

Ward and Smith Welcomes NCBA's Minorities in the Profession Candidate Genesis Torres

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Ward and Smith is pleased to partner with the North Carolina Bar Association's Minorities in the Profession Committee (MIP) to hire first-year law student Genesis Torres as a 2021 Summer Associate.



It marks the fourth time that the firm has collaborated with MIP to not only engage 1L students for the Summer Associate Program but also to build a more diverse talent pipeline.

MIP is dedicated to promoting an increased presence of minorities in the legal profession through continued education and facilitating networking and

mentorships between law students and practicing attorneys. Prior MIP candidates include Justin Hill, who now works as a Labor and Employment Attorney in Ward and Smith's Raleigh office, and Avery Locklear, UNC second-year law student, who will be returning as a 2021 2L Summer Associate.

"Working with MIP accomplishes two equally important goals: developing and fostering young talent and building a sustainable, diverse profession that better reflects our clients and surrounding communities," stated Melissa Forshey Schwind, Ward and Smith's Director of Attorney Recruiting, Professional Development, and Diversity and Inclusion. "The addition of Genesis strengthens our commitment to those goals, and we look forward to having her at the firm."

Ward and Smith's six-week Summer Associate Program runs May 17 through June 25.

About Genesis Torres

A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, Genesis Torres is currently a 1L student at Campbell Law School. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from North Carolina State University. There, she was involved in numerous leadership roles, including an alternative service break trip with the Dilley Pro Bono Project. Genesis is currently participating in the Death Row Visitation Project and is Treasurer-Elect for Lambda Law.

About Ward and Smith

Ward and Smith is a full-service law firm in North Carolina with offices in Asheville, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, and Wilmington. The firm has more than 100 attorneys knowledgeable in more than 35 practice areas, from agribusiness to zoning.