

## The 2018 New Admittees Reception

On September 20, 2018, the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys of Maryland, Inc. and the Monumental City Bar Association hosted the annual New Admittees Reception. We welcomed thirteen new admittees who became members of the Maryland Bar in December of 2017 and July of 2018. The event was well attended by Judges from every level of the judiciary and practitioners across various legal fields.

Professor Jose F. Anderson of the University of Baltimore School of Law served as the guest speaker this year. In keeping with the Alliance's theme of the year, "Growing a New Generation of Leaders," Professor Anderson spoke of the role of bar associations in diversifying the legal profession. He encouraged the new admittees to become active in local and national bar associations and to continue the rich legacy that other attorneys have created. Professor Anderson reminded us of the sacrifice and courage of attorneys who opened doors, and were instrumental in enabling young attorneys to gain access to the practice of law and to bar associations in Maryland. Professor Anderson also reminded the new admittees that change comes from active involvement in bar associations and he urged new attorneys to become involved with bar associations.