



Burr & Forman Continues Partnership with Discover Financial and Midtown Education Foundation Teaching Teens about the Legal Field

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For the fifth consecutive year, attorneys from Discover Financial and Burr & Forman partnered with the Midtown Education Foundation (MEF) at the Midtown Law Apprenticeship to lead a program that exposes high school students to the legal industry and also teaches them about career opportunities in the legal field.

This year, the day-long program included a mock appellate argument in which the students, coached by Discover attorneys and the Burr & Forman team, presented oral arguments in connection with a Supreme Court case. Students also served as the justices and helped evaluate their peers' arguments where they were responsible for rendering a decision after hearing all the oral arguments. After the mock trial, the class then listened and learned from the real arguments that were presented to the Supreme Court during the actual case.

The team included Burr & Forman partners David Elliott (Birmingham) and Jacqueline Simms-Petredis (Tampa) as well as Discover's Michael Gray, who is very involved with the MEF and lead the team in creating the programming.

About Midtown Education Foundation

MEF operates through its Metro Achievement Center for girls and Midtown Center for boys in grades 4 – 12. Programs focus on Hispanic and African American youth, offering after-school and summertime growth opportunities that help students of average academic ability to achieve above-average results. Programs are rooted in Catholic moral and social teaching and embrace students

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regardless of their religious, racial, ethnic, or familial status. MEF received its original inspiration from Opus Dei, an institution of the Catholic Church, and continues today its partnership with Opus Dei.

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