

## Vernon McFarland Honored with 2017 Pro Bono Service Award

The Capital Area Bar Association (CABA) recently held their annual Evening Honoring the Judiciary at the Country Club of Jackson. The dinner not only hosts a keynote speaker but also serves as an opportunity for CABA and Jackson Young Lawyers (JYL) to present their annual awards for outstanding service, pro bono and professionalism. Forman Watkins is extremely proud to have one of its very own presented with the 2017 JYL Pro Bono Service Award, congratulations to Partner Vernon McFarland for this wonderful recognition. Vernon serves on the Firm's Pro Bono Committee where he shows daily commitment to the growth and expansion of Pro Bono efforts in the Firm and our local communities. Spencer Ritchie was awarded this honor in 2014.

The 2018 keynote speaker was the Honorable Bernice B. Donald of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judge Donald is a native of DeSoto County, Mississippi. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Memphis, and her law degree from the University of Memphis's Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

