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SULC hosts monthly networking webinar series with partner, Rawle and Henderson

Recently, the Southern University Law Center hosted a virtual lunch and learn session with Rawle business lawyer and General Counsel David I. Rosenbaum and Verily Life Sciences General Counsel Cynthia Patton. The title of the session was “Insights into Being a Business Lawyer – Ask the Professionals,” and it was moderated by John C. McMeekin, II, partner at the Law Firm of Rawle and Henderson.

During the webinar, Ms. Patton and Mr. Rosenbaum shared their experiences, knowledge and insights about commercial litigation and business transactions as well as their suggestions on how to enter those fields. Individually, they delved into their careers and discussed professional lessons learned along the way.

Ms. Patton spoke about her career path that led to her becoming General Counsel of Verily, a life science and health care company that is a subsidiary of Alphabet, Inc., which is the world’s fourth largest technology company by revenue and the parent corporation of Google. She shared her career transforming decision to leave her position as the General Counsel of SCAN Health Plan, a California Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) to accept a position with seemingly less responsibility that some mistakenly perceived as being a demotion at Amgen, one of the world’s leading biotechnology companies. She spoke passionately about how that bold decision, which had been questioned by some, led to significant growth and opportunities including her being promoted to a Vice President responsible for United States commercial legal activities and later as Amgen’s Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer. Ms. Patton encouraged the students to work hard and make bold decisions in their legal career designed to expand their experience and skills as attorneys.

Mr. Rosenbaum spoke about his own career path, which began with being a young associate at a large national law firm followed by stints as a product liability and commercial litigator at both a boutique law firm and the large regional law firm. He also shared his unusual experience of becoming a transactional lawyer midway through his career at the request of one of his clients followed by his being named as Rawle’s first general counsel. Like Ms. Patton, Mr. Rosenbaum offered insight as to how law students with backgrounds that are historically underrepresented in the legal profession could use networking and pro bono work to expand their career options.

The program can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h02t7QnPYCY&feature=youtu.be>

This event is one in a series of monthly webinars that will help students through every facet of law school and assist with making decisions regarding their practice of law. On last year, both organizations forged a partnership that will include a mentorship program and said webinar series. To learn more about the partnership, click [here](#).