After a long period of steady increases in minority representation within the legal profession, recent surveys of law firms reveal a slight decrease between 2009 and 2010 in overall minority representation. Commentators agree the decline is due in part to the recession and massive attorney layoffs which followed. Commentators disagree, however, regarding the most effective ways to encourage diversity in the new economy. Law schools are grappling with these issues as well. Across the country, law schools are graduating proportionally fewer minority students. Our program will examine the recession's impact on diversity in the legal profession, diversity as a “shared responsibility” among corporations, law firms and law schools, and identify best practices for recruiting, training, and retaining minority attorneys.

Schedule

8–8:45 A.M.  
Registration / Coffee

8:45–9 A.M.  
Opening Remarks

Veryl V. Miles, Dean and Professor, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America

9–10:30 A.M.  
Diversity by Design: The Corporate Perspective

Moderator: Juliane Balliro, Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP
Jacqueline Parker, Vice President and Senior Counsel, TD Bank, N.A.
Veta T. Richardson, Executive Director, Minority Corporate Counsel Association
Ernest A. Tuckett, Corporate Counsel, DuPont Legal

10:30–10:40 A.M.  
Break
10:50 A.M.–12:05 P.M.  **The Law Firm Challenge: Refocusing on Diversity after the Downturn**  

*Moderator: Daryl A. (“Sandy”) Chamblee, Partner-Litigation and Chief Diversity Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP*

Albert A. Foster Jr., Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP  
Monica G. Parham, Diversity Counsel, Crowell & Moring LLP  
Kenneth G. Standard, Member of the Firm, Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.  
Benjamin F. Wilson, Managing Principal, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.

12:15–1:30 P.M.  **Lunch / Keynote**  
Michael A. Olivas, William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law and Director, Institute of Higher Education Law and Governance, University of Houston Law Center; President, The American Association of Law Schools (AALS), 2011

1:45 – 3 P.M.  **A Shared Responsibility: The Critical Role Law Schools Play in Reversing the Trend**  

*Moderator: Suzette M. Malveaux, Associate Professor, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America*

Dorothy A. Brown, Professor of Law, Emory University School of Law  
Renee Y. DeVigne, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Professorial Lecturer in Law, The George Washington University Law School  
Conrad Johnson, Clinical Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

3 P.M.  **Closing**

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