

## **Chief Diversity Officer Heather Lonian Interview Series with Member Wayne Lee on his Professional Achievements as Stone Pigman's First African American Attorney**

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#### **Part 1**

Our Chief Diversity Officer Heather Lonian sits down with Member Wayne Lee to discuss his career, education, and work in the equity, inclusion, and diversity space. A graduate of Tulane Law School, Wayne was the first African American attorney to join Stone Pigman in 1974. Of his many accomplishments, Wayne served as the first African American president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and served on the American Bar Association's commission on racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession and its standing committee on the federal judiciary. The interview can be viewed [here](#).

#### **Part 2**

Stone Pigman Member Wayne Lee sits down with our firm's Chief Diversity Officer Heather Lonian to discuss how he became the first African American president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, a momentous event for the organization in its sixty-third year. His proudest achievement was helping to establish a standing diversity committee for the Association nearly 30 years ago, which continues his important work today. The interview can be viewed [here](#).

#### **Part 3**

Stone Pigman Member Wayne Lee concludes an intriguing discussion with our firm's Chief Diversity Officer Heather Lonian about his biggest challenges starting out as a young lawyer during a time when there were only a handful of African American lawyers and judges...and why he feels right at home at Stone Pigman. The interview can be viewed [here](#).