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YENDELELA NEELY ANDERSON, 34

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Yendelela Anderson's career began when the Laurens, S.C., native went through a very unfortunate – and unfair – experience as a youth.

“I decided to go to law school when a restaurant in Myrtle Beach, S.C., closed rather than serve my friends and I because we were black,” Anderson said. “I have been fortunate enough to have that decision ushered along by the support and

concern of people who stood to gain nothing from helping me. While hard work and determination definitely came into play, I believe that my being a partner at such a large and respected firm is the direct result of numerous random acts of kindness from the most unexpected of sources.”

After graduating from Furman University with a double major in history and political science in 2003 and Duke University School of Law in 2006, Anderson went on to join the firm of **Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP** where, at the age of 32, she was named partner.

Though she excels in her work as an attorney in the areas of labor and employment, Anderson is “not just another lawyer,” said Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton director Whitney Deal.

“Yendelela puts as much effort into bettering her community as she does into building her practice,” Deal said.

Anderson is chair of the advisory board of the Atlanta chapter of literacy organization Jumpstart, and a member of the board of directors of Families First and the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

