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United in Strength: Fostering Inclusive Legal Leadership

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PROGRAM AGENDA

Time	Segment	Confirmed Speakers	Room
8:15 AM	Registration and Networking Breakfast	Master of Ceremonies: Kelly Perez , Program Manager, Girls Rule the Law, Inc.	Atrium
9:00 AM	Welcome & Introductions	Mirna M. Santiago, Esq., Founder, Girls Rule the Law, Inc. Gretchen Ritter, Vice President for Civic Engagement and Education, Syracuse University	Court Room
9:15 AM	Everything You Wanted to Know About Voting Rights (and Wrongs)	Paula Johnson , Professor of Law, Syracuse University College of Law	Court Room
9:45 AM	One on One with Judge Richardson	Hon. Edwina G. Richardson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, Office for Justice Initiatives. Introduction: Keyashia Willis, Associate, Barclay Damon LLP	Court Room
10:15 AM	From Law School to Lawyering: Millennials and Gen Z in the Legal Profession	Moderated by Suzette M. Meléndez, Esq., Teaching Professor, Syracuse University College of Law. Panelists include: Marisol Estrada Cruz, Law Clerk, Pro Bono Immigration Program Volunteer Lawyers Project of Central New York; Mazaher (Mazzy) Kaila, Bousquet Holstein PLLC; Dachie Belony, Class of 2025, SBA; Alexis Takashima, Class of 2025	Court Room
10:45 AM	Networking Break		Atrium
11:00 AM	Civics in Action: Understanding the ERA	Kimberly Wolf Price , Esq., Chief Strategy & Diversity Officer, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC.	Court Room
11:30 AM	Professionalism in Practice: Insights and Perspectives	Hon. Danielle Fogel, Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Fifth Judicial District, and Terria Jenkins , Member, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC.	Court Room
11:50 AM	Introduction for Keynote Speaker	Lauryn Gouldin, Crandall Melvin Professor of Law; Director, Syracuse Civics Initiative; Syracuse University College of Law	Court Room
11:55 AM	Keynote Address Judge Rivera	Hon. Jenny Rivera, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals	Court Room
12:15 PM	Harnessing the Power of Networking and Mentorship	Alexandra Epsilanty. Executive Director, Major Gifts Syracuse University	Court Room
12:25 PM	Networking Lunch		Atrium
12:45 PM	Speed Mentoring Sessions	See separate mentor list	Atrium
1:30 PM 1:40 PM	Closing Remarks Group Photo	Suzette M. Meléndez , Esq., Teaching Professor, Syracuse University College of Law	Atrium
1:45 PM	High School Students Depart		

