

# The Whole Package

Kali Wilson Beyah takes her role seriously

By Mary Welch

**K**ali Wilson Beyah grew up wanting to be a lawyer. Now an attorney with Kilpatrick Stockton, she wants to be a “bad chick who kicks butt.” “I’ve been practicing law

for about 10 years, and I have really found my niche in terms of my practice,” she says. “But my goals are really to make this work. Yes, I am a black woman who is a partner, but I want to be more than that. I want to be someone that others look up to. I want to be the whole package.”

Beyah, who graduated from Florida A&M and Vanderbilt Law School, knows what the whole package is. “I’d love to be a rainmaker and make it happen. I want to have a substantive practice. I want to be an expert in my field so that my clients know they can count on me and that I have their backs. I want to be known as an attorney who works hard for her clients and is committed to them and through sheer intellect, hard work and professionalism will get an outcome in their best interests. I want to be an active mentor. I’m not afraid to say it.”

Craig Bertschi, a partner in Kilpatrick Stockton’s litigation department who works closely with Beyah, isn’t surprised by Beyah’s goals.

“Every day, she gives 110 percent to her clients, her partners, her profession and her community,” says Bertschi.

Beyah’s practice focuses on the defense of consumer class actions and claims arising out of complex business transactions. She is a member of the firm’s eDiscovery, Complex Business Litigation, and International Arbitration teams.

Beyah is also involved in the community and is a member of the United Way African-American Partnership board as well as the Junior League. She has also served on the steering committee of the Georgia Bar Diversity Program and on the board of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers.

“I do what I can to make an impact,” she says. “I’m drawn to causes that cross racial, ethnic, religious, generation, orientation lines. It just makes sense that we bring to the table people that have a different perspective. My community work is the coolest and the heaviest work I do. I take my responsibility seriously.”

“Every day,” she says, “I write in my gratitude journal.” ♀

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