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### CHRIS KING, AMBER HALL AND BRIDGET HARRIS PUBLISH LAW360 ARTICLE ON DIVERSITY IN LAW FIRM PARTNERSHIPS

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC partner **M. Christian King** and associates **Amber N. Hall** and **Bridget E. Harris** have published an article with *Law360* on the need for law firm diversity efforts to include the partnership level.

In their article, titled “**Diversity's Next Step: Developing Minority Partners**,” King, Hall and Harris argue that, while law firms have made promising strides when it comes to diversity among their associates, they are not seeing those minority lawyers move into their partnerships. The reason for this, say the authors, is that minority associates frequently lack supportive mentoring relationships with the partners in their firms.

The authors outline several practical ways for law firms to address this problem. This includes ensuring minority associates have meaningful interactions with clients, substantive roles in cases and matters, and mentors with the cultural awareness needed to foster supportive relationships.

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