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From the Desk of

Marian Cover Dockery

GDP'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...



On September 27, 2011, King & Spalding hosted GDP's annual Welcome Reception and a "Conversation with Mayor Kasim Reed." Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams of the Fulton County Superior Court interviewed her fellow Howard Law School alum. Mayor Reed shared his administration's successes with the audience including how he has balanced the City's budget and lobbied Washington to secure millions of dollars for the Savannah River Project. See page 3B for more pictures of the event.



Judge Adams listens while Mayor Reed responds to a question during the Conversation.

On September 28, 2011, The State Bar of Georgia Diversity Program's 19th Annual CLE featured experts who presented on three topics: (1)The Judiciary's Role in Sustaining and Increasing Diversity in the Profession; (2)Corporate Strategies in Promoting Diversity of Outside Counsel and (3) A Historical Perspective: Minority Law Firms-Past, Present and Future." The members of the panels are pictured below:



From left to right: Judge Yvette Miller, moderator of the judicial panel is joined by Judge Dax Lopez, Judge Ural Glanville and Judge Anne Barnes.



Corporate panelists from left to right: Moderator Rick Goerss is joined by panelists Virginia Wadsworth, Russell Bonds, Tara Adyanthya, and James Harris.



The Minority-Owned Law Firm panel from left to right: Moderator Sam Woodhouse, Jeffrey Tompkins, Sonjui Kumar, Tracey Blackwell and William Hill, Jr.

At the State Bar Annual Luncheon, the 49th State Bar president Kenneth L. Shigley welcomed the attendees sharing his childhood experiences that shaped his views on diversity. The keynote speech this year featured the Honorable Bernice Donald. President Obama nominated Judge Donald to the U.S. Sixth Circuit and the United States Senate confirmed that nomination. Judge Donald, a trailblazer is the first African American woman to serve on that Court. For more pictures of the event, see page 3.



Judge Bernice Donald greets State Bar president Kenneth Shigley at the Welcome Reception.



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STATE BAR DIVERSITY PROGRAM'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SYPOSIUM

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**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Coming in February and April 2012*

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA DIVERSITY PROGRAM'S  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM**

GDP's Annual Business Development Symposium will be held at the State Bar Building and will feature partners and in-house counsel who will share their tips on developing business. Law firm partners and corporate in-house counsel will share their advice with attendees on best practices for developing business with clients.

Dates for the symposium are:

**Part I** - Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM  
Law Firm Partners

**Part II** - Thursday, February 22, 2012  
In-House Counsel

**Part III** – Thursday, April 19, 2012  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Meetings with General Counsel

Both Parts I and II will begin at 6:00 PM and conclude at 7:30 PM at the State Bar Building. The symposium will conclude with meetings on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 9:00 to 3:00 PM where attorneys will meet with general counsels.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY 2012 AT  
[www.gabar.org](http://www.gabar.org).**



# PHOTO GALLERY



GDP Steering Committee members Anandhi Rajan (left turned away from the camera) and Lyonnnette Davis chat during the Welcome Reception.



Marian Dockery and Kenneth Shigley, State Bar president pose before the Conversation begins.



From left to right: GDP member Jim Johnson poses with Judge Ann Barnes, Dawn Jones and Ken Shigley during the Welcome Reception.



From left to right: GDP members Rick Goerss of Equifax, Gaye Hymon and Mary Bulls of the NLRB listen during the Conversation.



From left Joe Loveland, Jr. and Phil Holladay, partners at King & Spalding enjoy the Welcome Reception.



Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams listens as Mayor Reed responds to one of her questions during the conversation.



Harold Franklin, Jr. addresses the audience at the conclusion of the Conversation with Mayor Reed.



Harold Franklin, Jr. and Judge Bernice Donald pose following the Conversation with Mayor Reed.



Judge Bernice Donald delivers the keynote address at the 19th Annual State Bar of Georgia Diversity Luncheon.



GDP Chair Charles Huddleston introduces the keynote luncheon speaker, Judge Donald at the 19th annual GDP Luncheon.