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**Civility/Professionalism, Litigation Ethics & Dealing with Pro Se
Litigants**

SPEAKER BIO

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Dolores is most passionate about serving the legal community while promoting professionalism and the integrity of the profession. Dolores is the immediate Past Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Maryland State Bar Association (2015-2015), is a member of the Maryland Bar Foundation, and is an appointed member of the Maryland State Bar Association Professionalism Committee, teaches the mandatory Professionalism Course for new admittees in the District of Columbia and Maryland, and is the Past Co-Chair of the Ethics & Professionalism Committee of the ABA Young Lawyers Division.

Dolores serves in leadership roles within local and national bar associations, including her service as an appointed member of the ABA's Standing Committee on Professionalism (2015-2018), past appointed member of the Standing Committee on Professional Discipline for the ABA (2012-2015), past ABA Fellow (2010), past Co-Chair of the Education Committee for the MSBA Young Lawyers Section, past Co-Editor of *The Advocate*, the official publication of The Maryland State Bar Association ("MSBA"), Young Lawyer's Section (2007-2010), Past Fellow of the MSBA Leadership Academy (2006), former Co-Chair of the Judicial Selections Committee of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland (2009-2010), and Past President of the Black Women's Bar Association of Suburban Maryland (2002-2004).

Dolores has received significant recognition for her work and dedication and is the recipient of the Finalist award for the ABA Young Lawyer's Division National Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year 2011, the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility Rosner and Rosner Young Lawyers Professionalism Award 2012, the 2012 Edward F. Shea Professionalism Award given by the Maryland Bar Foundation, the Daily Record's Maryland Top 100 Women award, May 2013, the Daily Record's Leadership in Law, November 2013, and the Daily Record's Maryland Top 100 Women award, June 2015.

Besides her professional work, Dolores is active in her community. She is a member and Host for the Media Ministry of The New Macedonia Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. She is also the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Dorsainvil Foundation, Inc., her family's foundation which provides free healthcare to the residents of Haiti through bi-annual medical missions. Follow Dolores on Twitter at [@d_dorsainvil](#). Dolores can be reached at dorsainvild@dcodc.org.