from small and large firms.

Session Four Q&A

Closing Remarks

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