

# Twelfth Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law

## The Intersection of Media, Law, & Politics

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

2:00 - 8:00 PM

American University Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Sixth Floor

### Conference Schedule

#### 2:00-2:30 – Registration

#### 2:30-4:00 – Careers Table Talk

Representatives from a variety of legal employers, some of whom are alumni, will informally meet with students to discuss the realities of working in their respective areas of practice.

#### 4:15-6:00 – Welcome Remarks & Panel Conversation

In a unique and remarkable political year, a panel of experts will come together to conduct an inclusive conversation about its meaning and ramifications for the African-American community. Distinguished guests include:

**Jim Asendio**, News Director, WAMU-88.5 \***Midwin Charles**, '99, Midwin Charles and Associates & Member of the Dean's Diversity Council \***Joe Johns**, '02, Correspondent, CNN \***Craig Thompson**, Thompson Communications, LLC and Partner, Venable LLC \***Judy Smith**, '86, Public Relations Consultant (Invited) \***Steven Taylor**, Ph.D, Associate Professor, American University School of Public Affairs \* **Jacqueline E. Trescott**, Reporter, *The Washington Post* (C)

#### 6:00-6:30 – Reception

#### 6:30-8:00 – Awards Dinner

The dinner program recognizes those who have done good and done well through respective presentation of the Rising Star Award, the Hairston Award, and the North Star Award to a graduating student, a member of the alumni, and a legal professional.

To register for the event (no charge), please go to [www.wcl.american.edu/secleregistration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secleregistration)

To register for the Careers Table Talk please contact Bridget Beirne, Recruitment Coordinator  
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