Three Approaches / One Common Goal: The Importance of Community Involvement In The Practice Of Law

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Who Are We?

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- Joey Jackson
 - Former prosecutor, New York City. Current nationally recognized criminal defense attorney based in New York City. CNN legal analyst.
- James Letten
 - Senior Counsel, Butler Snow, New Orleans. Former United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana. Until joining private practice, Jim was the longest serving U.S. Attorney in the nation.

Our Theses:

- Every lawyer should find a way to give something back to his/her community.
- The benefits are significant.
- There is no "one way" to support the community.
- We need many people pursuing many approaches.

So There I was . . .

Different Strokes For Different Folks

- The Letten Approach
 - A life dedicated to public services 24/7/365
- The Aronie Approach
 - Bringing the resources of Big Law to community problems.
- The Jackson Approach
 - A citizen-focused law practice.

What Are The Benefits . . .

- To the community?
- To family and friends?
- To partners and colleagues?
- To us?

"Do something every day that scares you."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

-John F. Kennedy

Questions?

Thank you.

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