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Justices, Chick-fil-A Exec Discuss Equity in Criminal Justice

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Justice Harold Melton, a partner with Troutman Pepper, was featured and quoted in the *Reporter Newspapers* article, "[Justices, Chick-fil-A Exec Discuss Equity in Criminal Justice](#)." The article summarizes Leadership Sandy Springs's November 3 "Equity in Justice" luncheon where Justice Melton and Chick-fil-A executive Rodney Bullard spoke.

The community seems to wait for people to commit crimes and then point fingers at the criminal justice system for causes and solutions, he said.

"You've lived your life in this brokenness, in this disarray, this confusion. And now the criminal justice system is trying to retrofit that with adults. So the question is, what should we be doing instead?" Melton said.

Now, the talk centers on social justice, he said.

"When we look out and see these statistics grow in our particular neighborhoods in our community, when we see kids that are growing up without a mother ... or the fathers often aren't even involved. That's a hard thing to talk about, but that is happening," he said.