

Let the Youth Lead the Way: A Dialogue With Future Lawyers

By Kim Wolf Price

In celebration of Women’s History Month, the Women in Law Section’s General Counsel’s Committee, the Young Lawyers Section and the Puerto Rican Bar Association of New York presented “Let the Youth Lead the Way: A Dialogue With Future Lawyers” on March 16, 2021.

For the legal profession to grow and innovate as it needs to, leaders must take time to listen to the next generation of lawyers. Christina Singh-Bedell, Chair of the WILS Emerging Lawyers Committee, led an inspiring conversation with a panel of law students who shared their thoughts on law practice, mentoring and what is necessary for women to succeed in the law. Panelists Katia Bogomolva, Columbia Law School; Celeste Russell, Brooklyn Law School; and Gabriela Cardé-Cortés, Fordham University School of Law, provided thoughtful and thought-provoking insights on several issues. The hour-long program covered a lot of ground, moving through issues such as social media, obstacles faced by woman attorneys, diversity and inclusion, pay equity, well-being, recruiting and retaining young attorneys, the importance of mentorship and sponsorship, and the issue of bringing one’s whole self to work.

In the spirit of Women’s History Month, the law students reminded the attendees—both women and men—of the influence they can have in helping less experienced attorneys and law students.



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“I think that there’s a huge difference [when you have] a sponsor—somebody who will vouch for you, somebody who will support you ... [and] when it is somebody who traditionally has occupied a position of power, that’s incredibly helpful,” said Katia Bogomolva.

Frettra DeSilva, Chair of the WILS General Counsel Committee, ended the program by thanking the speakers for their thoughtful and inspiring contributions.

“We in the Women in Law Section certainly want to be a vehicle for change and [hearing from young women lawyers] is an important part of our celebration of Women’s History Month to understand a little bit better how we can do that,” de Silva said.

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WILS’ Emerging Lawyers and General Counsel Committees presented “Let The Youth Lead The Way,” featuring three law students—Katherine Bogolomova from Columbia Law School, Gabriela Carde-Cortes from Fordham Law School and Celeste Russell from Brooklyn Law School—and moderated by Christina Singh-Bedell, Chair of the Emerging Lawyers Committee and Assistant NYS Attorney General.

