

BEST MENTOR: ROSE JONES

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Rose Jones, a partner with King & Spalding's Atlanta office, was honored for her mentorship both inside and outside the firm.

"She offers advice that is never demeaning and is always constructive. Rose is also an asset not only to the firm, but as a lawyer in her community. She is deeply involved in pro bono and charitable activities and tries to instill this passion in others as well," an Atlanta staff attorney said in her nominator essay.

Outside the firm, she mentors young women as they go through college and law school. "I am inspired by her humility and her commitment to empower others,"

another Atlanta staff attorney said in her essay.

The Daily Report asked Jones the following questions:

Who mentored you early in your career, and what did he or she mean to you?

Dan Willoughby, retired King & Spalding partner, mentored me early in my career and still mentors me today. I am incredibly grateful for his support of my professional development. Dan always encourages me to ask questions and broaden my experience. Dan holds me accountable to my goals and taught me to develop and prioritize actions to reach those goals. I truly believe the goals and accomplishments I have

achieved are a direct correlation to the guidance and leadership of Dan Willoughby.

Today, what does it mean to you to "pass the torch" and mentor others?

The most important goal I have is to help others reach their goals and aspirations. In my experience, a successful mentor-mentee relationship benefits both the mentor and the mentee. Nothing compares to the benefits of the personal relationships, connections and support provided in a mentor-mentee relationship. We must pass the torch of mentorship for continued personal and professional growth in the legal industry.