

# Alumni Accomplishments

## Alumni Profiles

### Networking Her Way to the Top

#### Laurie Robinson, JD'98

Women from four continents are coming together to talk law—thanks to Laurie Robinson.

In 2004, she founded Corporate Counsel Women of Color (CCWC), a nonprofit support network for in-house attorneys of color all over the world. Today, CCWC has a roster of more than 2,000 women attorneys in the United States, Canada, Asia, Africa, and Europe. Robinson herself is a top corporate attorney. After graduating from Indiana Law, she headed to New York City to pursue her legal career. In the 10 years since then, she has become the picture of success: Robinson was recently promoted to the newly created leadership role of vice president and assistant general counsel of CBS Corporation.

Despite her demanding career, Robinson finds time to bring colleagues together. “I founded CCWC to provide women of color in the law—who are often isolated at their companies—with avenues to connect, network, and share best practices with those who have common interests,” she says. This year, the group is hosting its first International Career Strategies Conference in London at the Four Seasons Hotel and its Fourth Annual Conference in Beverly Hills at the Beverly Hilton.

**Why Indiana Law?** “I’m from Fort Washington, Maryland. A friend of our family was familiar with IU and suggested that I apply to law school there. When I visited, I loved the campus, I discovered the Law Library was state-of-the-art and had numerous volumes of books, and I found the students and professors were nice. I had no other choice but to say yes.”

**What I do at CBS:** “Along with my legal responsibilities to more than 150 CBS radio and television stations, I perform executive and managerial responsibilities in interfacing with legal divisions, facilitating training, and overseeing the legal department’s special projects.”

**Getting things done:** “At Indiana Law, I learned to how to multitask. I learned how to study for classes while making time to write articles and serve in leadership roles [including president of the Student Law Association and notes and comments editor of the *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*]. I use this skill every single day as I balance my multiple roles at CBS and running my own nonprofit organization.”

**What I miss about Bloomington:** “My favorite restaurant—Snow Lion. I make a trip once a year to Bloomington just to visit Snow Lion. I also have a favorite church, Anointed Harvest Fellowship Church.”

**Fave CBS show?** “*Dexter*, which airs on CBS and Showtime. It’s about a forensics expert for the Miami Metro Police Department who also happens to be a serial killer. The script is so smartly written, and the show keeps me on the edge of my seat.”

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