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In her role as assistant general counsel at CBS Broadcasting Inc., Laurie Nicole Robinson has risen to the level of representing over 200 television and radio stations in labor, employment, and immigration matters. In one of her many accomplishments, Robinson has been named a Power Broker by *Inside Counsel* in its GC 50 list of the most influential in-house counsel in North America.

This accomplishment was a natural outcome of a career track that began at two New York City law firms, Seyfarth Shaw LLP and Epstein, Becker and Green, P.C., where she represented management in labor and employment matters. Prior to joining the law firms, Robinson worked as a legal intern in the labor management division of the National Football

League in New York City. Robinson has also demonstrated her intellectual depth, having authored several legal-related articles on the topics of "Pre-Employment Personality Testing: Under the Americans With Disabilities Act, How Much Latitude Do Employers Have to Incorporate These Tests in the Hiring Practice?"; "Drafting An Effective Release;" "Retail Industry Picketing and Handbilling: Rights of Non-Employee Union Representatives and Striking and Off Duty Employees to Access to Shopping Malls, Parking Fields, Stores and Other Private Property;" and "The Globalization of Female Child Prostitution."

Often sought as a speaker, Robinson has made presentations before the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, the South Asian Women Leaders Forum, and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Delta G.E.M.S Women in Law and Law Enforcement Center Fair 2006.

A 1998 graduate from Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington, Robinson takes pride in her accomplishments in promoting diversity in the legal profession, including being the founder and CEO of Corporate Counsel Women of Color, a non-profit organization of over 1,500 women attorneys of color who work primarily for Fortune 1000 and Forbes 2000 legal departments, and serving in the newly created leadership position of director of CBS training and development.

She has been recognized by the Coca-Cola Company's legal department, received the Women's Venture Fund's Highest Leaf Award, the Charting Your Own Course Spirit Award, and the Black Women Lawyers' (Los Angeles) Power of One Award. Robinson was featured in the annual women's issue of *Ebony* Magazine in recognition of her leadership, ability to inspire others and effectuate change. She was named to the *Network Journal's* 40 Under Forty List and was highlighted as one of the legal industry's women leaders in *Vault's View From the Top: Advice from Legal Women Leaders*.