



## **The National Black Lawyers Announces Jana J. Edmondson- Cooper as One of Its Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in Georgia for the year 2017**

### **For Immediate Release**

**The National Black Lawyers - Top 40 Under 40** is pleased to share that **Jana J. Edmondson- Cooper** of **U.S. Department of Labor-Office of the Solicitor** was selected for inclusion into its **Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers**, an honor given to only a select group of lawyers for their superior skills and qualifications in the field. Membership in this exclusive organization is by invitation only, and is limited to the top 40 attorneys in each state who have demonstrated excellence and achieved outstanding results in their careers.

**The National Black Lawyers - Top 40 Under 40** is a professional honorary organization composed of the **Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers** from each state who serve individuals and businesses in the American legal system. Membership is also limited to those attorneys who focus their practices in the following areas of law: Civil Plaintiff; Criminal Defense; Civil Rights; Matrimonial and Family Law; Bankruptcy Law; Social Security Disability Law; Immigration Law; Employment Law; Wills, Trust, and Estates; Banking & Finance; Business Formation; Business Labor and Employment Law; Business Transactions; Corporate Law; Litigation Defense; Intellectual Property; Trademark and Patents; Real Estate; Securities and Antitrust Defense; Taxation; Judiciary; Law Professor; Government and Commercial Litigation. **The National Black Lawyers - Top 40 Under 40** provides accreditation to these distinguished attorneys, and also aims to provide essential legal news, information, and continuing education to Black lawyers across the United States.

Jana J. Edmondson-Cooper, a bilingual federal prosecutor with the U.S. Dept. of Labor- Office of the Solicitor, litigates labor and employment matters in administrative forums and courts of law with a focus on cases involving violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the “H” provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act—provisions dealing with the working conditions of workers who enter the U.S. under temporary work visas, a significant number of whom are limited English proficient (LEP)—, and other federal labor laws. A

former legal interpreter and legal aid attorney, Jana also works to alleviate language access as an access to justice issue. Jana's advocacy includes contributing to the development of local, state and federal language access policies as well as the development of state and national curricula for training attorneys and judges on language access as an access to justice issue. Appointed by the Supreme Court of GA, Jana is a member of the Court's Commission on Interpreters and the Judicial Council of GA's Access, Fairness, Public Trust and Confidence Committee. Jana has authored and co-authored several publications on language access including "Ch. 11: Appointing Qualified Interpreters" in the 2016 [GA] State Court Benchbook which has been subsequently adopted by several other GA courts.

Jana's advocacy has been acknowledged statewide and nationally, including, recognition by the Fulton County Daily Report as one of 40 GA lawyers under age 40 named a rising legal star to watch, recognition by Gov. Nathan Deal (R-GA) and the GA Commission on Equal Opportunity, selection to the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, and recognition by the National Bar Association and the American Bar Association as one of the nation's top 40 young lawyers who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership and legal and community involvement. Jana is a graduate of Spelman College and Mississippi College School of Law.

With the selection of **Jana J. Edmondson- Cooper** by **The National Black Lawyers - Top 40 Under 40**, she has shown that she exemplifies superior qualifications, leadership skills, and performance in her area(s) of legal practice. The selection process for this elite honor is based on a multi-phase process which includes peer nominations combined with third party research.

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