## Parker Poe Partner Micheal Binns Named a 2020 "Rising Star" by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP is pleased to announce that Micheal Binns has been named a 2020 "Rising Star" by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA). Binns and his fellow Rising Stars share "the love of law, ambition, and pursuit of excellence, while possessing a compassion for those in need and a strong desire to give back to others," according to MCCA.

Binns serves as Parker Poe's Atlanta Office Development Partner and is a registered patent attorney who represents Fortune 500 corporations, midsize companies, startups, and individual clients regarding global intellectual property protection. His experience spans a variety of industries and technologies, including tech, biotechnology, chemical, pharmaceutical, and telecommunications arts.

Binns serves as board chair of Page Turners Make Great Learners, a nonprofit working to improve literacy in innercity Atlanta. He has been deeply involved with the organization since 2012 and has led Parker Poe's partnership with Page Turners on read-a-thons across Atlanta, through which he and other volunteers have read to hundreds of students and donated thousands of books. He also serves on the boards of directors for the Georgia Wildlife Federation and the Spruill Center for the Arts in Dunwoody, Georgia.

Binns will be honored at MCCA's Creating Pathways to Diversity® Conference, which will be held virtually on October 27. He was also recently honored as "On the Rise" by the Daily

Report, the leading legal publication in metro Atlanta and the state of Georgia.