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# Leading in Law: Monique Jewett-Brewster Participates in Q&A with ALM

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In a new Q&A with *ALM*, Monique Jewett-Brewster discussed her career as a bankruptcy lawyer and her views on DEI initiatives in law firms. She highlighted her experience leading financial services practices, first at Hopkins & Carley and now at Lathrop GPM, where she is the first African American practice group leader.

Jewett-Brewster emphasized the importance of diversity in the legal profession, particularly within bankruptcy practices, where she noted representation lags. She acknowledged the legal challenges surrounding DEI programs but stresses the value of diverse perspectives in problem-solving and client service.

Regarding the current bankruptcy environment, she cited data showing a recent increase in Chapter 11 filings, including anticipated continued activity due to financial market uncertainties. "Epiq, who provides a lot of data on bankruptcy filings in connection with the American Bankruptcy Institute, just issued a press release this month saying Chapter 11 filings in 2024 were up 20% more than Chapter 11s in 2023."

Read the full article here: [Retention, Development and 'Empowering Teams': This Am Law 200 Firm's Newest Practice Leader Says Objectives Haven't Changed](#)

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