

The Pitt Law Black Alumni Committee of the University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association presents a panel discussion:

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE PROFESSION: PAST, PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE

Panelists will explore the importance of promoting and increasing racial diversity and inclusion in the Profession. The panel will offer ways in which Black and African American attorneys may overcome the barriers that limit their growth and full participation in the practice of law.

Thursday, September 15, 2022 • 5:30-7 p.m.

Presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

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Justice Cynthia Ackron Baldwin, a graduate of Duquesne Law in 1980, was the first African American woman elected to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. She was the second African American woman and the third African American to serve on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in its 300-year history. A Fulbright Scholar, Justice Baldwin currently chairs the Fulbright Association Board of Directors in Washington, DC.



Martha Richards Conley (JD '71), a native Pittsburgher, was the first African American female graduate of Pitt Law and the first admitted to practice law in Allegheny County. She was employed by The United States Steel Corporation for 27 years and retired as Senior General Attorney.



Derek Illar-Antonucci (JD '09), a member at Eckert Seamans, counsels and represents corporations, non-profit organizations, institutions, and governmental entities on labor and employment, commercial, corporate, and business-based immigration matters. He promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts for his firm and the legal community and provides pro bono services to organizations that support people from diverse backgrounds.



Aubrey Jones (JD '07) has maintained a core passion for relationship building through her career in recruiting, law, and education. Jones joined Leverage to Lead as Head of Talent Advisement & Success Partner working in executive legal recruiting. At Leverage to Lead, Aubrey is excited to help women and people of color advance their careers in spaces that allow them to show up as their full selves. She maintains an active pro bono practice as the Chair of the Board and legal representation for Acelero Learning Camden/Philadelphia, an organization that runs successful Head Start programs.



Tony Thompson (JD '06), an attorney in Dollar Bank's legal department, provides counsel on various aspects of the financial services industry, including supporting the Bank's commercial real estate and human resources departments. Before joining Dollar Bank, Thompson worked at the law firm of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, LLP, where he, among other things, represented numerous developers and contractors in commercial real estate disputes.

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