

***South Carolina Black Lawyers Association***  
**CONFERENCE**  
**A G E N D A**

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

**6:00- 8:00 – SCBLA Reception- Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**

**Friday, September 28, 2018**  
**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**  
**8:45- 5:15 p.m.**

**9:00 – 9:30 – Welcome- Leah B. Moody, Esquire, President- South Carolina Black Lawyers Association**

**9:00 – 10:00 – Opening Session – “Your appearance in Municipal Court” (1.0 CLE)**  
**Introduction– Leah B. Moody, Law Office of Leah B. Moody, LLC, Rock Hill, SC**  
*Honorable Carl Solomon, Columbia Municipal Court*  
*Montrio Belton, Esquire, Law Office of Montrio Belton*

**10:15 - 10:30 – B R E A K**  
*Sponsored by Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.*

**10:30 – 11:30 – “The #ME Too- #UsToo Movement and Race in America”**  
**Employment Law (1.0 CLE)**  
**Introduction – Donald Gist, Esquire, Gist Law Firm, P.A., Columbia, SC**  
*Eric Montgomery, Esquire, The Montgomery Law Firm, PLLC, Charlotte, NC*

**11:30 - 12:30 – “Electronic Discovery-2.0” (1.0 CLE)**  
**Introduction –Montrio Belton, Esquire, Montrio Belton Law Firm, Rock Hill, SC**  
*Ashleigh Wilson, Esquire, Bowman and Brooke, LLP, Columbia, SC*

**12:30 – 2:00 – Diversity Luncheon**  
**Keynote Speaker:**  
***Honorable Keisha Lance Bottoms***  
**60<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia**  
**2017 Community Service Award Presentation**  
***Sponsored by The Solomon Law Group, P.A.***

**2:00-3:00 – Corporate Practice from an In-House Counsel’s Perspective (1.0 CLE)**  
**Introduction– Freda Wallace, Esquire, Womble, Bond , Dickerson, LLP, Rock Hill, SC**  
*Isvara Wilson, Esquire, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, AGFirst Farm Credit Bank*

**3:00 – 3:15 ~ B R E A K**  
***Sponsored by Blueprint Strategy, LLC***

**3:15-4:15– “What now? Stay Woke” Navigating in Today’s Political Environment (1.0 CLE)**  
**Introduction- Leah B. Moody, Law Office of Leah B. Moody, LLC, Rock Hill, SC**  
*Bakari Sellers, Esquire, Strom Law Firm and CNN News Correspondent, Columbia, SC*  
*Antjuan Seawright, Blueprint Strategies, LLC and Fox News Channel Correspondent, Columbia, SC*

**4:15 – 5:15 -Ethics (1.0 CLE)**

*Introduction– Kimaka Nichols-Graham, Esquire, SC Legal Services, Greenville, SC  
Meghan Walker, Esquire, SC Ethics Commission, Columbia, SC  
Donald Gist, Esquire, Gist Law Firm, P.A., Columbia, SC*

**5:15 – 6:00 – SCBLA Annual Meeting**

**6:00 – 8:00 – Judicial Reception**

*Sponsored by Parker Poe Adams Bernstein, LLP  
1221 Main Street, Suite 1100  
Columbia, SC 29201*

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**9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**9:00 – 10:00 –How to Market Your Practice and Establish Your Brand- Panel Discussion  
(1.0 CLE)**

*Moderator– Allyce Bailey, Esquire, Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A., Columbia, SC  
Cliff Bush, III Esquire, The Law Office of Cliff Bush, III, LLC, Beaufort, SC  
Bianca Crawford, The Crawford Austin Agency, Columbia, SC  
Reginald Hair, Esquire, The Solomon Law Group, P.A., Columbia, SC*

**10:00 - 10:15 – B R E A K**

*Sponsored by Gist Law Firm, P.A.*

**10:15 – 11:15 – Legislative Update (1.0 CLE)**

*Introductions- Carlos Johnson, General Counsel, Midlands Technical College, Columbia, SC  
Honorable Cezar E. McKnight, Law Office of Cezar E. McKnight, Kingstree, SC  
Tiger Wells, Esquire SC Municipal Association, Columbia, SC*

**11:15 – 12:15 – How to Assess Damages in a Personal Injury Claim (1.0 CLE)**

**Introductions-**

*John Mobley, Esquire, Plaintiff, Law Office of John Mobley, Columbia, SC  
Deon Tedder, Esquire, Plaintiff, David Aylor Law Offices, Charleston, SC  
Breon Walker, Esquire, Defendant, Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A., Columbia, SC*

**12:15 - 12:30 – B R E A K**

*Sponsored by Law Office of Leah B. Moody, LLC*

**12:30- 1:00–CLOSING SESSION- Acknowledgements/Comments/concerns**

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*Luncheon –Keynote Speaker*  
*The Honorable Keisha Lance Bottoms*  
*60<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia*



Mayor Bottoms strives to continue the City’s progress as a global business hub, while also building a city that stands as a national model for equity and inclusion. With a six-point focus on affordability, public health and safety, transportation, education, criminal justice reform, and economic and workforce development, Mayor Bottoms is committed to leading Atlanta to becoming a recognized leader in both commerce and compassion.

Within her first 100 days, Mayor Bottoms implemented sweeping reforms that would improve lives and transform the trajectory of Atlanta’s future. As part of her commitment to strengthening public education for all of Atlanta’s children, Mayor Bottoms transferred deeds for 31 properties to Atlanta Public Schools. Tackling criminal justice reform, Mayor Bottoms signed an ordinance to eliminate the use of cash bonds for low level, low income offenders. Mayor Bottoms also announced a \$9 million, citywide anti-displacement initiative to expand affordable housing opportunities for low income residents as part of her \$1 billion public-private equity and affordability plan. Doubling down on her commitment to maintaining an affordable Atlanta, Mayor Bottoms, in partnership with the Westside Future Fund, announced the Anti-Displacement Tax Fund, which will pay any property tax increases for qualifying homeowners in the City’s historic Westside communities.

Working to improve access to parks and public spaces for all Atlantans, Mayor Bottoms most recently executed a historic public property purchase, acquiring the land needed to complete the Atlanta BeltLine’s Southside Trail. This \$26 million investment will connect the Eastside of the BeltLine to the Westside for the first time in the trail’s history – providing greater access to transit options and world-class greenspace for residents. In June, Mayor Bottoms was appointed Chair of the Community Development and Housing Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors for her leadership on the critical issues facing the nation’s cities concerning affordability and economic development. Only the second woman to be elected to Atlanta’s highest office, Mayor Bottoms was designated a “Woman to Watch in 2018” by Viacom’s BET Network. She has also been profiled by Atlanta Magazine, Ebony Magazine and Politico Magazine, where she was named “the most prominent black female executive in the South – and one of the few in the entire country;” and most recently, she was honored among a group of stellar woman, as one of ESSENCE magazine’s 2018 “Woke 100” – highlighting black women change agents across the nation and beyond.

A lifelong public servant, Mayor Bottoms previously served as a lawyer, judge, City Councilmember, and Executive Director of the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority (AFCRA), where she spearheaded the sale and \$350 million planned redevelopment of Turner Field, formerly home to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games and Major League Baseball’s Atlanta Braves.

An active member of the community, Mayor Bottoms is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Atlanta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, the Dogwood City Chapter of The Links, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has also served on the Board of Families First, where she shares her personal story of adoption, and advocates on behalf of adoption and foster care.

Mayor Bottoms resides in Southwest Atlanta with her husband, Derek W. Bottoms, their four children – Lance, Langston, Lennox and Lincoln, and their family dog, Logan. Bottoms is a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School (Atlanta), Florida A&M University, and Georgia State University College of Law.