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## **The COVID-19 Pandemic, Diversity and Inclusion, and the Practice of Law**

**Monday, November 8, 2021**

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed preexisting weaknesses in many areas of life and the law. In April 2021, the ABA published a study entitled *Practicing Law in the Pandemic and Moving Forward: Results and Best Practices From a Nationwide Survey of The Legal Profession*. The results of this study confirmed what many women and people of color already knew – standard approaches to the workplace do not serve goals of diversity and inclusion, especially during times of great stress and financial uncertainty.

On November 8th, the Burns Center will host the authors of this study and JoAnne Epps, Senior Advisor to the Temple University President and Professor of Law, to discuss the study's findings and whether there are lessons from the past 18 months that the legal profession can use to pivot to a more inclusive future.

### **Panelists:**

- **Stephanie A. Scharf**, Partner, Scharf Banks Marmor LLC and Principal, The Red Bee Group, LLC

- **Roberta D. Liebenberg**, Senior Partner, Fine Kaplan and Black, R.P.C. and Principal, The Red Bee Group, LLC
- **JoAnne Epps**, Senior Advisor to the Temple University President and Professor of Law; former Executive VP and Provost, Temple University (2016-2021) and Dean, Temple University Beasley School of Law (2008-2016)