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# Locke Lord's Brianna Dally and Noah Mason Selected to National Bar Association's Associate Advancement Academy for Excellence

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Locke Lord Hartford Associate [Brianna Dally](#) and Atlanta Associate [Noah Mason](#) have been selected as 2024-2025 Fellows of the National Bar Association's (NBA) Associate Advancement Academy for Excellence. Dally and Mason join the prestigious ranks of only 20 Fellows chosen for the initiative, which is designed to help Black associates in large law firms advance their careers. The program fosters a pipeline for current and future NBA members in Am Law 200 firms through its four foundational pillars: education, networking, mentoring and pro bono work/community service. Fellows will meet throughout the year, taking part in courses on the anatomy of a Big Law firm, navigating a law firm, working with firm professionals, the art of business development, learning a client's business and building a personal brand both internally and externally. The Academy also offers monthly educational and networking sessions, check-ins with mentors and a range of NBA events.