

FormanWatkins Hosts Diversity Pipeline Program Bootcamp



Seated L to R: Precious Thompson and Pierreraisha Goodwin; Standing L to R: Amber Magee, Octavius Henderson, Clifford Benton, Jr., Marvin Dale, Jr. and Kevana Funches.

FormanWatkins recently concluded its Diversity Pipeline Program pre-law school bootcamp. Students from Tougaloo College, an historically black college located in Jackson, Mississippi, participated in an all-day educational event featuring a Q&A panel discussion with the firm's summer clerks on what to expect the first year in law school; a seminar taught by FWK associates, Katherine Pettis and Chandler C. Agee, on case briefing and outlining; and, a mock law school lecture by University of Mississippi School of Law Professor Larry J. Pittman. In addition to the bootcamp, the students spent their spring break at the firm participating in a week-long series of activities that included a civil litigation legal education seminar, attorney shadowing opportunities and panel discussions with outside counsel.

In partnership with the pre-law society at Tougaloo College, the FWK Pipeline Program is a firm diversity initiative to recruit stellar students attending historically black colleges and universities with an interest to practice law. All program participants are set to attend law school in the fall on full scholarships.

Participants included:

- Precious Thompson, George Washington University Law School
- Amber Magee, Suffolk University Law School
- Clifford Benton, Jr., Suffolk University Law School
- Pierrerasha Goodwin, University of Alabama Law School
- Octavius Henderson, Vermont Law School
- Marvin Dale, Jr., Washburn University School of Law
- Samuel Patterson, III, Drake University Law School
- Kevana Funches, Columbia University School of Professional Studies