

Partner Sarah L. Reid Speaks at Columbia Law School BLSA Conference

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On April 3, 2009, partner Sarah L. Reid participated in The 15th Annual Paul Robeson Social Justice Conference, "Thinking Outside of Race: Are We Ready?" Hosted by Columbia Law School's Black Law Students Association, the two-day conference focused on issues such as what the election of President Obama means for race relations, how lawyers can diversify higher education and employment, and alumni networking.

Ms. Reid's panel discussion was titled "Innovative Lawyering: How Practitioners are Achieving Diversity in Higher Education and Employment." There were four attorney panelists, three from firms and one from Rutgers University. Ms. Reid spoke about the initiatives undertaken by the Kelley Drye's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the need to continue those initiatives in the current economy. A lively Q & A followed the session.

Columbia Black Law Students Association is a chapter of the National Black Law Students Association, one of the largest student-run organizations in the United States. The organization's mission is to facilitate the academic and professional development of African-American students at Columbia University and to instill in them a greater commitment to the needs of the black community.