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### MEGHAN RISSMILLER

PARTNER  
FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP

Meghan Rissmiller is a partner in the antitrust practice group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, based in Washington, D.C. Meghan represents clients in merger and non-merger investigations before the U.S. DOJ Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission. Meghan handles complex and high-stakes antitrust issues and specializes in the tech, life sciences, and industrials sectors. Meghan also counsels clients on a wide range of antitrust conduct issues. Clients value Meghan's ability to view U.S. antitrust matters through an international lens. Meghan is a leader in the ABA's Section of Antitrust Law as a Co-Chair of the M&A Committee. Meghan leads the firm's Associate Talent Development function and is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee. Meghan was a 2017 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) fellow. Early in her career, Meghan clerked for the Honorable Jane R. Roth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She received her Bachelor of Arts from William & Mary College and her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center.

### CHARAN J. SANDHU

CO-HEAD OF TECHNOLOGY & IP TRANSACTIONS  
WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

Charan J. Sandhu is Co-Head of Weil's Technology & IP Transactions practice and a member of the firm's Privacy & Cybersecurity group, and she is based in New York. Charan concentrates on the areas of complex technology transactions and intellectual property. She represents clients in matters relating to technology transfer and the development, acquisition, use, and commercial exploitation of technology and intellectual property. Charan has extensive experience in a wide variety of complex technology transactions, including technology development and licensing agreements, joint ventures, strategic alliances, professional services agreements, outsourcing arrangements, distribution agreements, and settlements of IP litigation. She is also actively involved with the firm's pro bono efforts and regularly represents Kids in Need of Defense. Charan was inducted into the YWCA's Academy of Women Leaders for her outstanding professional achievement, civic commitment, and leadership. Charan graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1998 and UC Berkeley in 1993.

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### ACKNEIL M. MULDROW

PARTNER  
WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

Ackneil M. Muldrow is a partner in Weil's Private Equity practice in New York. He advises corporations, sovereign wealth groups and private equity sponsors on market-leading cross-border merger, buyout, SPAC, spinout, carve-out and divestiture transactions. They also has a well-recognized practice in asset manager mergers and acquisitions and complex secondaries transactions. They has been recommended for M&A by Legal 500 US. He was named "Private Practitioner of the Year" by the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and recently named by Crain's New York Business in its inaugural class of Diverse Leaders in the Law. They is also an active member of the New York City and State community. He actively lectures on various topics relating to private equity matters, including for organizations and publications such as PLI, the New York City Bar Association, Buyouts, Private Equity International and Secondaries Investor. They received her A.B. from Princeton University and his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law.

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### ESCHI RAHIMI-LARIDJANI

PARTNER  
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Eschi Rahimi-Laridjani is a partner in Milbank's New York City office and a member of the firm's Tax Group. Eschi's practice focuses on the taxation of complex financing transactions, financial products and derivatives, U.S. and foreign securities offerings, structured finance, and asset securitization transactions. She has significant experience structuring tax efficient solutions that facilitate inbound investment by funds and foreign and sovereign investors in a variety of asset classes as well as cross-border mergers and acquisitions. Eschi has published several tax-related articles in both *The Journal of Taxation of Financial Products* as well as *The Journal of Taxation of Investments*. She has been recognized for her work by *The Legal 500* and *The Tax Directors Handbook*. Eschi speaks multiple languages, including German and Italian. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and her Juris Doctor/LLM from New York University. Eschi is admitted to practice in New York.

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### KRISTEN CHUI

COUNSEL, IP  
UBER

Kristen Chui is counsel of intellectual property at Uber Technologies, Inc. Her practice is focused on all aspects of trademark and copyright law, including trademark clearance, prosecution, enforcement, and brand and domain portfolio management. Her prior experience includes serving as in-house counsel at a leading oil and gas company, as well as working as a technical consultant on an HBO television series during law school. Before law school, Kristen worked as a content manager and client relations specialist for a digital music distribution company, where she developed an interest in the intersection of the media and law. Kristen earned her Juris Doctor from the UCLA School of Law and has two undergraduate degrees in psychology and communication from UC Davis. During her free time, she enjoys live music, exploring new restaurants, traveling, and spending time with her rescue dog. As a native Californian, Kristen cannot see herself living anywhere else.

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### ERICKA SÓUTER

AUTHOR  
*HOW TO HAVE A KID AND A LIFE: A SURVIVAL GUIDE*

Ericka Souter is author of *How to Have a Kid and a Life: A Survival Guide*, which explores the 21st Century parenting dilemma: when did being a good mom become synonymous with giving up everything that makes you, you? A nationally recognized voice in the realm of parenting news and parenting advice, she is a contributor on *Good Morning America*. It's her job to speak to parents across the country to stay on top of the issues and trends affecting families today. Her work appears on Parents.com, Mom.com, CafeMom, The Bump, What to Expect, and WebMD. A journalist with over 20 years of experience, she has been on staff at *People Magazine* and *Us Weekly*, and her writing has been featured in *Self*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Essence*, and *Huffington Post*. Ericka received a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University and a Master of Science from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

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### SARITA VENKAT

VICE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL OF GLOBAL LITIGATION  
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Sarita Venkat is the Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Global Litigation at Cisco. Prior to this role she was the Head of Global IP Transactions at Apple. She also held in-house positions at ServiceNow and Abbott Laboratories, managing transactions and litigation. She is a registered patent attorney and has a B.S. in biology and a minor in psychology. She is a board member of ChIPs, a nonprofit organization advancing women in Law, Technology & Policy. She has been named Legal Momentum's Woman of Achievement; Silicon Valley Business Journal's 100 Women of Influence for 2020; The Recorder's Women Leaders in Tech Law; a Corporate IP Star by Managing IP; and has been presented with the Corporate Counsel award by the South Asian Bar Association. She is admitted to practice in Illinois, California, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Sarita is the co-creator of the Heels of Justice podcast, along with Katherine Minarik, which celebrates trailblazing women in law.

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### SONAL MEHTA

PARTNER  
WILMERHALE

Sonal Mehta is a partner at WilmerHale. Sonal is a First-Chair trial lawyer and appellate advocate representing many of the world's leading technology and life sciences companies in high-stakes patent and technology disputes. Her experience spans federal jury trials, state court jury and bench trials, evidentiary hearings before the ITC and international arbitration panels, and appeals before the federal and state appellate courts. Although she is ready to take cases to trial and win, she has a strong track record of successful dispositive motions outcomes. Sonal is regularly acknowledged as a leader in the legal and technology communities, and has been recognized by Chambers USA and Global, Benchmark Litigation, Law360, The Legal 500, and others. Sonal teaches at her alma mater, the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, and serves on the Board of Directors of several organizations. She received her B.A. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and her Juris Doctor from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

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### TARA D. ELLIOTT

PARTNER  
LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

Tara D. Elliott is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Latham & Watkins and a member of the Intellectual Property Litigation Practice. Tara is a first-chair trial lawyer representing many of the world's leading technology, retail, and manufacturing companies in high-profile IP and commercial disputes. Tara's unique combination of private practice and government experience enables her to navigate clients' most complex legal issues. A former CIA officer and current member of the patent bar, she's been consistently recognized by leading legal publications as a top litigation lawyer including National Law Journal, IAM Patent 1000, Benchmark Litigation, Lawdragon 500, and others. Savoy has also recognized her as one of the most influential black lawyers. Tara earned her bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Georgia Tech, having attended on academic and athletic scholarships. She received her JD from UPenn, where she was senior editor of the Journal of Constitutional Law and on the Moot Court Board and National Trial Team.

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### FERLILLIA V. ROBERSON

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Ferlillia V. Roberson is a partner at DLA Piper LLP, where she handles complex intellectual property litigation and appeals representing global companies in diverse industries, including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, automotive, industrial equipment, and electronics, among others. Ferlillia has extensive experience representing clients in patent and trade secrets jury trials, ITC hearings, PTAB post-grant proceedings, and before the Federal Circuit. Ferlillia also counsels clients on global IP strategy, including patent portfolio management, trade secrets protection, and negotiating IP agreements. Ferlillia frequently speaks on intellectual property and trade secrets issues, including on a variety of topics relating to U.S. patent litigation and the legal profession, throughout the U.S. and Asia. Among other honors, she was named an Emerging Leader by the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. Ferlillia received a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering (with honors) from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctor from Northwestern University School of Law.

### MICHELLE YBARRA

PARTNER  
KEKER, VAN NEST & PETERS

Michelle Ybarra is a partner at the trial firm Kecker, Van Nest & Peters. She is an experienced intellectual property and class action litigator with a track record of successfully defending major technology companies in high-profile cases. Michelle has tried multiple cases and has delivered her clients — which include Google, LinkedIn, Facebook, Lyft, and Zscaler — decisive victories in courts around the country. She has been named among California's Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 by the *Daily Journal* and among California's Women Leaders in Tech Law by *The Recorder*. She serves on the Board of California Change Lawyers and maintains an active pro bono practice focused on advocating for access to quality reproductive health care for all individuals, regardless of income. Michelle earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School and her Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University. She enjoys living by the beach with her partner and their Mexican hairless dog, Nena.

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### ZELDA OWENS

FOUNDER & CEO  
OWENS WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, LLC

Zelda Owens is the founder and CEO of Owens Williams & Associates, LLC — a national executive career coaching and attorney placement firm. She has combined her 20 years in corporate marketing, human resources and sales with her recruiting and career coaching experience to help attorneys position and market themselves. As a result, Zelda has successfully coached mid- to senior-level attorneys into top legal and non-legal senior roles at Fortune 500 corporations and AmLaw firms through her private coaching practice and group seminars with a demonstrated record of assisting her clients to gain greater job satisfaction and compensation. Zelda has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Corporate Counsel Magazine*, *Black Enterprise Magazine*, and *Essence Magazine*. Zelda has held board positions at The Chapin School (Committee Co-Chair & Alumnae Board), Women in eDiscovery (Director of NYC Chapter), The Masters Conference (Chair), and Harlem Commonwealth Counsel (Vice Chair).

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### JANICE BROWN

EQUITY PRINCIPAL  
MEYERS NAVE

Janice Brown is an Equity Principal in Meyers Nave's Labor and Employment Practice. She has more than 35 years of trial, arbitration, and appellate experience in state and federal courts. Janice's distinguished career began in the U.S. Justice Department, where she quickly demonstrated outstanding legal expertise that earned her membership in the Honors Program and the Outstanding Trial Attorney Award. In 1995, Janice was named Loren Miller Lawyer of the Year by the California Association of Black Lawyers and has been recognized as a Super Lawyer since 2007. Most recently, she was named one of the Top 50 Black Leaders of Influence. Janice launched Beyond Law, a consulting firm dedicated to helping lawyers maintain a growth mindset and develop a book of business, which provides leverage and power within law firms. Beyond Law has proven successful. Janice routinely speaks on business development and growth mindset to professional legal organizations.

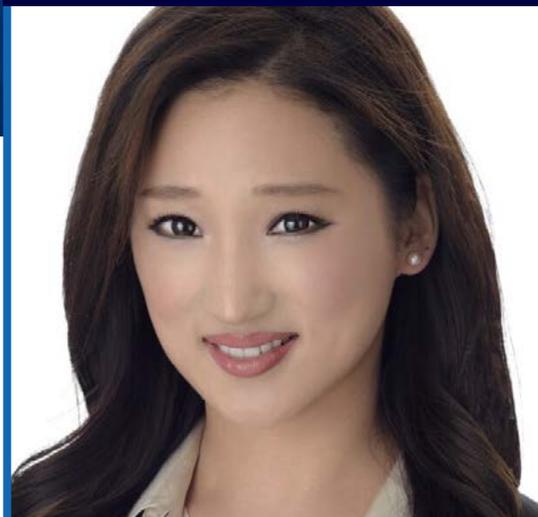
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### CANDICE E. KIM

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER AND VICE CHAIR OF  
GLOBAL TRADEMARK & BRAND MANAGEMENT GROUP  
GREENBERG TRAUERIG, LLP

Candice E. Kim is Vice Chair of Greenberg Traurig's Global Trademark and Brand Management Group. Her practice focuses on the selection, clearance, procurement, enforcement, licensing, and monetization of intellectual property rights, including trademarks, trade dress, domain names, and rights of publicity. Candice counsels clients on all aspects of the branding process. She has wide-ranging experience in trademark prosecution, licensing, enforcement, and global brand expansion and management through strategic filings, protection, and enforcement programs. Candice manages global trademark portfolios for Fortune 500 companies, nonprofit organizations, and celebrities. Candice has been named in the *World Trademark Review's* WTR1000, the World's Leading Trademark Professionals annually since 2016, and in the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Top Women Attorneys in Los Angeles in 2020. In 2020 and 2022, Greenberg Traurig was named Trademark Law Firm of the Year by *U.S. News and World Report*. Candice received her B.A. from the University of Washington and her Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law.

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### ANGELA HART-EDWARDS

PARTNER  
NELSON MULLINS

Angela Hart-Edwards is a corporate labor and employment attorney at Nelson Mullins, where she focuses her practice on labor and employment law, diligence for corporate and private equity-related mergers and acquisitions, and serves as one of the firm's experienced team of attorneys who assists in taking private companies public through a merger with a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC and de-SPAC). In addition, she represents employers in individual and class employment law litigation matters in state and federal courts nationwide. Angela has tried more than 50 cases to verdict, and her clients represent diverse industries and are domestic and international. Angela is a former E.E.O.C. and Department of Justice Civil Rights attorney and a former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia. Angela received her Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University, her Juris Doctor from Temple University School of Law, and her LLP from Temple University.

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### ILIANA ONGUN

PARTNER  
MILBANK

Iliana Ongun is a partner in Milbank's NY office and a member of the firm's Corporate Group. Iliana advises both public and private companies in a wide range of industries in connection with mergers and acquisitions, including cross-border and domestic acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, private equity transactions, and spin-offs. Iliana also advises companies and sponsors concerning shareholder activism, takeover defense strategies, and other corporate governance matters. Iliana is Secretary of the New York City Bar Association Committee on Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Control Contests. Since 2016, Iliana has been named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine and has written numerous corporate governance and voting policy-related publications in the past decade. Iliana received her Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

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### JUSTINE CASSELLE

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UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC.

Justine Casselle is Senior Counsel at Uber Technologies, Inc., where she is lead advisor on U.S. regulatory matters and serves as product counsel for the growing Uber Health business. She previously advised other nascent businesses within Uber on regulatory matters, high-profile risk mitigation, and public policy issues. Before Uber, Justine worked at the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, where her high-profile work included regulatory enforcement and advising on vehicle automation and other new technologies. Justine began her career in litigation at the Ohio Attorney General's Office. In 2021, Justine was recognized as a National Bar Association's 40 Under 40: Nation's Best Advocates award recipient. Justine received her B.A. from Xavier University and her J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. She is dedicated to tutoring girls in STEAM fields and is a committed supporter of the arts.

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### VERONIQUE VERNOT

LEGAL COUNSEL  
APPLE

Veronique Vernot is Legal Counsel for Apple, where she focuses on Product Safety matters and AppleCare. Before this role, Veronique handled Global Supply Chain technology transactions and Environmental Technologies matters for Apple. In 2014, she graduated from Mercer University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing; in 2017, she graduated from West Virginia University College of Law and College of Business & Economics with a dual Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration. While in law school, Veronique gained experience as a Law Clerk for Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, a Judicial Extern for the Court of Appeals of Georgia, and a Legal Extern in the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. While working at the IRS, Veronique represented the IRS in the U.S. Tax Court under the Third-Year Law Students rule. Following law school, Veronique began her career as an in-house litigator for Mercedes-Benz USA, handling class actions and product liability matters.

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### JOHLINE P. BARNES

SHAREHOLDER/CHAIR (WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICE)  
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE GROUP  
GREENBERG TRAURIG LLP

Johnine P. Barnes, Shareholder/Chair Washington, D.C. Labor and Employment Practice Group at Greenberg Traurig LLP (Washington, D.C.), is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University (*magna cum laude* 1992) and School of Law (1995). Johnine has been listed in *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2020-2022) and Leading U.S. Corporate Employment Lawyers (2020-2021), The National's Most Powerful Employment Lawyers – Top 100 by *Lawdragon* and *Human Resources Executive*® magazine 2019, recognized as a "Woman Worth Watching" by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* in 2018, listed in Washington, D.C., *Super Lawyers* (2012-2013, 2015-2021), listed in The Legal 500 United States "Labor and Employment" (2013-2016, 2018-2021), and recognized as Outstanding Outside Counsel of the Year by the National Bar Association's Commercial Law Section. Johnine is also active in the American Employment Law Council, American and National Bar Associations, American Bar Foundation, and International Women's Forum.

### RAISA PATRON

PARTNER  
MANATT, PHELPS & PHILLIPS, LLP

Raisa Patron is a partner at Manatt Health, an interdisciplinary policy and business advisory practice of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP. Raisa represents health care industry clients in complex and innovative transactions. She regularly advises health care providers, health plans, and other health care industry clients in structuring, negotiating, and documenting mergers, acquisitions, and other strategic partnerships, as well as complex financing transactions. She has represented health care providers in joint ventures to enhance care delivery, including employer-based health clinics and integrated care delivery networks. Raisa has experience in health information technology arrangements. She structured, negotiated, and documented the establishment of the statewide health information network for New York State and regularly represents clients participating in health information technology and data sharing solutions. Additionally, Raisa counsels nonprofit organizations on entity formation, corporate governance, and other general corporate matters, with specific expertise regarding the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

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Top 10 Strategies for Effective Communications With Business Clients

### AISHA GANTT

SENIOR COUNSEL  
AMAZON

Aisha Gantt is Senior Counsel at Amazon, where she supports Amazon's cloud computing and infrastructure business, Amazon Web Services (AWS). As lead counsel for AWS's data centers operations team, she is responsible for legal strategy and operational compliance in more than 40 countries. In addition to Aisha's active legal practice, she is an entrepreneur. Aisha co-founded GBP Group, a private equity fund that makes investing more accessible to socioeconomically diverse investors. Before Amazon, Aisha first practiced law at Covington & Burling LLP, focusing on technology transactions and mergers and acquisitions. Aisha also clerked on the Eastern District of Wisconsin for Judge Charles N. Clevert. Before law school, Aisha was an engineer at Lockheed Martin Corporation, where she patented a technology that increased the efficiency of display monitors. Aisha has a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Drexel University and Juris Doctor from the Howard University School of Law.

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### VYNESSA NEMUNAITIS

PARTNER  
WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

Vynessa Nemunaitis is a partner in Weil, Gotshal & Manges's Banking and Finance practice and is based in Dallas. She focuses primarily on finance transactions, including acquisition financing, investment-grade lending, leveraged lending and liability management transactions and restructuring transactions. Vynessa was named a 2021 Emerging Leader for Banking & Finance by The M&A Advisor, a 2021 Rising Star for Banking & Finance by Expert Guides and among the 2020 Rising Stars in the U.S. for Euromoney Legal Media Group's Americas Rising Star Awards. She was also named among the 2021 "On the Rise" honorees by *Texas Lawyer* at the Texas Legal Excellence Awards and shortlisted for the 2020 "Rising Star in Finance" Award for Euromoney Legal Media Group's Americas Women in Business Law Awards. She also sits on the Board of Governors for the Texas Ballet Theater. Vynessa received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas and her Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School.

### SHEILA ADAMS

PARTNER  
DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL LLP

Sheila Adams is a partner in Davis Polk's Antitrust & Competition practice and represents clients in a variety of civil litigation and government investigations. Her practice focuses on antitrust investigations and litigation and the antitrust aspects of M&A. Her clients have included firms in the media and entertainment, technology, pharmaceutical, financial services, and manufacturing industries, as well as individual corporate directors. Sheila serves as a member of *Law360's* 2022 Competition Editorial Advisory Board and Co-Chair of the ABA Antitrust Law Section's Diversity Advanced Committee. Before joining Davis Polk, she clerked for the Honorable Carl E. Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Honorable Raymond A. Jackson of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. She earned her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Editor-in-Chief of the *Columbia Journal of Race and Law*.

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### KIMBERLY REDDICK

DIRECTOR, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Kimberly Reddick is Director, IP at Uber Technologies, Inc., where she focuses her practice on intellectual property, marketing, and media law. She currently heads the intellectual property (IP) enforcement program for Uber's brands and serves as lead IP attorney for marketing. In this capacity, she counsels clients on exploitation of IP rights in marketing content, including advising on trademark, copyright, right of publicity, first amendment, and fair use issues. Kim also serves on the Board of Directors for the International Trademark Association. Before joining Uber, she was Associate General Counsel at Facebook, where she led the IP Marketing and Content vertical of its Global Brands & Marketing team. She also managed the Trademark team at NBCUniversal as Vice President, IP, and was previously a partner at K&L Gates. Kim earned her Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College and her Juris Doctor from The George Washington University School of Law.

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Supply Chain Disruptions:  
Business and Legal Implications

### JAMILA JUSTINE WILLIS

PARTNER  
DLA PIPER

Jamila Justine Willis is a partner in DLA Piper's restructuring group. In this role, she has garnered extensive experience representing debtors in complex restructurings across a variety of industries and borders. Additionally, she represents debtors, sponsors, acquirers and distressed investors in distressed asset sales and distressed acquisitions. Jamila is Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Consumer Goods and Retail subsector and Chair of the firm's New York Restructuring Group. She serves on the firm's Policy Committee and as Chair of the firm's New York Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Jamila has been recognized for her legal accomplishments by *Bloomberg Law*, which acknowledged her achievements with its inaugural They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40 Award. *Crain's New York Business* named her to its 2020 Notable Women in Law list. M&A Advisor presented her with its 2019 Emerging Leaders Award. Jamila was named a New York Rising Star by the *New York Law Journal*.

### KENDALL COOPWOOD

SENIOR COUNSEL  
INTEL CORPORATION

Kendall Coopwood serves as Senior Counsel in the Manufacturing, Supply Chain, and Operations group at Intel Corporation. Kendall has diverse experience in the semiconductor industry, having perspectives from both large and small technology companies. She has supported research and development teams and supply chain teams. While the Covid-19 pandemic and Russia-Ukraine conflict have created complex issues for global supply chains, Kendall applies her pragmatism and expertise to help business units navigate these events. Her work at Intel includes serving as the legal representative on the supply chain pandemic response team and triaging legal issues related to the war. She also supports strategic sourcing groups in the following areas: professional services, transportation/logistics, software licensing, and cloud services. Kendall received a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from Oakwood University and a Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University School of Law. She lives in Portland, Oregon, and enjoys hiking, snowboarding, and exploring new restaurants.

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### VERONICA GROMADA

PARTNER  
SHOOK, HARDY, & BACON LLP

Veronica Gromada is a partner in Shook, Hardy, & Bacon's award-winning Product Liability Litigation Practice, a multidisciplinary team of lawyers who focus on automotive, consumer goods, food and beverage, pharmaceutical and medical device, software, and other health, science, and technology industries for world-leading brands. Veronica offers insight to clients on a variety of business functions, including operations, employment, insurance, logistics, and supply chain issues heightened by the pandemic. After previously spending 17 years in-house at Walmart Inc., Veronica brings a global in-house view that few have, with a laser focus on litigation. Veronica can strike a balance between managing legal, reputational, and financial risks while aligning with what is important to a company's business goals. Simply put, Veronica offers clients insight and strategy that considers their views through the lens of a premier trial firm. Veronica divides her time between Shook's Washington, D.C., and Houston offices.

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### ASTOR HEAVEN

PARTNER  
CROWELL & MORING LLP

Astor Heaven is a trial lawyer in Crowell & Moring's Litigation Group. Astor litigates, arbitrates, and tries trade secret and complex commercial disputes for defense, government contracting, and technology clients, including some of the country's largest defense industry entities. He has prosecuted and defended requests for emergency relief (including TROs and preliminary injunctions) and has litigated and arbitrated disputes related to teaming agreements, technology transfers, leases, military sales, and various other trade secret and commercial issues. Although an experienced trial lawyer and litigator, Astor also focuses on keeping his clients out of court by counseling them on trade secrets-related matters, including conducting audits, managing risk, and performing other assessments of trade secret strength and protection. Astor graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was a two-year letter winner on the football team. After serving in the Navy, he went to the American University Washington College of Law.

### ALLIE M. WRIGHT

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
META PLATFORMS, INC.

Allie M. Wright is an Associate General Counsel of Meta Platforms, Inc. Meta's mission is to give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together. At Meta, Allie is a member of the Employment Law and Investigations Team and leads an international team supporting Meta's global contingent workforce program. She advises corporate leadership and colleagues on laws and regulations affecting the company's business and the use of contingent workers and vendors, as well as alternative work arrangements. Before this role, Allie served as Assistant General Counsel at Aerotek, Assistant General Counsel at Allegis Group, and as a litigation attorney at Carr Maloney P.C. She is a member of Corporate Counsel Women of Color, the Society for Human Resources Management, and the Association of Corporate Counsel. Allie earned her Bachelor of Arts from James Madison University and her Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law.

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**The Art of the Dialogue: How to Give  
Criticism and Feedback in an Effective Way**

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**The Art of the Dialogue: How to Give  
Criticism and Feedback in an Effective Way**

### MONIQUE MCNELLIE

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
META'S REALITY LABS

Monique McNellie is Associate General Counsel for Marketing at Meta's Reality Labs, where she serves as strategic advisor and counsel for marketing research, emerging products, XR tech, and DEI marketing. In her prior role, Monique served as marketing counsel at Uber Technologies, Inc. supporting affiliate marketing, marketing research, emerging products, and community economic development. Before Uber, Monique served as product counsel for various early-stage tech startups and advised at 8 Rivers Capital, which focuses on innovative and sustainable solutions to some of the world's biggest sustainability challenges. Before that, Monique was an associate in the Complex Commercial Litigation group at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York. She obtained her Juris Doctor at Duke University School of Law, where she co-founded the law journal and symposium, Duke Forum for Law & Social Change. Monique received her MBA from Brigham Young University and her bachelor's degree from Syracuse University.

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### NDIDI ORIJ

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ADVERTISING AND PROGRAM STANDARDS  
NBCUNIVERSAL

Ndidi Oriji is a Senior Vice President at NBCUniversal where she oversees advertising and program standards for the TV & Streaming division. She leads NBCUniversal's standards teams in Los Angeles, Miami, and New York and manages the review and evaluation of programs and advertising airing across NBCUniversal's portfolio of broadcast, cable, and streaming properties. Ndidi serves as a primary advisor to senior leaders in connection with company policies relating to program and advertising standards, and trust and safety. She also manages legal and reputational risk, formulates policy changes and public positions and responses, and drives content policy initiatives when issues of public or strategic importance arise. Ndidi serves as NBCUniversal's representative on the TV Parental Guidelines Monitoring Board, an industry body focused on consistency and uniformity in TV parental ratings. In addition to her professional activities, for more than a decade she performed improv and stand-up comedy in New York.

### TRICIA M. BECKLES

DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT LAW AND GENERAL LITIGATION  
NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION

Tricia M. Beckles is Director, Employment Law and General Litigation at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. In this role, Tricia provides strategic legal advice and counseling on employment law and employment litigation matters to management and a range of cross-functional teams, including Human Resources, Compliance, Employee Relations, Compensation & Benefits, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, the Policy Committee, among other enterprise-wide departments. Tricia also serves as counsel to Novartis's Customer Interaction Center on a range of commercial and general legal matters. Before joining Novartis, Tricia was an associate at the law firm Kaye Scholer (currently, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP), specializing in employment law and complex commercial litigation. While at Kaye Scholer, Tricia was recognized as a Rising Star by *Super Lawyer Magazine*. Tricia received her Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University, her Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a Certificate in Business and Public Policy from the Wharton School.

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Community Relations and Building Cross-Cultural Trust

### CANDACE ARTHUR

PARTNER  
WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

Candace Arthur is a partner in Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP's Restructuring Department, where she advises debtors, creditors, equity holders, investors, and other interested parties in the context of out-of-court and in-court domestic and international corporate restructurings, liquidations and distressed financings and acquisitions. Candace is also involved in pro bono matters, representing individuals in Chapter 7 proceedings, advising not-for-profit organizations, and having conducted annual lectures on small businesses in distress on behalf of the Legal Aid Society. Candace has been recognized as a leading lawyer by several prominent publications, including *IFLR1000*, *Lawdragon*, *The M&A Advisor*, *Law360*, *Bloomberg Law*, and *Turnarounds & Workouts*. Most recently, she was named a Rising Star for Restructuring and Insolvency in the U.S. by *IFLR1000* and named among the 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers by *Lawdragon*. Candace received her Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center.

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Community Relations and Building  
Cross-Cultural Trust

### LISA LECOINTE-CEPHAS

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER  
MERCK

Lisa LeCointe-Cephas is Senior Vice President, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer of Merck. Lisa is also the Global Pro Bono Lead for the company, and the global Executive Sponsor of the Black Employee Business Resource Group. Lisa is responsible for ensuring compliance with laws and regulations around the world and fostering an ethical, values-based corporate culture. Before leading Compliance, Lisa was the Head of the Global Investigations at Merck for over three years. In that capacity, Lisa's team was responsible for conducting investigations related to breaches of Merck's policies, laws, and regulations. Lisa joined Merck in February 2018 from Bristol-Myers Squibb Corp., where Lisa served as lead Government Investigations counsel. Before that, Lisa was a partner in the Government Investigations and White-Collar Defense practice of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Lisa received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Yale University and received her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School.

### ADRIENNE GITTENS

CORPORATE DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL  
COMCAST

Adrienne Gittens is a Corporate Deputy General Counsel of Comcast Corporation. She is an integral part of the Corporate Compliance team, which oversees and reports on the further development of the compliance programs across Comcast's global subsidiaries — Comcast Cable, NBCUniversal and Sky. Adrienne ensures that the company conducts business in compliance with existing and developing laws and regulations and manages the company's overall compliance risks in areas such as human trafficking and forced labor. Before this role, Adrienne was a senior associate at Hogan Lovells LLP, where she was named a Lawyer on the Fast Track by The Legal Intelligencer for her complex commercial litigation practice and extensive pro bono work. Adrienne graduated from Princeton University, magna cum laude, and received her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. Following law school, Adrienne clerked for the Honorable Robert B. Kugler for the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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Chief Compliance Officer Track-Part 1  
What does a Compliance Program Look Like  
and Why It Is Important?

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Chief Compliance Officer Track-Part 1  
What does a Compliance Program Look Like  
and Why It Is Important?

### LORRAINE CAMPOS

PARTNER AND MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS GROUP  
CROWELL & MORING LLP

Lorraine Campos is a partner and member of the Steering Committee of Crowell & Moring's Government Contracts Group and focuses her practice on assisting clients with a variety of issues related to government contracts, government ethics, campaign finance, and lobbying laws. Lorraine counsels clients on the General Services Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs Federal Supply Schedule programs. She also advises clients on the terms and conditions of these agreements, including the Price Reduction Clause, small business subcontracting requirements, and country of origin restrictions mandated under U.S. trade agreements, such as the Trade Agreements Act and the Buy American Act. Lorraine has been ranked by *Chambers USA*, and she was recognized by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* as one of its Women Worth Watching for 2015. Additionally, Lorraine serves as Co-Chair of the Health Care Contracting Committee. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University and her Juris Doctor from The George Washington University Law School.

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**Chief Compliance Officer Track-Part 1**  
**What does a Compliance Program Look Like**  
**and Why It Is Important?**

### FAITH KNIGHT MYERS

CHIEF PRIVACY OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
MCKESSON

Faith Knight Myers is the Chief Privacy Officer for McKesson Corporation, where she oversees the enterprise privacy program compliance strategy, and Senior Vice President of Compliance for the CoverMyMeds business segment. Before assuming these roles, she was the Lead Privacy Counsel for McKesson Corporation and Chief Counsel, Regulatory Operations, for the technology division of McKesson. Faith started her legal career at Alston & Bird LLP and later joined Smith, Gambrell & Russell LLP. Before that, Faith served as Associate General Counsel at Emory University/Emory Healthcare. She is a member of the ELC and the Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She also serves as an officer and member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Privacy Professionals and the Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta. Faith received her Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College and her Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School.

### VALERIE DAHIYA

CHAIR, SECURITIES TRADING AND MARKETS PRACTICE (WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE),  
MANAGING PARTNER  
PERKINS COIE

Valerie Dahiya, the firmwide Chair of the Securities Trading and Markets practice, has recently been appointed as the managing partner of the Perkins Coie Washington, D.C., office. With more than 13 years of experience in the broker-dealer space, Valerie Dahiya is an authority in broker-dealer law and advises clients in the blockchain space who are seeking to register and operate Alternative Trading Systems (ATS) or exchanges to facilitate the trading of security tokens. Previously, Valerie was Branch Chief in the Office of Trading Practices in the Division of Trading and Markets at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), where she was responsible for the administration of Reg SHO. Before joining the Division of Trading Markets in the Office of Compliance Inspection and Examinations, Valerie conducted examinations and inspections of broker-dealers for compliance issues. Valerie received her Bachelor of Arts from Seattle University and her Juris Doctor from Seattle University School of Law.

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**Understanding Cryptocurrency and NFTs:**  
**How Best to Advise Your Clients**

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### PETAL WALKER

MANAGING DIRECTOR, RISK & FINANCIAL ADVISORY  
DELOITTE

Petal Walker is a Managing Director in Risk & Financial Advisory at Deloitte. Petal helps clients to develop the systems, processes, and documentation to comply with the derivatives laws and regulations, with a particular focus on digital assets. Petal has aided innovators and established firms in several areas, including designing their products, managing their onboarding, drafting policies, responding to regulatory actions, designing and executing remediation, determining gaps in their compliance infrastructure, and bolstering surveillance measures. Before her work at Deloitte, Petal served as a Special Counsel at WilmerHale, as well as Chief Counsel for CFTC Commissioner Sharon Bowen. Petal holds a doctorate in both law and education from Harvard in addition to her Bachelor of Arts in history from Yale University and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She also serves as a Director of Women in Derivatives (WIND) and Chair of its Leadership Committee.

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### KIMBERLY PACK

PRIVACY COUNSEL  
UNITED AIRLINES

Kimberly Pack is Privacy Counsel at United Airlines with key and primary responsibility for leading, developing, and guiding United's global privacy program. Her day consists of counseling business teams on digital ethics as they look to expand and innovate with technology. Prior to United, she was Associate General Counsel at Anheuser-Busch where she provided legal guidance on NFT offerings and the US privacy program. Her earlier roles include being Compliance Director at Prudential Financial, General Counsel of a financial services start-up, and a solo practitioner. She is a graduate of Spelman College and Harvard Law School. Kimberly's civic engagement includes being a founding member of the Collective of Concerned Black Professionals, a non-profit that operates within and on behalf of Black communities to achieve a more equitable and just society. Kimberly resides in her hometown Chicago and is currently reading *Cyber Privacy* by April Falcon Doss. Ask her about it.

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### TIFFANY J. SMITH

PARTNER  
WILMERHALE

Tiffany J. Smith is a partner at WilmerHale and has over a decade of experience advising and representing broker-dealers, financial institutions, and technology companies (including crypto companies) on cutting-edge regulatory and compliance matters. She has a broad client base including traditional financial institutions, crypto exchanges, NFT issuers and platforms, Web3 companies and payment platforms. Tiffany is a member of the Wall Street Blockchain Association and the LGBT Bar Association of New York and is on the Board of the Legal Aid Society. She was featured on *New York Law Journal's 2020 Rising Stars List*, National Bar Association's 40 Under 40: Nation's Best Advocates List 2020, named a 2020 Minority Corporate Counsel Association Rising Star, and is a member of the 2020 class of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's Fellows. Tiffany received her Juris Doctor from The George Washington University Law School with honors and a BBA from The George Washington University.

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### M. ELAINE HORN

PARTNER AND CO-CHAIR, EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP AND  
THE EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING PRACTICE GROUP  
WILLIAMS & CONNOLLY LLP

M. Elaine Horn is a partner at Williams & Connolly LLP, where she represents clients in a broad range of complex civil and commercial litigation matters. Elaine serves as Co-Chair of both the Williams & Connolly's Employment Litigation practice group and the Employment Counseling practice group. Elaine's employment practice includes conducting internal investigations, providing counseling on corporate and nonprofit employment policies, and litigating individual civil and administrative cases, and class actions. In 2020 and 2021, Elaine was recognized as a Labor and Employment Star by Benchmark Litigation. Elaine's experience includes representing and advising a wide range of companies across multiple industries in litigation and arbitration matters involving internal investigations, anti-discrimination and harassment claims, as well as matters involving FMLA, ADA, Title VII, contract claims, and pandemic-related employment issues. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Texas A&M University and her Juris Doctor, with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School.

Employment Law: Ethics and Legal  
Issues Around Remote Work

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Employment Law: Ethics and Legal Issues Around Remote Work

### KRISTI D.A. MATTHEWS

SENIOR DIRECTOR AND SENIOR MANAGING COUNSEL FOR EMPLOYMENT, INCLUSION & DIVERSITY, AND SOCIAL IMPACT  
VISA, INC.

Kristi D.A. Matthews is Senior Director and Senior Managing Counsel for Employment, Inclusion & Diversity, and Social Impact with Visa, Inc. located in Foster City, CA, where she provides employment advice and counsel for the company's Finance, Corporate, Talent Acquisition functions and several global operations in Europe, CEMEA, Latin America and the Caribbean. Kristi is responsible for the management of employment legal matters, including compensation, wage and hour, noncompete agreements, investigations, and other labor and employment advice and litigation management. Kristi is a 2006 graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science and theater from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA in 2001. She was a recipient of the 2002-2003 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Fellowship. As a Rotary Fellow, Kristi studied at the University of Leeds in Leeds, England, where she received her M.A. in international politics in 2003.

### SHAFEEQA GIARRATANI

SHAREHOLDER (AUSTIN OFFICE) AND MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OGLETREE DEAKINS

Shafeeqa Giarratani is a shareholder in Ogletree's Austin office and a member of the firm's governing Board of Directors. Shafeeqa was named by *Law360* as a 2016 Rising Star. Shafeeqa has also been named repeatedly as a *Super Lawyer Texas* Rising Star and was featured in Bloomberg BNA. She advises clients on the appropriate handling of whistleblowers, regularly handles litigation in this area, and performs in-depth investigations of all types. Shafeeqa regularly advises clients that are federal contractors on affirmative action, legislative and regulatory changes affecting employment matters for federal contractors, and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program (OFCCP) compliance issues. Shafeeqa co-founded Ogletree's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practice group and assists clients in climate investigations, statistical analysis surrounding diversity metrics, and creating and executing strategic diversity plans. Shafeeqa received her A.B., with honors, from Harvard University and her Juris Doctor, with honors, from Harvard Law School.

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Closing the Gap for Women of Color in Executive Compensation

### DENEEN C. HOWELL

PARTNER  
WILLIAMS & CONNOLLY LLP

Deneen C. Howell, a transactional lawyer, is a highly skilled negotiator with broad experience helping authors secure book deals; advising former government officials, senior executives, public speakers, broadcasters, and journalists (many of whom also are authors) in their professional pursuits; and counseling privately held businesses and nonprofit organizations in employment and publishing-related matters. She is Co-Chair of both Williams & Connolly's Transactions and Business Counseling practice group as well as its Employment Counseling practice group. Deneen has an extensive executive compensation practice representing top executives as well as fiduciary and advisory board members of public and privately held companies. In addition, she regularly advises senior executives leading colleges and universities, major nonprofits, trade associations, professional sports organizations, and media companies across an array of topics. In her media practice, Deneen regularly negotiates employment agreements for her clients at ABC, CBS, CNBC, CNN, Discovery, ESPN, FOX, MSNBC, NBC, and NPR.

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### CRYSTAL GAYLE

PRIVACY PROGRAM MANAGER  
PRICELINE

Crystal Gayle serves as the Privacy Program Manager at Priceline. Before this role, she served as the Information Security Compliance Manager at Priceline. Before that role, she served as the Legal Operations Manager at Kickstarted, where she was responsible for protecting user privacy, translating business needs to corporate governance, and working with the Data Privacy Officer. Before that position, Crystal worked at WebMD as the Government Contracts Manager, Human Resources Compliance Manager at Ween, and Legal Operations Manager at Resorts World Casino, where she was responsible for coordinating all the legal operations for five renting properties in North America and the Caribbean. She is a Vendor Risk Management Expert with OneTrust and holds three certifications from the International Association of Privacy Professionals. Crystal received her Bachelor of Arts in psychology and research methods from the University of Windsor and is fluent in French.

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### RIPPI KARDA

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
VERIZON

Rippi Karda is an Associate General Counsel in the Public Policy, Law, and Security Department at Verizon where she negotiates Sourcing contracts involving Human Resources Benefits/Plans, Supplier Diversity, Advertising Agencies, Contact Centers, Contingent Workforce, and Executive Recruiting. At Verizon, she has received the prestigious Pro Bono Service Award for recognition of legal contributions in domestic violence and corporate matters. Rippi speaks frequently on diversity issues concerning the legal community. She is a Board Member and Treasurer of WEN, President-Elect of the South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey, Co-Chair of the Punjabi Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey and a member of the NAMWOLF organization. In 2021, she joined the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement. Recently, she was appointed by Governor Phil Murphy to the NJ AAPI Commission. Lastly, to highlight the notable achievements of diverse attorneys, she runs a LinkedIn series titled "Attorney of the Week."



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### VICKI D. BLANTON

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL  
AT&T

Vicki D. Blanton is the Assistant Vice President and Senior Legal Counsel of Tax and Benefits for AT&T. In this role, Vicki provides legal advice and counsel for defined benefits plans, 401(k) savings plans, ERISA litigation SME, and the PAC. Vicki is responsible for all the qualified retirement benefit programs with total assets of approximately \$110 billion. Throughout her career, she has held leadership positions with the City of Dallas, JCPenney, American Airlines, General Motors, and Walmart. Vicki's expertise includes working with legacy programs and systems to monetize and modernize these organizations during significant and complex times of transition. Vicki is on the Executive Board of the Dallas Bar Association and SMU School of Law, as well as a Board member of Broadway Dallas. Vicki earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

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### ANITA WALLACE THOMAS

PARTNER  
NELSON MULLINS

Anita Wallace Thomas is a partner at Nelson Mullins. She practices in litigation, including commercial litigation, product liability, and employment litigation. She has served as counsel and trusted advisor to local governments in all phases of litigation, internal investigations, and personnel training. Anita has served as First Chair in over 60 trials, with a 99% success rate. She has been recognized for her legal practice by *Legal 500 United States*, *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Lawyers in America, National Bar Association, Atlanta Bar Association, and the State Bar of Georgia. She currently serves as Chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Seeking Equal Justice and Addressing Racism & Racial Bias committee. She has been inducted into the Gate City Bar Association Hall of Fame and serves on the Board of Trustees for Leadership Institute for Women of Color in Law and Business. She earned a Juris Doctor from Mercer University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Spelman College.

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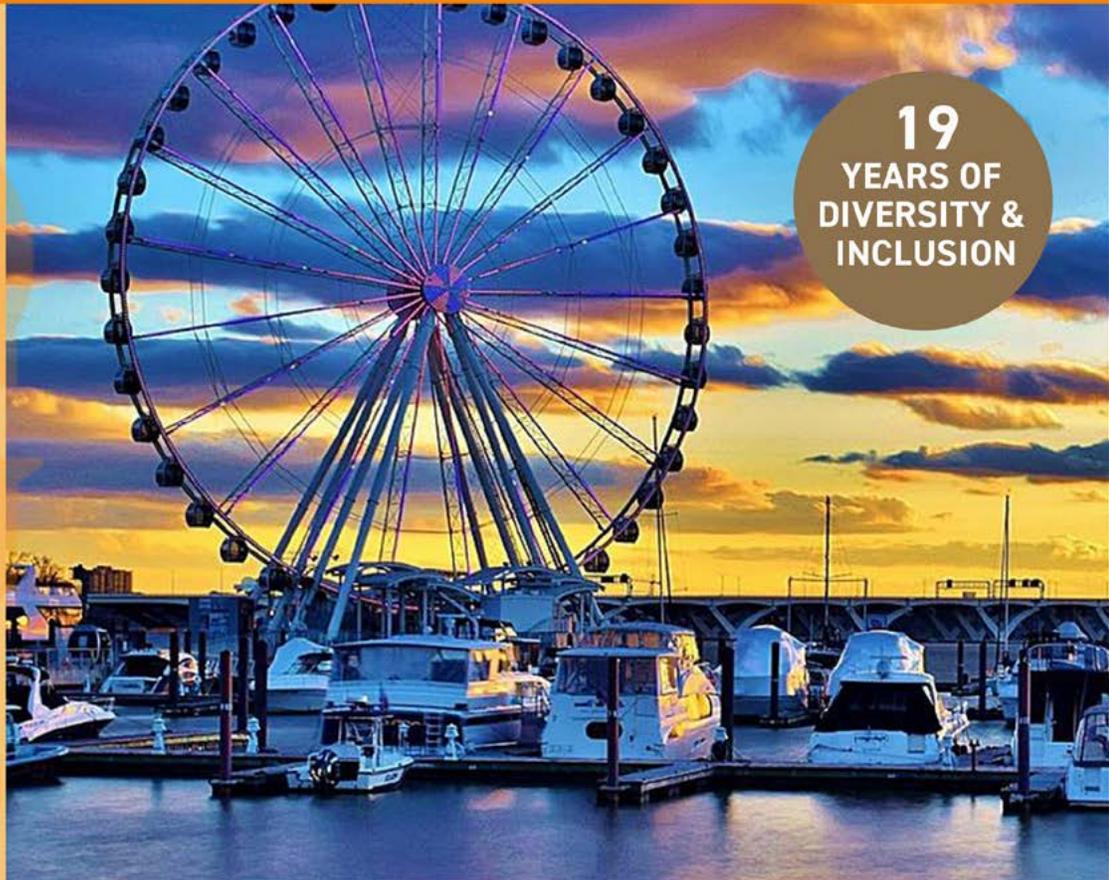
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### MARIA MELENDEZ

CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER  
SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP

As chief diversity officer, Maria leads Sidley's efforts to further advance DEI across the firm's 21 global offices. A frequent speaker on equity and fairness, María is dedicated to bolstering the framework of policy and practices that have advanced Sidley's recognition as a top law firm for women and lawyers of diverse backgrounds. She is an ALFDP member and proudly serves on the boards of The Thurgood Marshall College Fund, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, and the Advisory Board of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession. Prior to becoming CDO, María was a partner in Sidley's Commercial Litigation and Disputes practice. Her strong leadership and success in representing clients earned her acknowledgment from various industry groups and was named one of the Top 250 Women in Litigation by *Benchmark Litigation* (2017-2019). Since 2019, she is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

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### MIKEISHA ANDERSON JONES

CHIEF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION OFFICER  
MILBANK LLP

Mikeisha Anderson Jones is the Chief Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Officer at Milbank LLP, leading the firm's global DEI strategy. With 20+ years of experience as a lawyer, business executive, and DEI leader, she earlier served as VP, Global I&D at American Express, and as VP, Global Contracts, Legal, and Proposal Strategy. Previously, Mikeisha held increasingly advanced GC roles in-house at Catalent Pharma Solutions, was an associate at Reed Smith LLP and Lowenstein Sandler PC, and served as a judicial clerk. She is a Trustee of the NJ State Bar Foundation and frequently speaks on career development and inclusion. Mikeisha has received various accolades, including *Women of Color Magazine's* Women in Finance Diversity Champion, Face2Face Africa's 30 Black Stars, and the National Diversity Council's Top 100 Diversity Officers. Mikeisha, a CDP, earned an A.B. from Smith College and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School.

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### DIONYSIA JOHNSON-MASSIE

EQUITY SHAREHOLDER  
LITTLER MENDELSON P.C.

Dionysia Johnson-Massie is an Equity Shareholder at Littler, the largest global labor and employment law firm representing employers. She is a highly accomplished litigator whose successes include achieving appellate and trial wins, obtaining optimal resolution of workplace investigations, strategizing with c-suite executives and implementing compliant workplace diversity, equity, and inclusion business strategies. Dionysia is recognized as a preeminent employment law and DEI thought leader. She has presented at national conferences, been quoted extensively in national publications and has authored numerous articles. Dionysia's leadership experience includes serving as the first African American female on Littler's Board of Directors helping to drive the firm's international expansion strategies, co-founding and co-leading the firm's award-winning D&I Council and Women's Leadership Initiative and serving on various community boards. Dionysia earned degrees from Yale and UVA School of Law. She is married to Dr. Clarence Massie, Jr. and they have two children, Trey and Morgan.

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### EDITH WONG

MANAGING DIRECTOR  
FTI CONSULTING

Edith Wong is a Managing Director with FTI Consulting, based in New York. She has more than 18 years of experience in matters involving forensic accounting, fraud, and corruption. She specializes in conducting multidisciplinary and cross-border investigations to unravel complex transactions, uncover misconduct, and present findings to major stakeholders and regulatory agencies. Ms. Wong's litigation and dispute advisory experience includes assisting clients in commercial disputes involving corporate transactions, false claims, and post-acquisition disputes. She has also served as an expert witness to conduct damage calculations. Ms. Wong has authored articles on conducting investigations, supply chain due diligence, ESG, and human trafficking. She serves as a recurring faculty member for accounting programs offered by the Practising Law Institute. Ms. Wong is actively involved in pro-bono matters related to human trafficking and forced labor. She was recognized by the Human Trafficking Legal Center as its Advocate of the Year in 2021.

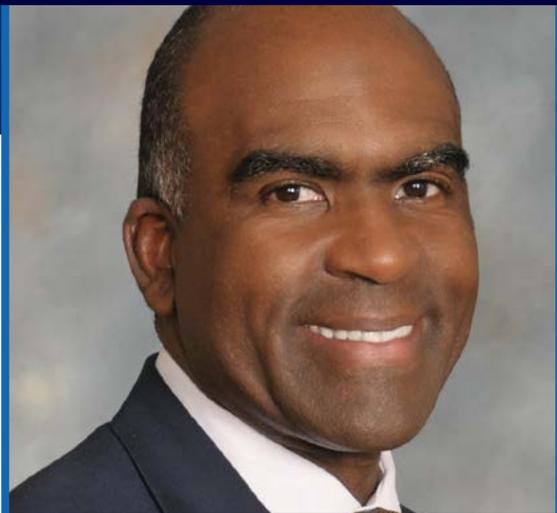
How AI is Helping Organizations  
Meet ESG Expectations

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### LARRY L. TURNER

PARTNER  
MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP

Larry L. Turner is a Partner in Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP's Labor & Employment Practice, co-leader of the firm's Workplace Culture Consulting and Training practice, and former co-leader of the firm's Diversity Committee. He counsels employers on corporate diversity initiatives, including best practices and litigation avoidance. He advises employers on building, maintaining, and evaluating diversity and inclusion efforts in a variety of industries, including, but not limited to, pharmaceutical, medical device, financial and retail. Larry also counsels and litigates matters involving trade secret protection and restrictive covenants as well as discrimination, harassment, and wrongful termination claims. As a former co-leader of the firm's Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets Taskforce, he advises clients on trade secret protection strategies and restrictive covenants and has served as lead trial counsel in numerous litigation actions across the country to enforce and challenge noncompete, nondisclosure, and non-solicitation agreements as well as trade secrets and various types of employment matters.



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### JACKIE FELIPE DAVIS

SENIOR DIRECTOR  
FTI CONSULTING

Jackie Felipe Davis is a Senior Director with FTI Consulting based in Nashville. She has nearly 11 years of experience in data analytics, analyzing complex data sets, and drawing inferences to prevent and detect fraud. She specializes in converting large unstructured data into measurable data points and using those data points to provide applicable assessments. Her experience includes performing risk assessments, automating compliance processes, performing program-specific data collections for e-discovery, calculating litigation damages using disparate and unstructured data sets, leading an OFAC sanctions review using SWIFT transactions, and assessing Anti-Money Laundering rules. Before her role as Senior Director, Jackie served in the roles of Director and Senior Consultant at FTI Consulting. She is a certified fraud examiner by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. She received her Bachelor of Science in commerce, finance, and international business from the University of Virginia.

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### MICHELE C. MEYER-SHIPP

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
DRESS FOR SUCCESS WORLDWIDE

Michele C. Meyer-Shipp is the CEO of Dress for Success Worldwide. Michele leads the organization's 145 affiliates in 23 countries as it continues its mission to help women achieve economic independence through a network of support, professional attire, and development tools to thrive in work and life. Michele joined Dress for Success from Major League Baseball, where she served as Chief People & Culture Officer. Before MLB, Michele served as Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at KPMG LLP. Previously, she served as Global Chief Diversity Officer for both Prudential Financial and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Michele has been featured in top media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Economist*, *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *Business Insider*, *CNN*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Black Enterprise*, and more. She is a member of the boards of the LPGA, Players for the Planet, and the Fritz Pollard Alliance Foundation. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University and her Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University of Law.

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### BRENDA LEE

PARTNER AND VICE CHAIR, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PRACTICE  
WILMERHALE

Brenda Lee is a partner and Vice Chair, Anti-Discrimination Practice at WilmerHale. She represents companies, universities, and individuals in a broad range of investigations and related proceedings, including white-collar criminal, securities enforcement, and anti-discrimination matters. Brenda has extensive experience representing clients in investigations and enforcement proceedings brought by the DOJ, the SEC, FINRA, and state regulators. She has conducted numerous internal investigations, often involving allegations of fraud or financial reporting violations. As the Vice Chair of the firm's Anti-Discrimination Practice, Brenda has substantial experience conducting sensitive investigations following allegations of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, as well as broader equity audits and culture reviews. Brenda also advises clients on best practices related to DEI initiatives. She was named among the 2020-2022 *Best Lawyers in America* for her criminal defense: white-collar practice and was recognized by *The National Law Journal* as a 2020 D.C. Rising Star. Brenda received her A.B. from Harvard College and her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

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### TAMOKA BELLARD

SENIOR COUNSEL, HEALTH PRODUCTS  
APPLE

Tamoka Bellard is Senior Counsel, Health Products at Apple. In this role, she supports global business partners across Apple that are developing health technologies, products, and services. She advises on matters related to health features and products, including product development, compliance, research collaborations and partnerships, and human subjects' research. Tamoka joined Apple in 2021 from GlaxoSmithKline, where she was Senior and Lead Counsel for U.S. Medical Affairs. Before GSK, Tamoka was a litigation associate for an Am Law 100 firm. She is a subject matter expert in legal guidance related to clinical trials, medical affairs, and FDA labeling. Tamoka also has experience advising senior-level executives and has varied experience working with Sales, Marketing, Payer, External Affairs, Communications, and R&D teams across several therapeutic areas in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University and her law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the South Texas College of Law Houston. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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### LUCY PARK

PARTNER  
PERKINS COIE LLP

Lucy Park is a partner in the Trust & Estate Planning group of Perkins Coie LLP in the Chicago office. Lucy concentrates her practice in estate planning and administration for individuals, families, family offices, and family-owned businesses in connection with wealth preservation, wealth transfer, charitable giving, and multi-generational and succession planning. She advises fiduciaries and beneficiaries with the administration of trusts and decedents' estates, and with post-mortem planning. Lucy also assists clients with premarital and pre- and post-divorce planning, and asset protection. She works with individuals and tax-exempt organizations to address tax issues impacting charitable giving and formation and administration of private foundations and donor advised funds. She graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law with high honors and was elected to the Order of the Coif. She received an A.B. in psychology from Smith College and an M.A. in psychology and human development from the University of Chicago.

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### VANESSA JACKSON

PARTNER  
DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL LLP

Vanessa Jackson is a partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, practicing in the Finance group. She represents borrowers and lenders on a broad range of finance transactions, including leveraged and investment-grade acquisition financings, spin-offs, debtor-in-possession financings, and exit financings. She serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee and is a member of the firm's Black Affinity Group Steering Committee. The Partnership for New York City named Vanessa to its 2022 Class of David Rockefeller Fellows, and *Crain's New York Business* named Vanessa to its 2022 Notable Women in Law list. In February 2022, Vanessa was named among *Savoy Magazine's* Most Influential Black Lawyers. Vanessa received her Bachelor of Science in economics from Duke University in 2009. In 2012, she received her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Managing Editor of the *Columbia Journal of Race and Law*.

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### EVIE M. HIGHTOWER

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, REAL ESTATE  
META PLATFORMS, INC.

Evie M. Hightower is Associate General Counsel, Real Estate at Meta Platforms, Inc. In her role, Evie partners with and supports the Economic Development Team and the Energy, Environment, and Site Selection Team at Meta. She is responsible for the legal aspects of the company's following activities in the Americas, among other areas: leasing (research and development, data center, and warehouse); acquisitions and large-scale development and entitlement of property; negotiation of economic development and tax incentives (including industrial revenue bonds, tax increment financing, public financing, and special districts); and counseling the business on development strategy and short- and long-term planning to meet the demands of the business. Before joining Meta, Evie was a commercial real estate associate at Eversheds Sutherland (U.S.) LLP. Evie earned her Bachelor of Arts from Howard University, *summa cum laude*, with honors, and her Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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Chief Compliance Officer-Part 2  
Should Compliance Care About Ethics  
and Culture?

### KENYA S. MANN

CHIEF ETHICS & COMPLIANCE OFFICER  
EMORY UNIVERSITY

As Chief Compliance Officer to Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer for Emory University, Kenya Mann oversees university compliance activities and leads the Office of Compliance by proactively anticipating, responding to, and minimizing compliance risks across the university. Kenya's experience also includes serving as the General Counsel for the University of Cincinnati and the Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer for Penn State University. Kenya has been recognized with various awards from federal and state agencies. She was named an Influencer of Law by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* for her accomplishments in corporate investigations. In 2011, she was named Diverse Attorney of the Year by *The Legal Intelligencer*. Kenya is admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Ohio Supreme Court Bar. She received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Niagara University and a Juris Doctor from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

### LOURDES MALDONADO

VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR MANAGING COUNSEL  
NORTH AMERICA IN GLOBAL COMPLIANCE  
MASTERCARD

Lourdes Maldonado is Vice President, Senior Managing Counsel for North America in Global Compliance at Mastercard. Before taking on this role, she was Senior Managing Compliance Counsel for Latin America and the Caribbean. Based in Miami, Lourdes started her career at Mastercard in the Mexico office as Legal Counsel, managing all legal and regulatory matters for Mexico and Central America. She has also taken on temporary assignments, as Legal Counsel in Canada, and managing all compliance matters in the Middle East and Africa. Before joining Mastercard, Lourdes was Legal Counsel at Oracle, and before that, she was an associate at BSTL (now Hogan Lovells). Lourdes graduated *summa cum laude* from Universidad Iberoamericana and earned her LLM in Comparative Jurisprudence from the New York University School of Law as a Fulbright-Garcia Robles Scholar and an NYU Graduate Merit Scholar. Lourdes is admitted to practice law in New York and Mexico.

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### ANIKA M. CALLOWAY

VICE PRESIDENT IN THE PRIVACY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICE  
EQUIFAX INC.

Anika M. Calloway serves as Vice President in the Privacy and Compliance Office at Equifax Inc. an Atlanta based company that provides financial, consumer and commercial data and analytical solutions. As Vice President, she evaluates the company's compliance issues and assesses the controls and risks on products and services offered to business customers. Previously, she served on the Deal Team where she executed complex negotiations for key strategic deals. Anika began her career at Equifax as Assistant General Counsel where she was responsible for supporting the Company's procurement, global sourcing and technology business groups. Anika obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia and her Juris Doctorate from Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. Not only is Anika a highly accomplished attorney but she is also a community leader and recipient of numerous accolades that reflect her commitment to public service.

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What Women of Color Can Do to Make Their Voices Heard and Impact Felt in the Workplace

### TRACIE BRYANT

PARTNER  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

Tracie Bryant is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation before federal and state courts across the country, as well as arbitration hearings. Tracie represents clients in litigation matters involving antitrust, consumer products, false advertising, labor and employment, False Claims Act, and constitutional law. She also has extensive experience with class action litigation. Tracie has resolved cases with motions practice, including hearings, and represented clients at trial. Recently, Tracie was recognized as one of Savoy's 2022 Most Influential Black Lawyers and named in the National Bar Association's list of 40 Under 40: Nation's Best Advocates. Before joining Kirkland, Tracie clerked for Chief Judge Richard W. Roberts of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Tracie earned her Juris Doctor at Harvard Law School. She graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in human biology.

### AISHA LAVINIER

PARTNER  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

Aisha Lavinier is a corporate partner in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. She advises private equity sponsors and public and private companies on complex business transactions, including structuring and negotiating strategic mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, leveraged buyouts, equity and debt financings, recapitalizations and restructurings, executive compensation and incentive equity arrangements, as well as other general corporate matters. Aisha has represented public companies, private companies and private equity firms on transactions, in various industries, including, specialty chemicals, healthcare, pharmaceutical, retail, software, service providers, transportation and logistics. Representative matters have ranged in size from several million dollars to more than \$6 billion. Aisha was recognized as one of Savoy's 2022 Most Influential Black Lawyers and a BTI Client Service All-Star. She earned her Bachelor's in Biochemistry and Cell Biology from Rice University and her JD from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

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### EBONY SUNALA JOHNSON

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
TRUIST

Ebony Sunala Johnson is SVP, Associate General Counsel for Public Affairs for Truist, where she focuses on consumer finance, community development, and corporate communications. Prior to Truist, Ebony was VP, Senior Regulatory Counsel at the Consumer Bankers Association, advocating the regulatory interests of 70 consumer banks before federal financial regulators. She was Senior Enforcement Litigation Counsel with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and recovered millions of dollars on behalf of harmed consumers. Ebony was a complex commercial litigator at Kirkland & Ellis for six years before leaving to join the CFPB after making partner. She clerked for two years on the Eastern District of Virginia's "Rocket Docket," and was an Air Force military intelligence officer before becoming an attorney. She graduated from Howard Law, cum laude, and from the United States Air Force Academy.

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**ASHLEY SMITH**  
DIRECTOR, AMERICAS AND APAC  
LIME

Ashley Smith serves as Director, Americas and APAC at Lime where she leads a team advising on global legal issues. Prior to joining Lime, she spent over four years in the employment group at Facebook counseling on global employment matters, developing policies and procedures, and directing litigation. Ashley's legal career began as a labor and employment and litigation associate at Kirkland & Ellis. A proud native Washingtonian, Ashley is a graduate of Howard University School of Law and DePaul University. Outside of work, Ashley serves as co-chair for both the National Employment Law Council's in-house group as well as the DC Bar Foundation's Young Lawyers Network Leadership Council.

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## CHRISTINE OKIKE

PARTNER  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

Christine Okike is a restructuring partner in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. She represents companies, creditors, equity holders, investors, sellers, and purchasers in all stages of complex restructuring transactions. Christine has a broad range of experience across several industries, including automotive, sports, entertainment, retail, energy, real estate, financial services, technology, transportation, travel, health care, media, and telecommunications. Most recently, Christine was recognized by *Savoy* as one of its 2022 Most Influential Black Lawyers. She was named as one of *Crain's New York Business's* 2021 Notable Women in Law, as well as an Emerging Leader by The M&A Advisor in 2019 and Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyer by *Turnarounds & Workouts* in 2018. In 2017, Christine was inducted into the International Insolvency Institute NextGen Leadership Program. She was also selected in 2017 as an Emerging Leader in the American Bankruptcy Institute's inaugural 40 Under 40 initiative.

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## JENNIFER PRIOLEAU

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER,  
CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER & CORPORATE SECRETARY  
B. BRAUN

Jennifer Prioleau serves on the Executive Leadership Team at B. Braun as Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer & Corporate Secretary. Before joining B. Braun, Jennifer served as Vice President, Associate General Counsel for HP's Printing Business, Strategic Business Management and Cybersecurity; Assistant General Counsel at Maidenform Brands; and as an IP associate at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lion. Jennifer is a seasoned General Counsel with a successful career unleashing profitable growth by helping global businesses take smart risks, comply with the law, manage crises, avoid material losses, protect their reputation, and disrupt the status quo. She is laser-focused on digital transformation and endeavors to rethink and reinvent ways to serve customer needs by leveraging technology and data to change processes, products/services, and business models — all while maintaining compliance and customer trust. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University and her Juris Doctor from Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law.

CLO Symposium  
From ESG to Crisis and Risk Management:  
Top Lessons Learned by CLOs in 2022

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### CARITA WALKER

CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AND GENERAL COUNSEL  
SHELL RECHARGE SOLUTIONS

Carita Walker is Chief Legal Officer at Greenlots, a Shell company. Previously based in Doha, Qatar with Qatar Shell Services, she leveraged her deep background in environmental and corporate law to support Pearl GTL, the world's largest source of gas-to-liquids products, and the Qatargas 4 LNG joint venture (a fully integrated liquefied natural gas (LNG) project). Before her expatriate years in Qatar, Carita led environmental permitting for multibillion-dollar capital projects, enabled businesses to achieve their goals by successfully identifying, prioritizing, and managing risks, and delivered on complex commercial transactions. Carita has served in key professional and civic leadership roles. She chaired the company Legal Recruiting, co-chaired the U.S. United Way Campaign for Legal, and was Shell's inaugural Leadership Counsel for Leadership Diversity Fellow. Carita received her undergraduate degree from Xavier University in Louisiana, studied at Harvard University, and obtained her Juris Doctor from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law.

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### GAIL SHARPS MYERS

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, AND CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER  
DENNY'S CORPORATION

Gail Sharps Myers is the Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Chief People Officer at Denny's Corporation. She previously served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Denny's since September 2020 and as Senior Vice President and General Counsel from June 2020 to September 2020. Prior to joining Denny's, she served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary of American Tire Distributors, Inc.; as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at Snyder's-Lance, Inc.; and as Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Chief Compliance Counsel and Assistant Secretary at US Foods, Inc. Gail is on the Board of Directors of AquaBounty. She received her Juris Doctor from The Washington College of Law at The American University, her Master's in Business Administration from Arizona State University's W. P. Carey School of Business and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Howard University.



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### NEKIA HACKWORTH JONES

REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ATLANTA OFFICE  
U.S. SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Nekia Hackworth Jones is the Director of the Atlanta Regional Office for the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. In this role, Nekia leads a team of over 100 professionals who investigate violations of federal securities laws and examine registered entities and individuals across the securities markets. Nekia joined the SEC in March 2021 from the Atlanta office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, where she was a litigation partner specializing in government investigations, internal investigations, and white-collar defense. Before joining Nelson Mullins, Nekia spent a decade in public service, first as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Atlanta U.S. Attorney's Office, and later as Associate Deputy Attorney General and Executive Director of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Nekia received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, *cum laude*, from Emory University, and Juris Doctor and MBA degrees from Harvard University.

Surveying the SEC:  
Hot Topics and Emerging Trends

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### JENNIFER CHEN

DIRECTOR  
ACC FOUNDATION

Jennifer Chen is the Director of the ACC Foundation, the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the Association of Corporate Counsel – the world’s largest bar association for in-house counsel. Jennifer leads the foundation’s efforts and programming in support of its mission to provide research, leadership and professional development opportunities, support of DEI initiatives, and the promotion of pro bono service in the legal community. Jennifer has over 18 years of experience creating unique and engaging educational programs, fundraising events, and networking functions, providing numerous opportunities to a diverse network of in-house lawyers and outside counsel. During her career, Jennifer has built an impressive network of contacts, through which she connects people with valuable opportunities that support their professional and career development. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland and is the proud parent of an LSU Tiger.

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### KENDRA BROWN

VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC POLICY, FEDERAL AFFAIRS  
MASTERCARD

Kendra Brown currently holds the role of Vice President of Public Policy, Federal Affairs for Mastercard. She also serves as Chair of the Maryland State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Previously, she was the Chief of Staff for U.S. Rep. G. K. Butterfield and Senior Director for Diversity, Inclusion and Affinity for the Washington College of Law at American University. She is a former National Chair of the National Black Law Students Association (NBL-SA). Kendra is committed to community engagement and empowerment. She serves on various boards and seeks to continually make a difference and have a profound impact in all that she does. Kendra completed her undergraduate studies at Hampton University, her Master of Divinity at Howard University Divinity School, her law degree from Vermont Law School, and attended The George Washington University School of Law for her Master of Laws.

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### LATONYA RASTON

LEGAL HEAD FOR U.S. CARDIOVASCULAR, RENAL, AND METABOLISM  
NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION

Latonya Raston is the Legal Head for the U.S. Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolism (CRM) franchise at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. As such, she utilizes her extensive knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry, and litigation and employment law to develop and implement the legal strategy for the U.S. CRM franchise. She provides thought leadership on substantive business and legal issues affecting the industry and franchise to drive business solutions, shape and execute on organizational objectives, promote consistency, and mitigate risk to the organization. Her efforts have enabled the launch and ongoing success of key products in the company’s cardiovascular portfolio, including Leqvio® (inclisiran) and Entresto® (sacubitril/valsartan), to the benefit of millions of heart failure patients globally. Latonya has counseled the Novartis family of companies for over 16 years. Before joining Novartis, Latonya held roles with Walmart Stores, Inc., Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Jackson Lewis LLP, and Paul Hastings LLP.

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### NIKKI LEWIS SIMON

SHAREHOLDER AND CHIEF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER  
GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP

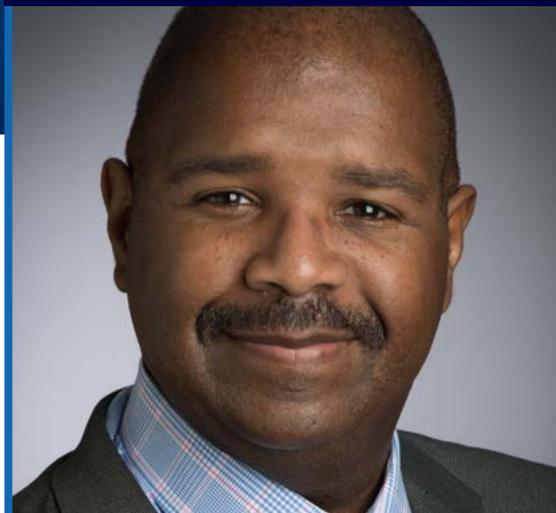
Nikki Lewis Simon is a Litigation Shareholder and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) Officer at global law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP (GT). She designs and guides strategic initiatives to deepen GT's DE&I efforts, including a commitment of \$5 million over five years to combat systemic racism and support impoverished communities; instituting billable hours for DE&I and community and civic activities; creation of the Social Justice Action Academy; founding of Courageous Conversations; and creation of the GTDrives: Dynamic Dialogues Podcast. Other successes include achieving Mansfield Rule 4.0 Certification Plus, administered by The Diversity Lab. Simon, who has more than two decades-plus of experience as a commercial litigator, was selected in February 2022 as an International Diversity Leader by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* and a Most Influential Black Lawyer by *Savoy* and in 2020 was named a Top Chief Diversity Officer by The National Diversity Council, among other recognitions.

### STEPHEN L. BROWN

SENIOR ADVISOR  
KPMG BOARD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Stephen L. Brown is a Senior Advisor at KPMG Board Leadership Center, where he advises business leaders on key governance challenges, including shareholder activism and engagement, board composition, ESG risks, and strategy. Formerly, he was CEO of the Society of Corporate Governance and led the corporate governance group at TIAA (Nuveen). Before TIAA, Brown practiced securities law at WilmerHale and Skadden and was an associate with Goldman Sachs. He has served on numerous boards and received honors and recognition, including being named as one of the 100 most influential people in corporate governance and the boardroom by the National Association of Corporate Directors. For over a decade, Stephen has taught corporate governance at Yale University, the Colin Powell School at City College, and the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown. Stephen received his B.A. with honors from Yale University and his Juris Doctor from Columbia University Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

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**Board Readiness Boot Camp  
Parts 1, 2, and 3**

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Parts 1, 2, and 3**

### SUSAN ANGELE

SENIOR ADVISOR  
KPMG BOARD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Susan Angele is a former F500 executive and a leading voice in board governance. Her background includes involvement in company strategy, culture change, and crisis management, in prior roles as Global Deputy GC at Hershey, and Chief Counsel, U.S. Snacks at Kraft (now Mondelez). In her current role as Senior Advisor at KPMG's Board Leadership Center, she has been named by NACD to the Directorship 100. Susan serves as an advisor to the Better Boards Initiative and Pioneering Collective, a board member of Latino Corporate Directors Education Foundation, and co-founder of board-ready programs for Hispanic Technology Executive Council, Women in Real Estate, and Women in Insurance, along with numerous other collaborative initiatives to lift up diverse aspiring board members. Susan holds a J.D. from Columbia University, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and an Editor of the *Columbia Law Review*, and a B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College.

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Board Readiness Boot Camp  
(Intermediate) Parts 1, 2, and 3

### KIMBERLY Y. CHAINEY

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, & CORPORATE SECRETARY  
APTARGROUP, INC.

Kimberly Y. Chainey served as a board member of NeoPhotonics (NYSE:NPTN) before it was ultimately acquired in a tech M&A transaction. She currently serves as Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary of AptarGroup, Inc. Before her current role at Aptar, she served as Vice President and General Counsel of Panasonic Avionics Corporation. From 2014 to 2018, Kimberly served in a variety of roles at Avis-Budget Group, a vehicle mobility solutions company, including Associate General Counsel for Global Mergers and Acquisitions, Strategy, and Innovation. From 2007 to 2014, she had various roles at The Hershey Company, a global confectionery company, culminating as Associate General Counsel, International, leading the international legal function. She holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School), and a Bachelor of Arts in environmental science and public policy from Harvard University.

### AKIMA PAUL LAMBERT

PARTNER  
HOGAN LOVELLS

Akima Paul Lambert focuses on high-stakes commercial litigation and arbitration. She often works with clients on large, multijurisdictional disputes. She has experience in commercial and investment treaty arbitration, and is dual-qualified in the UK and in the U.S. She was the 2021 winner in the Senior Leader professional services category at the Black British Business Awards, the UK's premier legal awards for black business, has been featured in The Lawyer Hot 100 2022, a list of the top 100 most innovative and impactful lawyers in Britain. She was also selected as one of Legal Business' Top Female Rising Stars for 2022. Akima has been active in the diversity equity and inclusion spaces for the last 15 years. She is co-founder of a mentoring programme, Creating Pathways, pairing young black and minority ethnic lawyers with senior lawyers in an effort to stem significant attrition.

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Moving From Counselor to Business Executive:  
Transitioning to Non-Legal Executive Roles

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### YVONNE OSIRIM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HUMAN HEALTH COMMERCIAL COMPLIANCE  
MERCK

Yvonne Osirim currently serves as Executive Director, Human Health Commercial Compliance. In this role, Yvonne leads a team of commercial compliance officers supporting US and Global Oncology, Strategy and Commercial Operations, and other parts of the Human Health business. Prior to this role, Yvonne served as Executive Director, Human Health Commercial Development for Merck. Yvonne has also served as the Director of U.S. Government Investigations for Merck, where Yvonne managed all high-risk U.S. internal investigations and served as primary counsel on U.S. government inquiries. Prior to joining Merck, Yvonne served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for over six years, where she prosecuted federal criminal cases involving white collar, serious violent crime, and public corruption offenses. Yvonne received her A.B. in Government from Harvard College and received her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. Yvonne has a Master's in International Relations from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

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### LAUREN CHAMBLEE

SENIOR CORPORATE COUNSEL  
MICROSOFT

Lauren Chamblee is Senior Corporate Counsel on Microsoft's Open Innovation team in the Intellectual Property Group tackling complex legal issues like who owns the copyright in AI-generated works or digital assets in the metaverse, how to incentivize and scale responsible data use and sharing, and how to protect trade secrets in collaborative, innovative environments. In short, Lauren works across Microsoft's business units to address the company's high priority data, copyright, trade secret, and right of publicity issues. Lauren's intellectual curiosity and aptitude for orchestrating solutions to complex problems led her to a career in law. Combined with a voracious appetite for exploring creative content, intellectual property seemed like a perfect fit. Lauren joined Microsoft's Intellectual Property Group after nearly a decade in the Intellectual Property, Media, and Technology group of a leading global law firm litigating IP disputes, managing IP portfolios and providing client counseling services across various industries.

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### MONA PATEL

PARTNER  
COVINGTON

Mona Patel is a partner at Covington and provides guidance to clients on anti-corruption compliance issues and program elements, and on procedures and best practices for conducting investigations. She has significant experience across the technology, life sciences, and manufacturing sectors conducting compliance program evaluations and risk assessments, leading transactional anti-corruption due diligence, developing tailored compliance programs, and providing day-to-day advice on third-party risk management, fee-for-service agreements, and other risks. She has represented and counseled companies in large-scale government and internal investigations and related civil litigation matters. She was the board-appointed monitor of a major national health care provider, conducting a full review of the company's compliance policies and practices across a range of areas, and providing advice and recommendations for improving the company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Mona led the firm's Asian Pacific Islander Affinity Group. She currently serves as one of the firm's Managing Partners for Legal Personnel.



**Chief Compliance Officer-Part 3  
Compliance Reporting & Effective Investigations**

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### LOURDES MALDONADO

VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR MANAGING COUNSEL  
FOR NORTH AMERICA IN GLOBAL COMPLIANCE  
MASTERCARD

Lourdes Maldonado is Vice President, Senior Managing Counsel for North America in Global Compliance at Mastercard. Before taking on this role, she was Senior Managing Compliance Counsel for Latin America and the Caribbean. Based in Miami, Lourdes started her career at Mastercard in the Mexico office as Legal Counsel, managing all legal and regulatory matters for Mexico and Central America. She has also taken on temporary assignments, as Legal Counsel in Canada, and managing all compliance matters in the Middle East and Africa. Before joining Mastercard, Lourdes was Legal Counsel at Oracle, and before that, she was an associate at BSTL (now Hogan Lovells). Lourdes graduated, summa cum laude, from Universidad Iberoamericana and earned her LLM in Comparative Jurisprudence from the New York University School of Law as a Fulbright-Garcia Robles Scholar and an NYU Graduate Merit Scholar. Lourdes is admitted to practice law in New York and Mexico.

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Compliance Reporting & Effective Investigations**

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### DIANNA JONES

DIRECTOR, LEGAL COMPLIANCE  
UBER TECHNOLOGIES

As an M&A and compliance attorney with nearly 20 years of experience spanning regulated and technology industries, Dianna Jones is a corporate Board Director and trusted C-suite thought partner. She serves on the board of Next Fifteen Communications Group plc (LSE: NFC). Dianna is respected for her collaborative engagement style and brings expertise in global ethics and legal compliance program implementation, business risk mitigation in regulated environments for mature and scaling companies, and ESG. Dianna is Director, Legal Compliance at Uber Technologies, Inc. She was previously Regional Compliance Counsel–Western Hemisphere at John Wood Group plc, a global leader in engineering and technical consulting services for the energy and infrastructure industries. Before that, she was with the international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, where she advised national and multinational companies on complex M&A transactions, reorganizations, and restructurings. She received her B.B.A. from the University of Oklahoma and her JurisDoctor from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Chief Compliance Officer–Part 3  
Compliance Reporting & Effective Investigations

### NADINE M. GOMES WILLIAMS

ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL, CLINICAL AND COMMERCIAL LAW  
NOVO NORDISK

Nadine M. Gomes Williams is the Assistant General Counsel, Clinical and Commercial Law at Novo Nordisk. She has held roles with increasing responsibility, including Legal Counsel, Clinical and Commercial Law, Director of Employee Relations, and Senior Attorney Employment Law. Previously, Nadine worked as Associate Counsel at the Charmer Sunbelt Group and worked at two national law firms — Jones Day and McDermott Will & Emery — in their Labor & Employment groups. While in law school, Nadine was the Staff Editor of the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*. Nadine is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, the Southern and Eastern District Courts of New York, and the United States District Court of New Jersey. She received her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, from Syracuse University and her Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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### MARYAM ABDUL-KAREEM

GENERAL COUNSEL  
ARCELLX

Maryam Abdul-Kareem is an accomplished member of the biopharmaceutical industry with nearly 20 years of diverse experience. She currently serves as General Counsel of Arcellx, a clinical stage biotechnology company reimagining cell therapy for patients with cancer and other incurable diseases. Maryam's previous roles include serving as Deputy General Counsel at Kinnate Biopharma, Assistant General Counsel, Corporate at AstraZeneca, and private practice with Pepper Hamilton's (now, Troutman Pepper) Corporate & Securities group. Before practicing law, Maryam held roles relating to drug discovery and global marketing. Maryam holds degrees from Georgetown University (J.D.), Johns Hopkins University (M.S., biotechnology), and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (B.S., laboratory animal science). Maryam is a champion of diversity, equity, and inclusion and has worked with legal professionals around the world to help increase the representation and advancement of women and racial/ethnic minorities.

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### VINITA KAILASANATH

PARTNER  
FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP

Vinita Kailasanath is a partner at Freshfields, where she has extensive experience in strategic intellectual property and data-driven transactions in life sciences and technology, and particularly at their intersection. She has represented life sciences companies, technology companies, healthcare companies and providers, and investors in connection with the execution of their cutting-edge MedTech and digital health strategies in addition to their other complex licenses and collaborations, strategic investments, and R&D and supply agreements. She has advised clients on transactions involving medical devices (including SaMD), wearables, mobile apps, telemedicine, artificial intelligence/machine learning, software, hardware, pharmaceutical products and biologics. Vinita also routinely advises on the intellectual property aspects of mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures. Vinita's work across the life sciences and technology sectors makes her uniquely well-equipped to structure a wide variety of agreements to enable clients to develop, use, commercialize and protect innovative MedTech offerings.

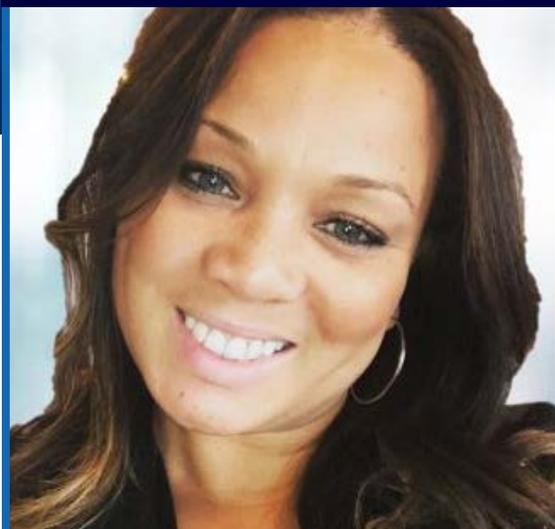
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### NINA ALLEN BLACKSHEAR

DIRECTOR, CORPORATE COUNSEL - GLOBAL TECHNICAL OPERATIONS  
INCYTE CORPORATION

Nina Allen Blackshear is a Director, Corporate Counsel at Incyte Corporation, a biopharmaceutical company. Nina's experience also includes major gift fundraising, marketing communications, human resources, and serving as a judicial law clerk in the Superior Court of Delaware. Nina earned her Bachelor of Arts in political and social thought from the University of Virginia and her Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law. She holds a Graduate Certificate in Strategic Communication & Cross-Cultural Leadership from Temple's Klein College of Media and Communication. Nina has a Certificate of Limited Practice for In-House Counsel in Delaware. Nina is a board member of the Association of Corporate Counsel (Greater Philadelphia Chapter), and is on the Advisory Board of CenterForce USA, which provides diversity conferences and workshops around the country for the legal profession. Nina also provides executive and leadership coaching to an array of senior-level and C-suite clients.



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### ANITA BARKSDALE

DIRECTOR  
KPMG CYBER SECURITY SERVICES

Anita Barksdale has served clients for 16 years. She has managed and led multimillion-dollar large-scale data, privacy, security, and technology projects for the Fortune 100. She is an IT auditor, consultant, HR professional, labor and employment lawyer, and musician who has also served on Boards of Directors for several public service organizations since age 13. She has served at the local, regional, and national levels. She takes operations and technology apart, while understanding and explaining the legal risk and control issues to help her clients build back better. She understands the human element from her work in HR, and she communicates privacy, data, and security to stakeholders across the enterprise, including the C-suite. She is known for creating what does not exist ... yet. She builds data strategy and tactical efforts for her clients and leads program implementations where data as an asset and as a liability is balanced while enabling privacy and security. She also helps companies taking products and services to market to map personal data, respond to regulatory needs, and implement the appropriate security and privacy controls for the risk.

Privacy Boot Camp Cybersecurity Hacks, Attacks and Ransomware: Best Practices to Detect and Protect Your Company - Part 1

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### MARY ANN LE FORT

CHIEF PRIVACY OFFICER  
PRICELINE

Mary Ann Le Fort is Priceline's Chief Privacy Officer, advising on all matters involving privacy governance, Privacy by Design, third-party relationships, incident response, and regulatory compliance. From 2015 to 2020, she served as Compliance Officer and, before that, as Litigation and Labor & Employment Counsel. She is an enthusiastic booster of the company's inclusive, respectful, and compassionate culture. Before joining Priceline, Mary Ann was Counsel at Skadden Arps. She was a law clerk to the Hon. Denis R. Hurley in the United States Court for the Eastern District of New York. She is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School, where she was a member of the *Brooklyn Law Review*, and of Vassar College. She is currently on the Board of Directors of Abundant Waters, Inc., which serves children in two public elementary schools on Manhattan's West Side and provides free afterschool and summer enrichment programs.

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### STACEY KEEGAN

CHIEF PRIVACY OFFICER AND ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
THE HOME DEPOT

Stacey Keegan serves as Chief Privacy Officer and Associate General Counsel for The Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer. In this role, she leads the multinational retailer's Privacy Program and provides advice and counsel on strategic enterprise-wide privacy, data governance, and cybersecurity matters, including online and offline marketing and operational privacy practices involving consumer, B2B, and employee data. She also leads teams that support the company's Technology, E-commerce, Payments, and Indirect Procurement channels. Ms. Keegan has extensive experience advising clients on a broad range of matters, including vendor management, employee training and awareness, corporate due diligence, and incident response/business continuity. Ms. Keegan received her Juris Doctor from the Emory University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida International University. She holds the CIPP (U.S. & Canada) and CIPM credentials from the International Association of Privacy Professionals and serves on the IAPP's Training Advisory Board.

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### CAROLYN V. RHODES

CEO  
RHODES CONSULTING, LLC

Carolyn V. Rhodes is a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Human Resources Leader with 15+ years of cross-sector experience. Carolyn regularly advises senior executives embarking on mid to large size-scale change initiatives and organizational transformation, including embracing diversity and inclusion as a lever for significantly improving performance. Carolyn is the CEO of Rhodes Consulting, LLC, a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategy Women and Minority Owned small business. The business provides consulting services in Human Resources, including strategic Diversity and Inclusion, Change Management, Organizational Assessment, Leadership Development, and Mid-Level to Executive Coaching. Additionally, Rhodes Consulting works with client teams on engagements that call for expertise in building and re-working staffing structures, DEI guidance, and overall strategy. Carolyn holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Peace College and has a certificate in nonprofit management from Duke. She also holds a certificate from the Society of Human Resources Management as a Senior Certified Professional.

Engagement Strategies (Not Surveys) That Work at Every Level to Make More Inclusive Decisions

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### VIRGINIA G. ESSANDOH

CHIEF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICER  
BALLARD SPAHR

Virginia G. Essandoh serves as Ballard Spahr's Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer. She sits on the Management Committee and Expanded Board and is responsible for overseeing, implementing, and providing strategic leadership to Ballard Spahr's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Working closely with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council, Virginia advises and collaborates with firm legal and administrative management, to implement the firm's diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic goals and inspire the concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion into firm culture. This ranges from high-level diversity-related recruitment, development and retention, and advancement for lawyers and staff at all levels to client collaborations in the profession as a whole. In addition, Virginia serves as the public voice for Ballard Spahr's diversity-related outreach efforts, coordinates the firm's participation in external diversity events, and is a liaison to clients and other external constituencies regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. She has served in this role since 2008.

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### MICHELLE LOPEZ

SENIOR CONSULTANT AND STRATEGIST  
PARADIGM

As a Strategist and Senior Consultant with Paradigm, a diversity strategy firm, Michelle Lopez inspires and equips organizational leaders across industry sectors to think inclusively, manage with empathy, and lead with intention and purpose. Paradigm's work has been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, NPR, Harvard Business Review, Fortune, The Atlantic, Bloomberg News, and CBS. As an innovative facilitator, she designs and executes high-impact, data-driven training programs, partners with clients to implement initiatives that sustain learning and foster inclusion, and curates experiences that increase inclusive behaviors, attitudes, and practices. Before her work as a DEI strategist, Michelle was a highly successful media, sports, and entertainment management defense employment lawyer. She then moved into a c-suite media executive role at ViacomCBS where she established and led the corporate and production employment practices function. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin School of Law.

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### ROSEVELIE MÁRQUEZ MORALES

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION DIRECTOR - AMERICAS  
HOGAN LOVELLS

Rosevelie Márquez Morales is the Diversity & Inclusion Director for the Americas at Hogan Lovells, where she oversees the firm's strategic plan related to recruitment, retention, development, and advancement of diverse lawyers and client engagement on diversity and inclusion initiatives within the U.S., Mexico, and Brazil. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the Fordham School of Law. Ms. Márquez Morales serves on the HNBA Board as VP of Programs—Su Futuro, Fordham Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, and as Chair of ASPIRA of NY. She previously served as Chair of the NYSBA's Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Chair of DRI's Diversity & Inclusion Committee, President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association, President of the Sonia and Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program, board member of the New York Women's Foundation, and as a member of the ABA Coalition of Racial and Ethnic Justice and ABA Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity.

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### ERIN REID

SENIOR COUNSEL, INTERNET SERVICES & MARKETING  
APPLE

Erin Reid is senior counsel in the Internet Services & Marketing group at Apple, where she provides marketing legal support for a number of Apple's services, including Apple Pay and Apple Card, enterprise and education marketing teams and serves as global product counsel for education. This often involves counseling on data privacy and consumer protection issues, negotiating commercial transactions, and providing advice to senior management. In 2019, Erin was selected as one of Apple's LCLD Fellows. Before working at Apple, Erin was an attorney at Microsoft, where she supported the Worldwide Sales group, and before that, she was an associate in the media practice at Davis Wright Tremaine in Washington, D.C., where her clients included publishers and broadcasters. Erin graduated from Duke University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in public policy studies and was a Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholar, and Columbia University School of Law.

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### ANTHONY CAMPANELLI

PARTNER  
DELOITTE

Anthony Campanelli is a Partner in the New York Forensic practice of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP and has over 24 years of experience in providing investigation services to companies and law firms on forensic accounting and fraud investigations matters, litigation and arbitration services, and expert testimony. He is a Certified Public Accountant in New York and New Jersey and has earned the credentials of Certified in Financial Forensics & Chartered Global Management Accountant by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Anthony serves on the Board of Directors at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP & Deloitte Transactions & Business Analytics LLP. He is also a board member of A Call to Men, an organization focused on promoting healthy and respectful manhood and shifting attitudes and behaviors that devalue women and marginalized groups. Anthony is one of the leaders in Deloitte's Latino and LGBTQ+ affinity units.

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### ANDRÉ BURRELL

MANAGING DIRECTOR & BSA OFFICER  
SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION

André Burrell serves as the Managing Director and Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) Officer at Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation. André has had a distinguished career in the Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions space, starting as an attorney at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He was a Senior Manager at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, leading several large-scale projects at domestic and international banks addressing both Anti-Money Laundering and Office of Foreign Assets and Control (OFAC) violations and remediation efforts. He was an Executive Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) at Israel Discount Bank of New York, where he led the bank through the lifting of two Cease and Desist Orders and a Deferred Prosecution agreement. In 2015, he joined Microsoft, where he was the CCO for Microsoft Payments and eventually became the Global Head for Financial Crime Solutions. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Washington and his Juris Doctor from Boston College Law School.

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### FRED CURRY

PRINCIPAL  
DELOITTE

Fred Curry is the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Sanctions Senior Executive Client Leader for the Deloitte Risk & Financial Advisory practice. He serves domestic and international clients, focusing on protecting a company's brand and reputational risk when facing AML sanctions fraud matters, and crisis level regulatory and criminal enforcement actions. Before joining Deloitte, Fred was Examiner-In-Charge at FRBNY. He supervised and conducted comprehensive safety and AML examinations of domestic and international banks, which covered internal audit coverage, electronic data processing, large currency transaction reporting, suspicious activity identification, insider abuse, and third-party outsourcing arrangements. Fred has been deposed as an expert witness and has testified in the U.S. Federal Court on banking standards and AML compliance. Fred holds a B.S. from Adelphi University, an MBA from Fordham University Graduate School of Business, and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. He is a Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist and Certified Fraud Examiner.

### ADRIANA ELIZALDE MARTINEZ

MANAGER  
DELOITTE

Adriana Elizalde Martinez is a Manager in Deloitte Advisory's Business Valuations practice. She has 15 years of corporate finance and valuations experience providing financial advisory services related to mergers and acquisitions, business valuations, strategic planning, tax and accounting compliance, fresh start accounting and "ability-to-pay" assessments in the context of DOJ antitrust matters. Adriana has performed valuations of business enterprises, closely held equity securities, and intangible assets. She specializes in the consumer and industrial products, travel and hospitality services, and transportation industries and has a broad-based knowledge of the Latin American and European markets. Before joining Deloitte, Adriana worked in the Business Valuations practice of KPMG in Madrid (Spain) and PwC's Corporate Finance practice in Buenos Aires (Argentina). Adriana has an MBA from IESE Business School, University of Navarra, a B.S. in business administration and a minor in international relations from Boston University.

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### SUPRIYA RAJAGOPALAN

MANAGING DIRECTOR  
DELOITTE

Supriya Rajagopalan is a Managing Director in the Forensic practice of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP. Supriya has extensive experience in assisting clients on fraud, corruption, and compliance matters for a broad spectrum of industries. She leads investigations involving fraud and breakdown in internal controls. She has managed teams of professionals in countries in Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, Europe, and the U.S., and has presented investigation findings to company boards, management, and government agencies. Supriya specializes in providing regulatory compliance services to clients, including assessing risk and evaluating the design, implementation, and effectiveness of compliance programs. She has led teams of specialists to assess the internal controls environment, conduct due diligence, and implement process improvements. Supriya also supports legal counsel in mediation proceedings and litigations involving allegations of false claims, commercial disputes, and money laundering. She received her B.S. in commerce from the University of Virginia.

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### YAMICHA STEPHENSON

SENIOR MANAGER  
DELOITTE

Yamicha Stephenson is a Senior Manager in Deloitte's Anti-Money Laundering practice. She has 12+ years of consulting and legal experience, including assisting clients with program assessment, M&A due diligence, regulatory response, KYC, and operations transformation. She previously worked as an Assistant District Attorney at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office. Yamicha graduated with a J.D. / MBA - JD from Brooklyn Law School and MBA in finance from Baruch College's Zicklin School of Business. She has a B.S. in finance and marketing and minor in international studies from Boston College's Carroll School of Management. She is a junior board member of PeerForward, which helps students with applying and succeeding in college. She serves on the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). She is the Immediate Past Chair and serves on the Executive Committee of NYSBA's Corporate Counsel Section, and Former Chair of the Section's Diversity Internship Committee.

### TASHA AUSTIN

PRINCIPAL  
DELOITTE

Tasha Austin is a Principal in Deloitte's Risk and Financial Advisory services and a leader in Artificial Intelligence and advanced data analytics. Tasha has experience integrating process automation and delivering data insights across core financial management processes, including fraud, dispute analysis, and investigations. Tasha is a trusted advisor to C-suite and finance executives across the federal community and provides strategic direction to help them solve their agencies' most complex data challenges to drive financial management reform and digital transformation. Tasha serves on Deloitte's AI Leadership Team, where she provides thought leadership and strategic direction on market trends, client perspectives, and eminence. Tasha also serves in a DEI leadership role at Deloitte, where she focuses on recruiting talent from untapped communities, including HBCUs, and developing and advancing racially and ethnically diverse communities. Tasha has a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in mathematics from North Carolina Central University and an MBA from Howard University.

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### MICHELE CROSS

PRINCIPAL  
DELOITTE

Michele Cross is a Principal in the Forensic practice of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP. She has over 25 years of experience spanning business/financial strategy, financial management, internal controls, and compliance and investigations. While at Deloitte, she has participated in numerous engagements assisting clients in evaluating anti-corruption compliance programs, conducting corruption and fraud-related investigations, assessing internal controls, and remediating control deficiencies. Additionally, she has participated in a variety of corporate reorganization projects. Michele's industry specialties include technology, telecommunications, aerospace/defense, and medical devices. She has led projects in China, Brazil, India, Russia, Mexico, Turkey, Nigeria, and other emerging markets. Michele recently completed a three-plus-year assignment with Deloitte's Brazil Forensic Practice. Before joining the firm, Michele held strategy and financial positions at Lockheed Martin Corporation, where she worked on a variety of business and financial strategy projects, including supporting development and implementation of international business strategies and evaluating joint venture/alliance/M&A opportunities.

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### DAMARA CHAMBERS

PARTNER  
LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

Damara Chambers, a leading CFIUS and trade controls lawyer, advises clients on cross-border investment, international trade, and national security matters. She co-leads Latham's CFIUS & U.S. National Security Practice. Damara also represents clients in federal court litigation and maintains an active pro bono practice. Her work includes advising clients in victim compensation, interpleader actions, and immigration matters. Damara has earned widespread recognition for her work. She has consistently been ranked in Chambers USA and Chambers Global for her work on CFIUS and FOCI matters. Her honors also include being named a Top Advisor by Foreign Investment Watch in 2020-2022. Damara earned her Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, an M.A. in international affairs from American University, and a B.S. in foreign service from Georgetown University.

Selecting Your Next Job: 5 Things to Consider to Ensure the Company Is the Right Fit

### LATOYA LIVINGSTON

COUNSEL, CONTRACTS & COMMERCIAL  
PRICELINE.COM LLC

Latoya Livingston is an experienced corporate and commercial lawyer working in the contracts and commercial vertical within the Legal Division at Priceline.com, LLC. In this role, she handles contract drafting and negotiations for all products and advises on strategic partnerships, licensing new business initiatives, sales, inventory and content supply agreements, and general corporate matters. She applies her intellectual curiosity and assertive self-starter approach to negotiating with counterparties and engaging with companies to solve complex business and legal issues. She particularly enjoys building partnerships with colleagues around the world. Previously, she was the head of the Contracts Office at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Law Division. She has also worked at the National Urban League, Multicultural Media, Telecommunications, and Internet Council, and the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division. She earned a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and her Juris Doctor is from the Villanova University School of Law.

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### NATASHA CHU

LEGAL COUNSEL  
APPLE

Natasha Chu is Legal Counsel at Apple. She supports technology transactions for display technologies and is product counsel for Apple soft goods products. Before joining Apple, Natasha was Associate General Counsel at Ouster, Inc., a company that designed and manufactured lidar, where she managed corporate governance, financings, international employment, and regulatory compliance. Following law school, Natasha was a corporate securities associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she practiced corporate and securities law and worked on a range of private and public transactions, including venture financings, IPOs, and secondary and follow-on offerings. During law school, Natasha was an extern at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, where she collaborated with attorneys to evaluate the constitutionality of federal and state surveillance programs. Natasha earned a bachelor's degree in human biology from Stanford University and a law degree from Northwestern University School of Law.

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Digital Assets: Regulatory Landscape

### TILCIA TOLEDO

SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR  
FTI CONSULTING

Tilcia Toledo brings over 25 years of financial services experience in investment banking, regulatory compliance, and consulting to help clients across the financial services spectrum manage change, mitigate risk, and resolve disputes. Her practice focuses on risk management, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and litigation support. Tilcia works with financial institutions facing regulatory scrutiny. Her clients include traditional banks, money services businesses, and fintech/cryptocurrency companies. Tilcia serves as the risk management subject matter expert on engagements related to noncompliance with Bank Secrecy Act, Anti-Money Laundering, and Office of Foreign Assets Control regulations. Tilcia has an MBA in finance from NYU's Stern School of Business and a B.S. in industrial engineering and management sciences from Northwestern University. She is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist and a Certified Fraud Examiner. She has written articles for *Law360*, *ACAMS Today*, *Connect-World*, and *FTI Journal* and is the host of *Finance & Leadership*, a monthly podcast.

### STELLA MENDES, CAMS

SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR  
FTI CONSULTING

Stella Mendes, CAMS, leads FTI Consulting's Financial Services practice, focusing on financial institutions, bank governance, and regulations. With more than 25 years of diverse banking industry experience, she leads BSA/AML reviews for banks, money service businesses, credit unions, and other financial service providers. She has established and enhanced BSA/AML/OFAC policies, procedures, and processes to ensure compliance with regulations. Stella has led multiple compliance "look-back" reviews. She consults with clients on BSA and AML best practices, performs reviews and enhancements of BSA/AML/OFAC Risk Assessments, and conducts AML investigations as part of governmental investigations. Stella provides advisory services on regulatory responses and anti-money laundering training to banks and other financial services firms. She also assists clients with other regulatory compliance matters. Recently, Stella was appointed as an independent On-Premises Administrator to oversee the general management of the affairs, funds, and books and records of Municipal Credit Union.

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Digital Assets: Regulatory Landscape

### HERMINE WONG

DIRECTOR, POLICY  
COINBASE

Hermine is the Director of the Coinbase Institute and Director of Policy at Coinbase where she works to advance the research and public debate around crypto and web3. Previously, she served at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission where she worked on rulemakings throughout the agency for broker-dealers, public companies, investment advisors, exchanges, alternative trading systems (ATSs), and investment companies. At the Office of Management and Budget within the Executive Office of the President, Hermine served as an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel, and as a Policy Analyst in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. She started her federal career as a Special Legal Advisor and Presidential Management Fellow at the U.S. Department of State. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School and her Bachelor of Arts in French and Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

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### MARIA EARLEY

FINTECH AND FINANCIAL SERVICES PARTNER  
MORRISON AND FOERSTER

Maria Earley is a Fintech and Financial Services partner in the Washington D.C. office of Morrison & Foerster. She is a former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau enforcement attorney with significant experience advising on consumer protection laws and emerging technology. She supports fintech and financial services companies with respect to product development, regulatory compliance, state and federal enforcement and examination, licensing, and transactional matters. Maria works with early- and growth-stage startups as well as large incumbents, providing strategic, business-focused support and often serving as outside general counsel. Her advice spans a range of credit products, bank-enabled products, payments, digital assets, alternative financing arrangements, and mortgage technology. Maria is committed to sustaining collaborative, innovative, and inclusive environments in the legal community. She serves on the board of the Filipino American Lawyers Association of D.C. and previously served on the boards of the Legal Aid Society of D.C. and the Anacostia Watershed Society.

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### NICOLE HANCOCK HUSBAND

VICE PRESIDENT, PEOPLE & CULTURE  
WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY

Nicole Hancock Husband is Vice President, People & Culture for Warner Bros. Discovery, where she leads the HR team for Warner Bros. Television. Before joining HR, Nicole served as Vice President & Senior Employment Counsel for Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., where she managed the defense of employment litigation, negotiated favorable resolutions of employment claims, and counseled clients on a wide range of day-to-day employment issues. Before joining Warner Bros. in April 2004, she was an associate at both Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, focusing her practice on employment litigation. Nicole also clerked for the Hon. Gerald Bruce Lee (Ret.) of the U.S. District Court (EDVA) and the Hon. Gregory K. Scott of the Supreme Court of Colorado. Nicole obtained her Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law and her B.S. from The OhioState University. Nicole is also a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach.

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How to Be Comfortable With  
Your Own Career Path Journey

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### ERIKA STALLINGS

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, MUSIC PRODUCT  
META

Erika Stallings is an Associate General Counsel at Meta, where she counsels product teams on the use of licensed music. Before joining Meta, she worked as an attorney at Broadcast Music, Inc., where she focused on legal and business affairs. Before transitioning in-house, she spent six years in private practice handling litigation and intellectual property matters. She is an active volunteer with Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts New York and a member of the Entertainment Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association. In addition to her legal career, she regularly writes on issues impacting Black women and has been published in The New York Times, O Magazine, The Cut, The Washington Post, and The Huffington Post. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she was the recipient of a Morehead-Cain scholarship. She received her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center.

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### MORGAN CLEMONS

VICE PRESIDENT & ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL  
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK

Morgan Clemons is the Vice President & Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Advocacy in Consumer & Community Banking at JPMorgan Chase Bank. She works across various lines of business, including deposits, home lending, auto finance, and card, and on the latest regulatory changes impacting the bank. She monitors and advises the business on rulemaking, supervision, and enforcement developments and represents Chase's interests with relevant trade associations. Her primary focus is on consumer protection regulations within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's authority. She has held a variety of legal roles in her career, including as an enforcement attorney with a state regulator, an attorney with a national law firm representing a variety of financial institution types and sizes, and as an Adjunct Professor at a top law school. She has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas and is a graduate of Duke University School of Law.

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### TRACEY MULLINGS REED

SVP, BUSINESS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS, ADVERTISING AND MARKETING  
NBCUNIVERSAL

Tracey Mullings Reed is SVP, Business and Legal Affairs, Advertising and Marketing at NBCUniversal. In this role, she leads a team of lawyers responsible for supporting NBCUniversal's domestic and global linear, digital, and streaming advertising sales teams. Tracey develops legal strategy for, and advises on various matters, including the sale of advertising inventory and sponsorships, integrated sales marketing, trade marketing, and advertising content review. In addition, Tracey provides counsel to NBCUniversal's commerce team on e-commerce partnerships and shoppable content creation. Before joining NBCUniversal, Tracey served as Corporate Counsel for the Pepsi Bottling Group, advising in the areas of M&A, intellectual property, information technology, finance, and bankruptcy. Tracey began her legal career as an associate in the Corporate Department of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, where she worked on M&A and joint venture transactions. Tracey received her Juris Doctor from the New York University School of Law and a B.A. in psychology from Georgetown University.

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### DANNY ANDREWS

VICE PRESIDENT OF LEGAL, HEAD OF COMMERCIAL, STRATEGIC & CORPORATE AFFAIRS  
PRICELINE

Danny Andrews is the Vice President of Legal, Head of Commercial, Strategic & Corporate Affairs at Priceline, where he is responsible for a range of legal and business matters globally, including commercial transactions, legal operations, strategic partnerships, corporate governance, and risk management. Danny previously served as General Counsel and Head of Publishing for Image Nation Abu Dhabi, where he managed the global legal function and oversaw the company's international investments and partnerships in film, television, and music properties such as *Flight*, *A Most Violent Year*, *The Circle*, *The Help*, and *The Hundred-Foot Journey*. Before Image Nation, he spent several years overseeing business and legal affairs at LivingSocial, including strategic partnerships, privacy, compliance, entertainment/live events, and corporate matters, and as a corporate and entertainment attorney at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips in Los Angeles. Danny is a UC Berkeley School of Law graduate and also obtained his undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley.

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### MONICA RICHEY CASEY

SENIOR CORPORATE COUNSEL  
THE HOME DEPOT

Monica Richey Casey currently serves as Senior Corporate Counsel – Corporate & Securities, for The Home Depot. In this role, she is responsible for a broad range of securities, compliance, corporate governance, and corporate finance matters. Before joining The Home Depot, Monica served as Senior Counsel of Southwire Company, where she enjoyed a corporate generalist practice supporting complex commercial transactions, global sourcing, finance, IT, real estate, EH&S, M&A, and dispute resolution. Before that, Monica was Senior Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Premiere Global Services, where she was responsible for SEC reporting, board secretarial and corporate governance matters, and privacy and data protection. Before PGI, Monica practiced at Kilpatrick Townsend and Troutman Pepper, focusing on securities, M&A, and corporate finance. Monica was recognized in Super Lawyers in the areas of securities and corporate finance. She received her J.D., summa cum laude, and her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama.

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### TARA SWAMINATHA

FOUNDER/PRINCIPAL  
ZERODAY LAW

Tara Swaminatha is Founder/Principal at ZeroDay Law, a cybersecurity and privacy law firm. Over the course of 20 years, Tara has committed her professional career to the cyberlaw and tech/security arena. She has been a partner and/or counsel at three Am Law 100 firms, a federal cybercrime/IP prosecutor, and started her career fixing computers, networks, and applications as an information security technologist. She has advised over 10% of Fortune 100 companies, including two Fortune 25 firms. Three years ago, Tara founded ZeroDay Law to dedicate her practice to her passions: increasing diversity and mentoring, especially for women of color. Tara has won multiple national awards. She was named a Next Generation Lawyer for Cyberlaw by The Legal 500, one of the Top 30 Incident Response Attorneys in the U.S., and a Cybersecurity & Data Privacy Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal*.

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Privacy Boot Camp  
Looking Ahead to 2023: U.S. Privacy Laws  
and What You Need to Know — Part 2

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### ALEXANDRA SCOTT

ASSOCIATE  
COVINGTON & BURLING LLP

Alexandra Scott is an associate at Covington and advises clients on a wide range of privacy and cybersecurity issues, including before legislatures and enforcement agencies. In her legislative work, she helps clients strategically engage with policymakers during the drafting and amendment process to make their voices heard. Ms. Scott also proactively counsels clients on the substantive requirements introduced by new laws, as well as how to navigate the patchwork of existing privacy obligations. She represents clients in responding to investigations and enforcement actions from federal and state regulators. Ms. Scott also has experience representing clients in responding to a wide range of cybersecurity incidents, including advanced persistent threats targeting personal and financial information. Her practice includes assisting clients in strategically engaging with regulators who propose new cybersecurity principles, assessing breach notification obligations, and engaging with regulators in the wake of an incident.

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### DANIELLE OCHS

EQUITY SHAREHOLDER  
OGLETREE DEAKINS

Danielle Ochs is an Equity Shareholder in the San Francisco office of Ogletree Deakins, P.C. She is Co-Chair of the firm's Technology Practice Group and focuses on the TECHPLACE™. She has 25 years of experience representing employers in employment, trade secrets, and unfair competition in trial and appellate courts, arbitration, and administrative agencies. Danielle is a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, and a past board member of the Bar Association of San Francisco, Labor and Employment Law Section. She is also a past leader of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the National Bar Association (NBA), Black Women Lawyers of Northern California, and NBA Region IX. Danielle received her Bachelor of Arts in sociology from the University of California (UC), Santa Cruz, where she was a Regents Scholar. She received her Juris Doctor from UC, Hastings College of the Law, where she previously taught as an Adjunct Professor.

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### BISI AKINOLA

DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
META BUSINESS GROUP

Bisi Akinola currently serves as the Director and Associate General Counsel for Meta Business Group. Her international legal practice experience includes inbound and outbound technology and content licensing, intellectual property protection, sales and marketing transactions, and general corporate and commercial matters. Her background also includes broad subject matter expertise in the following areas: mergers and acquisitions, venture capital financing, public offerings, commercial contracts, intellectual property licensing, and securities law and compliance. Prior to Meta, Bisi was the Senior Director, Legal at Box and Director, Legal at LinkedIn, where she supported cross-functional teams in North America, EMEA, and Latin America. Bisi served as a senior business partner/advisor to C-level executives at Zazzle Inc. and started her career as an attorney at several major law firms. She received her LLM, Law from UCL. Bisi is passionate about making an impact in any community. She loves to build and foster relationships with clients and colleagues.

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### DARNELLA BANKS

VP, CHIEF COUNSEL OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, REGULATORY LEGAL  
WALMART

Darnella Banks is the VP and Chief Counsel of Financial Services and Regulatory Legal at Walmart. She has demonstrated success working in the e-commerce, payments, insurance, fintech, and traditional financial industries. Darnella started her career at Morgan Stanley, where she spent 12 years in various compliance roles. She also attended New York Law School at night during that time and graduated cum laude. Subsequently, Darnella moved into insurance and then Amazon, where she helped build their sanctions compliance program and regulatory review and integration team. Enjoying the fast pace and innovative approach of a tech company, Darnella moved to Square, where she ultimately became the Global Head of Product Compliance for Cash App. Darnella is skilled in various domestic and international financial regulations, including payments, crypto, banking, and e-money. Darnella is also a subject matter expert in AML, sanctions, and risk management, and in creating strategic regulatory product roadmaps.

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Corporate-Prenuer 2.0: How to Pursue Your Passion and Dreams Outside of Your Day Job

### BRAXTON DAVIS

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, PATENTS  
META

After obtaining his Juris Doctor, Braxton Davis joined AT&T's Intellectual Property Patent Development Team, where he evaluated inventive ideas, patent portfolios, and patent monetization opportunities based on business strategies. Thereafter, Braxton accepted a position as an associate before being named partner at Amin, Turocy & Watson. Currently, Braxton serves as Meta's (formerly Facebook) Associate General Counsel on the Patents, Licensing, & Open-Source Team. Braxton has also established the Patent Institute of Training and the National Council on Patent Practicum, a nonprofit focused on increasing quality and diversity within the patent profession. Additionally, he founded Metric Mate, a tech startup, where he applies his degrees in electrical engineering and physics to invent and develop connected devices that track strength training data. Braxton is also the recipient of the Georgia Tech and Georgia State University 40 under 40 awards, as well as the National Bar Association's Diversity in Tech and IP Award.

### NURIS PORTUONDO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL  
JPMORGAN CHASE

Nuris Portuondo is the Executive Director Legal for JPMorgan Chase. Nuris manages the Executive Office Legal Team, a team of lawyers and legal specialists empowered to respond to regulatory inquiries, mitigate media and litigation threats, and create resolutions for escalated customer complaints. Nuris started her career at Chase. She managed the Legal Review Team that conducted third-party oversight activities for legal vendors. She also managed a legal team that provided regulatory change management support for the Consumer and the Asset & Wealth Management businesses. Nuris is a graduate of Purdue University, with a Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law. She served as an intern to U.S. Magistrate Judge Arlene Lindsey in the District Court for the EDNY and Edgardo Ramos in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the EDNY and as a Judicial Clerk in the Superior Court, Essex County, New Jersey. Nuris is of Cuban descent, is fluent in Spanish and French, and is a certified wine educator.

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### TANYA SOUTHERLAND

VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR MANAGING COUNSEL FOR STRATEGIC GROWTH  
MASTERCARD

Tanya Southerland is Vice President, Senior Managing Counsel for Strategic Growth at Mastercard, where she serves as Lead Counsel and a strategic business advisor for the Center for Inclusive Growth, the Mastercard Impact Fund, and the Corporate Sustainability teams, and co-counsel for the Humanitarian and Development and other strategic growth teams on myriad commercial, philanthropic, and strategic legal matters. Tanya is passionate about the nexus between law, business, and social impact, particularly inclusive economic development. This passion has driven her professional experiences as a lawyer, a diplomat, and a senior executive over two decades in both private and public sectors, internationally and domestically. Equally passionate about the importance of holistic health and wellness, Tanya also teaches yoga part time as a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT500), is a certified Health Coach through the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, and is a board member of We Run Mount Vernon, a fitness and wellness NGO in Westchester County, NY.

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### SARAH E. FORTT

GLOBAL CO-CHAIR, ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE PRACTICE  
LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

Sarah E. Fortt, Global Co-Chair of the Latham & Watkins' Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practice, has spent over a decade working with organizations in navigating potential risks and opportunities relating to ESG matters, including climate change, human rights, and corporate culture. She regularly works with boards and members of the c-suite on creating and implementing complex ESG strategies, policies and procedures, as well as creating consistent, effective, and meaningful stakeholder communications. She also counsels clients in high-stakes governance situations, including board- and C-suite-level ethical concerns, emergency board and C-suite transitions and succession planning, shareholder activism, and board conflict, as well as corporate crises, such as cybersecurity and data security breaches and ESG-related reputational crises. Sarah serves on the Advisory Board for PracticalESG.com, the ESG Professionals Network, on the editorial boards for Insights and Corporate Governance Advisor, and is a thought leader on ESG-related topics for leading publications. Sarah earned her Juris Doctor from Yale Law School.

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Developing a 180-Day Plan Toward Action

### MARIA MIRABAL HIPPS

VP, LEGAL  
M2GEN, CORP.

Maria Mirabal Hipps is Vice President, Legal at M2GEN, Corp., a private equity backed oncology focused health care informatics company that leverages clinical and molecular data to advance, develop and deliver personalized therapies. Before joining M2GEN, Maria served as Assistant General Counsel and RWS Global Legal Business Partner at IQVIA Inc., a global health care data services, technology and CRO. Maria started her legal career as a corporate transactional and L&E associate at Thelen Reid (formerly Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP). She completed her undergraduate education at Wesleyan University and Juris Doctor from American University, Washington College of Law. While in law school, she served as a Marshall Brennan Fellow, teaching Constitutional Law to high school students in Washington, D.C. Maria, a native New Yorker and proud Afro-Latina, is married and has three teenage children and a pooch named Basquiat. Maria's passions include writing, documentary films, immigration, criminal justice reform, and DEI.

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### FELICIA DAVIS

AUTHOR, LEADERSHIP COACH, PERSONAL BRANDING STRATEGIST  
CEO & FOUNDER OF THE BLACK WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

Felicia Davis is an author, certified award-winning leadership coach and personal branding strategist, and advisor to women leaders. She's a former HR executive and the CEO and Founder of The Black Women's Collective (BWC). BWC is a boutique coaching and consulting firm dedicated to advancing women into greater leadership roles within demanding industries. This is accomplished by helping women develop magnetic leadership brands, compelling communication skills, and the confidence necessary to drive results that impact the bottom line. In 2018, during her seven-city empowerment tour, the impact of Felicia's work was featured in *The Wall Street Journal* and subsequently on ABC 15. Through her various leadership programs, speaking engagements, and annual Black Women's Equal Pay Day Symposium, women leaders are thriving in careers and achieving their goals without feeling compromised or overwhelmed. Felicia is a recipient of the prestigious 2020 Martin Luther King Living the Dream Award.

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### PAMI VYAS

SENIOR CORPORATE COUNSEL, RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS GOVERNANCE  
APPLE

Pami Vyas directs ongoing implementation of Apple's Human Rights Policy across the organization and works cross-functionally to promote ESG initiatives. Before this role, Pami managed complex, high-risk disputes, including litigation, arbitration, and mediation across the globe as senior counsel at Apple. Before joining Apple, Pami clerked for the Honorable Susan Illston of the Northern District of California, was Staff Attorney for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and was an associate at Townsend and Townsend and Crew, focusing on intellectual property and competition matters. Pami received her B.A. in molecular and cell biology from the University of California, Berkeley and her Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University School of Law. Pami has also engaged in pro bono matters throughout her career, and she currently serves on the Board of Equal Rights Advocates, an organization working to promote gender justice through impact litigation, policy reform, community outreach, and movement-building at the state and federal levels.

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### NICOLE WRIGHT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL  
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.

Nicole Wright is an Executive Director and Assistant General Counsel at JPMorgan Chase & Co., where she works in the Corporate and Investment Bank advising clients on payments and blockchain related legal and regulatory matters. In addition, Nicole leads and manages a team of attorneys and legal professionals. She is a global Co-Chair of JPMorgan's Women on the Move, Corporate Sector Network, a global Co-chair of the Legal Department's Charitable Giving Council, a founding member of the Legal Department's Black Legal Forum, and a former Co-Chair of the firm's Legal Diversity Council in North America. Nicole is a member of the Leadership Advisory Committee of the National Women's Law Center and the Young Professionals Committee of Youth, I.N.C. and has served on the Advisory Board of Futures and Options. Nicole received her law degree from Cornell University. She received her Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in government from Hamilton College.

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and Life on the Journey Ahead

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### SHIRELL A. GROSS, ESQ.

GLOBAL CHIEF COUNSEL GLOBAL OPERATIONS AND  
SUPPLY CHAIN AND HEAD OF US CONTRACTING  
MEDTRONIC

Shirell A. Gross, Esq. CLC is a Vice President and Global Chief Counsel for Global Operations and Supply Chain and Head of US Contract Organization. She oversees legal support for global manufacturing operations and supply chain and U.S. sales, procurement and technology contracting. Previously, she was a Vice President, Head of Law for Bayer. Between these roles, Shirell took a two-year hiatus from law, became a certified life coach, and started a coaching firm Measure of Ambition LLC. She has been recognized by Executive Women of NJ, Savoy and others. She held roles at Quest Diagnostics, Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein and Deutsch, and Bronx DA's Office. She recently completed her term on the National Executive Board of Jack and Jill of America Inc. as National Program Director. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Executive Women of NJ Board, and member of Women Business Leaders.

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### TIFFANY S. FORDYCE

SHAREHOLDER  
GREENBERG TRAURIG

Tiffany S. Fordyce is Chair of Greenberg Traurig's Chicago Labor & Employment Practice and Co-Chair of the Labor & Employment Practice's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Group. She concentrates her practice on commercial litigation, with an emphasis on labor and employment. Her employment litigation practice includes virtually all types of discrimination and retaliation claims, wage and hour claims, trade secret misappropriation claims, whistleblower claims, restrictive covenants, Fair Credit Reporting Act claims, Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act claims, and WARN Act claims. She defends single-plaintiff, class action, and collective action employment cases. In addition to litigation, Tiffany advises clients on avoiding litigation by counseling on employment-related matters. She is frequently called upon to conduct investigations and audit human resources practices and protocols, including as it relates to pay equity, whistleblower, harassment, and discrimination complaints. Tiffany is a graduate of Pomona College and the University of Southern California Law School.

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### ANGELA BALL

VICE PRESIDENT, REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
NBCUNIVERSAL

Angela Ball is Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, at NBCUniversal, where she is responsible for advising television stations, broadcast/cable networks, digital platforms, film studios and theme parks on federal requirements impacting media and technology companies, including FCC licensing, content regulation, political broadcasting, children's programming, video accessibility and spectrum management. She also collaborates with company executives and industry stakeholders in developing public policy advocacy that aligns with NBCU's regulatory and legislative priorities, such as in the areas of privacy, artificial intelligence and platform accountability. Prior to joining NBCUniversal, Angela served as Associate General Counsel at Radio One, Inc., a staff attorney in the FTC's Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, and a private practitioner in the Washington, D.C. office of K&L Gates (formerly, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP). Angela received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.S. in Finance from the University of Maryland at College Park with honors.

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Authentic Purpose!**

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### TONYA RUTHERFORD

VICE PRESIDENT, DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL FOR CONTENT AND FRANCHISING  
VERIZON

Tonya Rutherford is Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Content and Franchising at Verizon, where she leads the teams responsible for content acquisition across all Verizon platforms and video franchising for Fios TV. While at Verizon, she's negotiated a variety of content acquisition, streaming, cable network affiliation, and studio agreements. She received a bachelor's in economics from Johns Hopkins University, earned a Juris Doctor from The George Washington University Law School, and graduated from Mercersburg Academy. Tonya currently serves on Mercersburg's Alumni Council, is the founding President of the school's Black Student Union, and is a founding member of its Black Alumni Association. She co-hosts CIPHER, a vodcast about Mercersburg's Black alumni. She is a former panelist at SXSW and a guest on Lifting Up, a podcast about lessons from Verizon's Women Leaders. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Augusta Mini Theatre, a community arts center.

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### ALEXANDRA SAMPSON

STATE TAX COUNSEL  
THE HEARST CORPORATION

Alexandra Sampson is State Tax Counsel with The Hearst Corporation. In her role, Alexandra has overall responsibility for Hearst's state income tax controversy and appeals and manages the state income tax audit team. Before joining Hearst, Alexandra was a senior associate attorney in the Washington, D.C., office of two prominent global law firms. She is a former Chair of the State and Local Tax Section of the District of Columbia Bar Association. Alexandra received her B.S. from the College of Charleston, Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina, and LLM in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. In addition to her career in law and taxation, Alexandra enjoys entrepreneurial endeavors and health and fitness. She is an advocate for women's self-care and work-life well-being and is the hostess of Breadwomen, a faith-centered community providing encouragement, strategies, and support to breadwinning women.

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### GEORGEA MANCUSO

DATA PROTECTION COUNSEL  
PRICELINE

Georgea Mancuso serves as a Data Protection Counsel at Priceline. Previously, she was a cybersecurity and incident response attorney at Travelers. Before working at Travelers, Georgea was the Chair of the Cyber Risk, Privacy, and Data Security Practice at Black Marjeh & Sanford LLP. Before that, Georgea was an Assistant Vice President in the Cyber, Media, and Technology Underwriting Department at Swiss Re and a senior analyst in AIG's Cyber, Media, and Technology Claims Department, where she worked on numerous data breaches and privacy incidents. Georgea was also Chair of the Westchester Women's Bar Association Cyber Law Committee. She received her undergraduate degrees in sociology and French from the University of California, Los Angeles and her Juris Doctor from the University of Dayton School of Law.

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### DR. NEKESHIA HAMMOND

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER, AUTHOR AND OWNER  
HAMMOND PSYCHOLOGY & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

Nekeshia Hammond is the host of *BWE Mental Health Moment With Dr. Hammond*, garnering an audience of almost 1 million listeners on Facebook Live, an Amazon international bestselling author, a speaker, and a licensed psychologist. She is the Founder and CEO of Hammond Psychology & Associates and former President of the Florida Psychological Association. Hammond Psychology & Associates is a private practice serving children, teens, families, and adults. Nekeshia was one of 25 psychologists in the country to receive the Early Career Achievement Award from the American Psychological Association. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Ryan Nece Foundation, whose mission is to "be a beacon to teens by empowering them to impact giving in their communities." In 2016 and 2017, she served on the Executive Committee of the Ryan Nece Foundation.

How R U Doing?  
Mental Health for Lawyers

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### JORDAN RAE KELLY

SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF CYBERSECURITY FOR THE AMERICAS  
FTI CONSULTING

Jordan Rae Kelly is the Head of Cybersecurity for the Americas at FTI Consulting with more than 15 years of experience coordinating incident response and managing cyber policy planning. Jordan advises clients on a broad range of cybersecurity and data privacy matters. Before joining FTI Consulting, Jordan served as the Director for Cyber Incident Response on the National Security Council at the White House and was responsible for national incident response coordination as well as management of the U.S. Government's process for managing zero-day exploits. She was the chief author of the National Cyber Strategy. Before joining the National Security Council, Jordan served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Strategic Initiatives in the FBI Cyber Division, managing daily operations and strategic and policy planning for the FBI's national cyber program.

Emerging Trend: PE Remediation, Monitoring and Reporting of Cybersecurity — Part 3

### CHAMBRE MALONE

SENIOR COUNSEL, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION  
BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS

Chambre Malone is a Senior Marketing Counsel at Bridgestone Americas. She works with marketing and communications teams to achieve their branding and messaging goals. She advises on marketing law compliance, consumer protection and privacy issues, sponsorship and talent agreements, and vendor contracts. She serves on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Chambre is a 2022 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow. She received a 2020 Bridgestone Driven to Serve Award for her significant work contributions. Previously, Chambre was an attorney at Nissan North America, where she advised on marketing and product compliance matters. She began her career as a corporate lawyer in private practice, and served as an attorney at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Chambre is a board member of Nashville Ballet and The Equity Alliance. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from Howard University, and a Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University Law School.

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Social Media: Legal and Ethical Obligations

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### JULIE WENAH

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL & PRODUCT LEAD, CIVIL RIGHTS  
META

Julie Wenah serves as Associate General Counsel and Product Lead for Civil Rights at Meta. She is a Nigerian American global product, civil rights, and tech executive who has pioneered legal efforts in digital civil rights. Previously, she served as Airbnb's Africa Regional Counsel and Community Senior Counsel where she led global civil liberties efforts and counseled Airbnb's Africa business. She began her career in the federal government spanning from NASA, the White House, and the Department of Commerce and later culminated her experience by leading set design for Mrs. Obama's CNN film We Will Rise (Liberian segment). Julie is also the Founder of "the Album & the Mixtape," a collective of dreamers, doers, storytellers, and music lovers creating community and content centered around healing and pursuing your life's Mixtape. She received her B.S. from Lamar University, Juris Doctor/MPA from Texas Southern University, and an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center.

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**PO YI**

PARTNER

MANATT, PHELPS & PHILLIPS, LLP

Po Yi, partner in the New York office of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, provides cross-purpose, multidisciplinary legal counseling on transactional and regulatory matters at the intersection of advertising, entertainment, and media. With over two decades of experience in private practice and in-house, Po works with clients in strategically assessing and addressing competitive and regulatory compliance challenges, including evaluating advertising and marketing practices, developing compliance programs; negotiating business alliances, including sponsorships, tie-in arrangements with sports and entertainment properties, co-promotion deals, media deals, agency agreements, and talent endorsements; advising on content production and distribution issues; and developing and implementing advertising and marketing programs across multiple platforms, including emerging digital platforms. Po serves clients across a wide range of industry sectors, including retail, consumer products, financial services, sports, media and entertainment, and advertising. A recognized thought leader, Po hosts and executive produces *Manatt's Perfect Balance: An Advertising Law Podcast*.

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**LATORIA J. FARMER**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION  
KPMG

Latoria J. Farmer is the Executive Director, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion at KPMG, with over 20 years of experience leading enterprise strategies to attract, retain, develop, and advance underrepresented talent. Tori is a strategic advisor to business leaders and other key stakeholders on identifying and addressing unique workforce opportunities and is currently supporting the business integration of the KPMG's Accelerate 2025 strategic priorities. As a Workplace Solutions Leader, she supported work-life effectiveness, employee engagement, mentorship, diversity, and corporate responsibility. Before joining KPMG, Tori was an HR business partner at Porter Novelli with regional responsibility for the total employee experience from recruiting and onboarding to retirement and alumni relations, in addition to operations and technology. She has been recognized with a national KPMG Chairman's Award for Excellence in Volunteerism and the local KPMG Chairman's Award for High Performance. She is a member of SHRM. Tori received her B.S. and her M.S. from Illinois State University.

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**First-Generation Everything:  
How to Establish Your Power and Succeed  
in Your Life and Your Career**

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**CAROLINA WALTHER-MEADE**

PARTNER

MILBANK

Carolina Walther-Meade is a partner in Milbank's NY office and a member of the firm's Global Project, Energy, and Infrastructure Finance Group and Latin America Practice Group. Carolina has extensive experience in cross-border financings and international project finance and development, focusing on oil and gas, infrastructure, mining, and energy projects throughout Latin America. She represents commercial bank syndicates, lenders, corporate developers, and industrial groups. Carolina is consistently recognized as a leading project finance lawyer by Chambers Latin America, Chambers USA, and Legal 500 Latin America. She was listed on IFLR1000's Women Leaders four years in a row, named to the 2018 Private Practice Powerlist: US-Mexico, and identified as one of Latin America's Top 100 Female Lawyers by Latinvex in 2018. She is an Advisory Board Member for the Women in Law Empowerment Forum. She received her B.A. from the University of San Diego and her J.D. from Stanford University.

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### LUNA BARRINGTON

PARTNER  
WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

Luna Barrington is a partner in Weil's Complex Commercial Litigation practice, where she has developed a generalist practice that regularly involves high-stakes, bet-the-company cases at all phases of litigation, including at trial. A rising star, she focuses on advising clients on matters that threaten their reputations and businesses, including in matters involving consumer class actions, antitrust litigation, commercial contract disputes, and multi-district litigations. With her unique position as a minority and a woman in an elite legal practice, Luna is passionate about shaping the next generation of litigators. She is a role model and a mentor to associates across Weil and is extremely active in firm and other professional organizations' mentoring, diversity, and development initiatives, including serving as co-leader of AsianAttorneys@Weil and a member of the leadership development program at the Asian American Bar Association in New York. She also serves as Co-Chair of AABANY's Litigation Committee.

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### RITA J. LEWIS

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, VICE PRESIDENT  
JPMORGAN CHASE

Rita J. Lewis is an Associate General Counsel, VP, in the Marketing Legal Department at JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA. (Chase). She provides legal support to a variety of areas focusing on the Truth in Lending Act, Telemarketing Sales Rules, Corporate Impact Marketing, and Social Media Postings. Prior to Chase, she worked at a firm handling transactional work for major insurance companies. Upon joining Chase in 2004, she was a Home Lending attorney for 17 years focusing on defaulted loans, layoffs/reinstatements, fees, and government loss mitigation. Rita holds a B.A. from the University of Minnesota and a J.D. from the University of Tulsa. She is licensed in Texas and the District of Columbia. She is a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters and is a member of the Legal Diversity Council and the Black Legal Forum at Chase. Rita enjoys gardening, new movies, musicals, and traveling. She visited Machu Picchu (Peru).

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### LINDA CLEMONS

FOUNDER AND CEO  
SISTERPRENEUR INC.

Linda Clemons® is the CEO of Sisterpreneur Inc.® She is a global speaker and expert in sales and nonverbal communications. Her company's mission is to empower women to make an impact on the world. Linda has more than 25 years of experience as a public speaker, media personality, trainer, writer, author, and personal coach. She is a body language expert who is trained and certified in Analytic Interviewing and Statement Analysis. Her clients have included Southwest Airlines, Major League Baseball, Coca-Cola, Spanx, Publicis, Nielsen, Nestle, Wells Fargo, Citi, Jackson Financial, Aramark, Kraft Hines, Viacom CBS, Toyota, Unilever, Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior, U.S. Customs, Hilton, Johnson & Johnson, and the NAACP. She is a recipient of the Office Depot National Entrepreneur Award and the Women of Wealth Top Mentor Award. Linda has shared the stage with notables such as Oprah Winfrey, President Obama, Steve Wozniak, Dr. Condoleeza Rice, and Mary Jo White.

**Reading the Tea Leaves in Business, Career,  
and Life: Masterclass With Linda Clemons  
(Body Language Expert)**

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



Conference Hostess  
Laurie Robinson Haden

### LAURIE ROBINSON-HADEN

PRESIDENT AND CEO  
CORPORATE COUNSEL WOMEN OF COLOR (CCWC)

Laurie Robinson-Haden is the President and CEO of Corporate Counsel Women of Color (CCWC). She created this organization in 2004 to advance women of color attorneys and foster diversity in the legal profession. In addition to her impactful work at CCWC, Laurie served for 18 years in multiple leadership roles at the CBS Corporation, including Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of Litigation. Laurie has been recognized by the *Network Journal* as one of the “25 Most Powerful Black Women in Business” and by *Savoy* magazine as one of the country’s Most Influential Black Lawyers. For seven years, she served on the board of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Currently, she serves on the Board of Visitors of Indiana University School of Law Bloomington and North Carolina Central School of Law, where she co-chairs the board. Laurie earned a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Central University (*magna cum laude*) and a Juris Doctor from Indiana University School of Law Bloomington.

### STELLA MENDES, CAMS

SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR  
FTI CONSULTING

Stella Mendes, CAMS, leads FTI Consulting’s Financial Services practice, focusing on financial institutions, bank governance, and regulations. With more than 25 years of diverse banking industry experience, she leads BSA/AML reviews for banks, money service businesses, credit unions, and other financial service providers. She has established and enhanced BSA/AML/OFAC policies, procedures, and processes to ensure compliance with regulations. Stella has led multiple compliance “look-back” reviews. She consults with clients on BSA and AML best practices, performs reviews and enhancements of BSA/AML/OFAC Risk Assessments, and conducts AML investigations as part of governmental investigations. Stella provides advisory services on regulatory responses and anti-money laundering training to banks and other financial services firms. She also assists clients with other regulatory compliance matters. Recently, Stella was appointed as an independent On-Premises Administrator to oversee the general management of the affairs, funds, and books and records of Municipal Credit Union.



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### CANDY LAWSON

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER, AND  
SENIOR DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL  
COMCAST

Candy Lawson serves as Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, and Senior Deputy General Counsel of Comcast Corporation. In this role, Candy is responsible for overseeing the company’s policies, procedures, and compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts, domestically and internationally across Comcast, NBCUniversal, and Sky. Before joining Comcast, Candy was Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, and Group Chief Compliance Officer at 21st Century Fox. Following the acquisition of 21st Century Fox by The Walt Disney Company, Candy led Disney’s international compliance team. Candy joined 21st Century Fox from News Corporation, where she was Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, and Group Chief Compliance Officer, EMEA and Asia. Before that, she was the Anti-Corruption Counsel for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa at Morgan Stanley and a senior associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell. Candy graduated from Mount Holyoke College and received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.



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### JANNELLE SEALES

PARTNER  
WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP

Jannelle Seales is a partner in Weil's Real Estate practice and is based in New York. Jannelle advises public and private companies and other institutional clients with respect to mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures for real estate related companies. Her key real estate transactions include representation of MGM Resorts International in its \$17.2 billion sale of MGM Growth Properties LLC to VICI Properties Inc. and Sears Holdings Corporation and its affiliated debtors in their chapter 11 cases, including with the monetization of over \$1 billion of real estate assets comprising ~90 retail and industrial assets in markets across the U.S. Jannelle is recommended for REITs by *Legal 500 US*. She was shortlisted as "Real Estate Lawyer of the Year" for *Euromoney Legal Media Group's* Americas Women in Business Law Awards for 2022. Jannelle received her Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University and her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center.

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### HANIYAH MILLER

SENIOR CORPORATE COUNSEL  
THE HOME DEPOT

Haniyah Miller is Senior Corporate Counsel for Installation Services, HD Rental, and Pro at The Home Depot. Haniyah's practice focuses on construction law. Before joining Home Depot, she worked as a commercial construction attorney at ThyssenKrupp, managing complex construction claims, and Aegion, where she focused on oil/gas pipeline installation and rehabilitation. Haniyah Miller also appears regularly as a Legal Analyst on two of TVOne Network's reality crime series, *Fatal Attraction* and *Payback*. She is currently the Vice President for the Association of Corporate Counsel – Georgia chapter. She is a first-generation college graduate of Georgia State University and Georgia State University College of Law. Haniyah was previously honored as a top 40 attorney under 40 by the National Bar Association. During law school, she clerked for Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams and Justice Robert Benham. Haniyah lives in Ellenwood, GA with her husband, two children, and two dogs.



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### HILARY C. TOMPKINS

PARTNER  
HOGAN LOVELLS

Hilary C. Tompkins's current practice ranges from environmental, energy, and natural resources matters to litigation, product compliance, and corporate due diligence. Previously, former President Obama appointed Hilary to serve in the Senate-confirmed position of Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Hilary was the first Native American to hold this position. Interior clients included the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Reclamation. Before her Interior service, Hilary was Chief Counsel to a state governor and served as a legal advisor to Indian tribes. Hilary started her career in the prestigious Honors Trial Attorney Program at the U.S. Department of Justice. She was recently elected to serve on the Dartmouth Board of Trustees and is Chair of the Communications Committee. Hilary received her B.A. from Dartmouth College and her Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School.

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### MIKEISHA ANDERSON JONES

CHIEF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION  
MILBANK

Mikeisha Anderson Jones is the Chief Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Officer at Milbank LLP, leading the firm's global DEI strategy. With 20+ years of experience as a lawyer, business executive, and DEI leader, she earlier served as VP, Global I&D at American Express, and as VP, Global Contracts, Legal, and Proposal Strategy. Previously, Mikeisha held increasingly advanced GC roles in-house at Catalent Pharma Solutions, was an associate at Reed Smith LLP and Lowenstein Sandler PC, and served as a judicial clerk. She is a Trustee of the NJ State Bar Foundation and frequently speaks on career development and inclusion. Mikeisha has received various accolades, including *Women of Color Magazine's* Women in Finance Diversity Champion, Face2Face Africa's 30 Black Stars, and the National Diversity Council's Top 100 Diversity Officers. Mikeisha, a CDP, earned an A.B. from Smith College and a Juris Doctor from Rutgers Law School.

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### LENORA AUSBON-ODOM

CHIEF TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSION OFFICER  
DLA PIPER

Lenora Ausbon-Odom DLA Piper's Chief Talent Development and Inclusion Officer. Lenora joined DLA Piper in 2017 as its director of professional development after having served in consulting and management roles at EY and Deloitte for more than 19 years. At DLA Piper, Lenora is involved in a number of strategic initiatives, including the creation of the firm's current lawyer and business professional development programs and shaping the leadership curriculum for women of color. Lenora helps to build high-performing teams that deliver and encourage team member growth. She has led the firm's D&I educational programming and has been integral in the redevelopment of our D&I strategy and pillars and developing deeper relationships with historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions to foster a stronger pipeline for the advancement of diverse lawyers. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania and her Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



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### NOIANA MARIGO

HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION,  
AMERICAS & CO-HEAD OF LATIN AMERICA PRACTICE  
FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP

Noiana Marigo is a partner in Freshfields's international arbitration group, head of the arbitration practice in the Americas, and co-head of the firm's Latin America practice. Her practice focuses on investor-state and commercial arbitrations across a variety of sectors, such as energy, mining, telecommunications, infrastructure, financial services, aviation and airport services, sovereign debt, agriculture, and food production and distribution. She is recognized by Chambers (Global, USA, and Latin America) and Who's Who Legal as one of the top practitioners in the field of international arbitration, as one of the leading lawyers in the United States by *Lawdragon* and one of Latin America's "Top 35 Female Lawyers" by Latinvex (2018-2021). Noiana received her Juris Doctor with honors from Buenos Aires University, her master's degree with honors from the Université Paris I Panthéon, and her master's degree in international legal studies from New York University School of Law.

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### HEBA HAMOUDA

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER  
APPLE

Heba Hamouda has worked at Apple for more than 11 years in various leadership roles across the Legal and Global Security team, and currently serves as the company's Chief Compliance Officer. Before joining Apple, she was a lead counsel for Accenture's North American complex commercial transactions with a focus on the Financial Services industry. She began her legal career at Denton's, as an associate in the global Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Strategic Alliances group. Heba earned a Bachelor degree of Science in Accounting and Finance, with honors, from Indiana University, and practiced as a Certified Public Accountant in a global accounting firm prior to attending law school. She earned her Juris Doctor with honors from Loyola University Chicago. Heba is a former fellow for the Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity, and prior to moving to California, sat on the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

### ALISON CHEN

PARTNER  
AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

Alison is the partner in charge of Akin's Houston office. She advises clients on the federal income tax aspects of business transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and other partnership arrangements; recapitalizations; restructuring (in- and out-of-court); and other financing transactions, with a focus primarily in the energy sector. She also frequently serves as tax counsel in capital markets transactions, advising public companies (including MLPs) and underwriters in connection with initial public offerings (IPOs), follow-on equity and debt offerings, public mergers, and spin-offs. She represents clients in the energy industry, including master limited partnerships (MLP). Alison is a member of the firm's partnership admission committee and firmwide diversity & inclusion council and chair of the Houston office women's professional development initiatives. Alison received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin, her Juris Doctor and the University of Houston Law Center (cum laude), and her LLM from New York University School of Law.



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### VANESSA KAYE WATSON

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL, CONSUMER SOLUTIONS  
MASTERCARD

Vanessa Kaye Watson is the Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel for Consumer Solutions at Mastercard. In this role, Vanessa manages a global team of attorneys responsible for Network and Digital Payment Services, Digital Currency, Foundry, Consumer Products for Issuers, Acceptance Solutions, Segment and Fintech Solutions, and Optimization and Economics. Before her current role, Vanessa served as Lead Counsel for a few groups: Franchise, Public Policy, Compliance and New Customer Types, North America region of Mastercard's Data and Services business, Services for North American Markets, and partnership counsel for Data and Services. Before joining Mastercard in 2011, Vanessa was a senior associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. She graduated from Fordham University School of Law and is a member of both the New York and New Jersey State Bar. In addition to her day jobs, Vanessa has spent her entire legal career giving back through not-for-profit board memberships, volunteerism, and mentoring.

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### CATHERINE J. DARGIN

PARTNER  
COVINGTON & BURLING LLP

Catherine Dargin leads Covington's Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions practices and advises corporate boards, independent directors, and special committees on mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance. She recently served on the firm's Management Committee for eight years. Catherine was recognized by *The American Lawyer* as a 2022 "Corporate Dealmaker of the Year" for 2020, she was recently named "Best in M&A" by LMG Euromoney, among *The National Law Journal's* "Outstanding Women Lawyers," *The Deal's* "Healthcare, Pharma & Biotech Dealmaker of the Year" for 2020 and 2021, and "Top Women in Dealmaking" for 2021 and 2022. Catherine is Chambers-rated in Corporate/M&A, and was recently named as Chambers' North America Diversity & Inclusion Lawyer of the Year for 2021. She served for many years on the editorial board of *M&A360*, and now serves on the editorial board of *The M&A Lawyer*. Catherine received her A.B. from Stanford University and her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

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### TY'MEKA REEVES-SOBERS

PARTNER  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

Ty'Meka Reeves-Sobers is a partner in the Global Environmental practice group based in the Houston office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. She draws on her broad environmental regulatory and corporate and securities background (including expertise in a wide range of environmental topics such as renewable energy, water quality and water rights, and contaminated property and waste issues) to provide innovative and pragmatic solutions to environmental risks in connection with a variety of complex corporate M&A, capital markets, and real estate transactions. She has negotiated hundreds of transactions including those involving complex chemical joint ventures, energy and infrastructure assets, initial public offerings, and the sale and development of commercial and industrial real property. Among other accomplishments, Ty'Meka has been recognized by Chambers USA and The Legal 500. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Ursuline College and a Juris Doctor (with honors) from the University of Texas School of Law.



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### CRAIG ROBINSON

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER  
NBCUniversal

Craig Robinson is Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for NBCUniversal. He reports to NBCUniversal CEO Jeff Shell. In partnership with the company's business leaders, Craig works to define and build a culture that embraces and values diversity in its workforce, culture, content and perspectives. Additionally, alongside Comcast Chairman and CEO Brian Roberts, Craig is leading Comcast's \$100 million commitment to fight injustice and inequality, and to accelerate company efforts in all areas of diversity, equity and inclusion. In this role, he spearheads social justice efforts across Comcast, NBCUniversal and Sky to build programs, allocate resources and partner with international, national and local organizations to drive meaningful change against racism and inequality. The company has been acknowledged for its leadership in diversity & inclusion, with repeat recognition on the *Forbes* list of Best Employers for Diversity, the *Fortune* list of 50 Best Workplaces for Diversity, and the *DiversityInc* list of Top 50 Companies for Diversity.

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### BLAYNE ALEXANDER

REPORTER AND ANCHOR  
11ALIVE NEWS ATLANTA

Blayne Alexander is a reporter and anchor with 11Alive News, Atlanta's NBC affiliate. In addition to her weekday reports, you can see Blayne anchoring 11Alive Weekend Today on Saturday and Sunday mornings, beginning at 9am. A three-time Emmy Award nominee, she has covered high-profile stories including Ferguson and Baltimore following the deaths of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray and the coverage of Selma, Alabama as the eyes of the nation converged on the small town to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. Blayne's work has appeared nationally on MSNBC and The Weather Channel. Before coming to Atlanta in 2011, Blayne was a general assignment and education reporter at WRDW-TV in Augusta, GA. She began her career as a production assistant for NBC Nightly News in Washington, DC. Blayne is actively involved with both National and Atlanta Associations of Black Journalists, serving on the local executive board as vice-president of broadcast. Blayne is a graduate of Duke University.

### ROB MACRAE

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL, U.S. COMMERCIAL  
GSK

Rob MacRae is SVP and General Counsel, US Commercial, at GSK, where he's worked for 25 years. He and his team of 26 lawyers and paralegals manage the full spectrum of commercial issues, including FDA regulatory, Fraud and Abuse, and government pricing. Rob is also accountable for GSK Legal's DEI Pipeline workstream, which seeks to ensure a strong and sustainable pipeline of ethnically diverse lawyers. Rob sits on the US Commercial Leadership Team as well as the global Legal and Compliance Leadership Team, and reports to GSK's General Counsel. Rob began his legal career as a litigation associate at Faegre Drinker Biddle and Reath, in Philadelphia. He received his B.A. from Yale and his J.D. and M.P.P. from Harvard. Rob lives with his wife in Philadelphia and has two adult daughters. He has served on the board of Episcopal Community Services, and has been a mentor at Philadelphia Futures for 15 years.



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### IVAN FONG

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY  
MEDTRONIC

Ivan Fong is Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Medtronic. He was previously Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Policy Officer and Secretary of 3M; General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Cardinal Health; Senior Vice President and General Counsel of GE Vendor Financial Services; Deputy Associate Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice; and a partner at Covington & Burling. Ivan began his legal career as a law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Cboe Global Markets. Ivan received his bachelor's and master's degrees from MIT; his JD with distinction from Stanford Law School, where he was President of the Stanford Law Review; and his Bachelor of Civil Law degree from Oxford, where he was a Fulbright Scholar.



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### NONI ELLISON

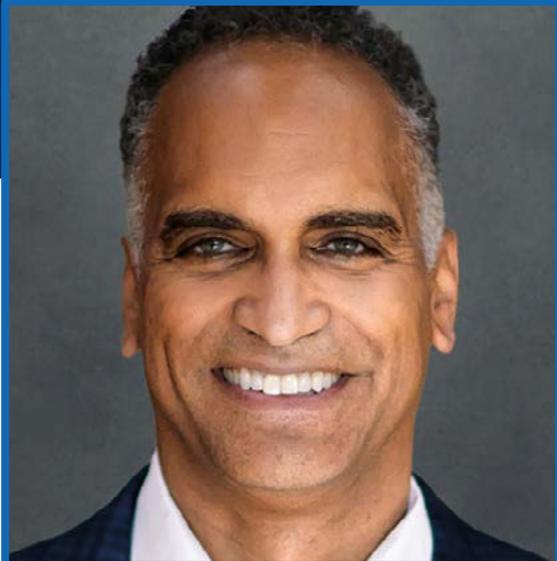
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND CORPORATE SECRETARY  
TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

Noni Ellison has served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Tractor Supply Company since January 2021 and is a member of the company's Executive Committee. Previously, Noni served as Carestream Dental's General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary and a member of the Executive Leadership Team; Associate General Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary at Grainger; held roles of increasing responsibility at Turner Broadcasting Systems, Inc.; served as Director of Legal Affairs at Scripps Networks; and practiced law with two prominent national law firms as a Corporate Finance and Securities Associate. Among her awards and honors, Noni has been included in The Legal 500 GC Powerlist. Noni received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University, magna cum laude. She earned her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School and her MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

### HARVEY ANDERSON

STRATEGIC ADVISOR  
HP INC.

Harvey Anderson currently serves as Strategic Advisor for HP Inc., formerly Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary. Harvey joined HP in June 2017 as Deputy General Counsel, Personal Systems, 3D Printing, Global Functions and Government Relations. He has over 25 years of experience in legal affairs, public policy, corporate/commercial transactions, and IP litigation. He has counseled leading global internet, security, and communications companies in private and public company settings. Before joining HP, he served as the Chief Legal Officer of AVG Technologies, and before that he spent six years as the General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Mozilla Corporation. Harvey has a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Marquette University and a Juris Doctor from the University of San Francisco School of Law. He is also admitted to the U.S. Patent Bar. He serves as a board member for Common Sense Media.



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### SHELITA M. STEWART

PARTNER  
HOGAN LOVELLS

Shelita M. Stewart focuses her legal practice on corporate compliance, investigations, and crisis management. She has extensive experience conducting investigations, implementing compliance programs, defending government enforcement actions, and assessing legal and regulatory risks for multinational clients. Shelita previously served as Senior Deputy General Counsel of Comcast Corporation. Having started her career at Hogan Lovells, Shelita rejoined the firm in 2021 bringing her in-house corporate experience to provide clients with actionable, practical, and strategic legal advice. Shelita also uses her legal skills in service of the communities that she represents. As the U.S. experiences a wave of legislation suppressing voter access, Shelita is litigating alongside civil rights groups to protect voting rights. One of the matters, *Milligan v. Merrill*, is up on appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court. Inside her firm, Stewart co-leads the Black Attorney Affinity group. Shelita is a D.C. native and graduate of Yale University and Columbia Law School.



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### APRIL WILLIAMS

PARTNER  
WILMERHALE

April Williams is a Partner at WilmerHale in the White-Collar Defense and Investigations practice. She has significant experience representing companies in complex civil and criminal cases, government investigations, and handling sensitive internal reviews into a variety of matters, including sexual harassment and workplace culture issues. April routinely provides clients with strategic compliance counseling and risk assessment guidance. Her clients have included Fortune 500 technology companies, pharmaceutical companies, financial services institutions, and auto parts manufacturers. She chairs WilmerHale's Washington Office Diversity Committee and co-chairs the firm's Racial Justice Reform Initiative. In 2020 she was identified as one of the top "New Generation of DC Fixers," specializing in crisis management by Law.com and was recognized by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* as one of its Women Worth Watching for 2022. April holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a JD from Howard University School of Law.

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### CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ

PARTNER  
HOGAN LOVELLS

Cristina Rodriguez is an experienced jury trial lawyer whose practice includes commercial, trade secrets, employment, professional liability, and securities litigation in state and federal court. Most recently, Cristina won a verdict of US\$152 million in a federal trade secrets misappropriation case. Some of Cristina's other trials include the assertion of patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation claims against a nursing home operator in Texas federal court and the defense of an accounting firm in a malpractice suit in Texas state court. As published in Chambers USA, Cristina's clients have called her "an incredible lawyer," and describe her as "a tough litigator and fabulous trial lawyer" who has "great experience advising multinational companies, with great customer service and legal advice." She serves on the Hogan Lovells Americas Diversity Committee. This appointment allows her to have key input into the firm's highest-level strategy and initiatives around diversity and inclusion. Cristina is also the Diversity Chair of our Houston office.



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## CHRISTINA SWARNS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
INNOCENCE PROJECT

Christina Swarns is the Executive Director of the Innocence Project, which works to free, exonerate, and support innocent people, and drive the reform of the unjust, unreliable, and racially biased systems that lead to wrongful convictions. Prior to the Innocence Project, Christina served as the Attorney-In-Charge of the Office of the Appellate Defender of New York City; Litigation Director of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.; Supervising Assistant Federal Defender of the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; and Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Practice. She has represented numerous death-sentenced prisoners whose convictions and/or death sentences were reversed. She also litigated significant impact cases, which have helped with eradicating wrongful convictions. Christina argued and won a United States Supreme Court case challenging the role of race in the administration of the death penalty. She speaks and writes regularly on issues concerning race, law, and criminal justice and has been published by the New York Times and the Washington Post. Christina has received numerous prestigious awards and honors. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Howard University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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### ERIC LIU

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CITIZEN UNIVERSITY

Eric Liu is one of America's most sought-after speakers on citizen power, civic health, the future of democracy, and American Identity. Eric, a former White House speechwriter for President Bill Clinton, is the CEO of Citizen University, a non-profit working to foster a culture of powerful, responsible citizenship. He is also a director at the Aspen Institute's Citizenship and American Identity Program and a correspondent at *TheAtlantic.com*. He is the author of eight books and his first book, *The Accidental Asian, Notes of a Native Speaker*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book featured in the documentary, "*Matters of Race*." Eric served as the president's deputy domestic policy adviser, on the boards of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Washington State Board of Education, and the Seattle Public Library, and is co-founder of Alliance for Gun Responsibility. Eric is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School.

### FIONA PHILIP

PRINCIPAL AND ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
KPMG LLP

Fiona Philip is a known problem solver with over two decades of legal experience managing complex investigations and regulatory inquiries, providing pre-litigation counseling, and advising clients at all levels of Fortune 500 companies. Fiona currently serves as Principal & Associate General Counsel at KPMG LLP where she primarily advises the firm's Audit and Advisory businesses. She is a former partner at Am Law 10 Sidley Austin LLP and from 1999 to 2004, Fiona served as Enforcement Counsel to the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Chairman and as Counsel in the Division of Enforcement, including its inaugural Financial Fraud Task Force. Fiona has been recognized for her legal work: Enforcement 40 by Securities Docket, recognizing lawyers who have been key players in the most significant SEC enforcement matters over the past few decades (2017); "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 under 40 Lawyers" by the National Bar Association (2010); SEC's Chairman's Award for Excellence, and SEC's Division of Enforcement Directors Award.



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### JUDGE GLENDA HATCHETT

FOUNDER AND CEO  
THE HATCHETT FIRM AND THE VERDICT WITH JUDGE HATCHETT



Finding Your Purposeful Path:  
Dare to Take Charge

Judge Glenda Hatchett is the founder and CEO of the Hatchett Firm – specializing in risk and crisis management, as well as innovative and effective closing and settlement strategies. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and Emory University School of Law, where she was an Earl Warren Scholar. Glenda spent nearly 10 years at Delta Air Lines and then accepted an appointment as Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County Juvenile Court, becoming the first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of a state court in Georgia and head of one of the largest juvenile court systems in the country. Glenda has served on the boards of three Fortune 500 companies – HCA, The Gap Inc., and ServiceMaster Company. Glenda presides over the two-time Emmy-nominated, nationally syndicated courtroom series *Judge Hatchett*, now in its 22nd season. Most recently, Glenda returned to TV in her new television court series, *The Verdict with Judge Hatchett*.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



Fireside Chat and Performance with Common

### COMMON

ACADEMY AWARD-, GOLDEN GLOBE-, EMMY-, AND GRAMMY-WINNING ARTIST, ACTOR, AND ACTIVIST

Common is an Academy Award-, Golden Globe-, Emmy-, and Grammy-winning artist, actor, and activist. He has been celebrated for a multitude of critically acclaimed, diverse roles and consistent box office successes. Common is renowned for his roles in films such as *Selma*, *Barbershop*, *John Wick 2*, and the Showtime series *The Chi*. He has won three Grammys and in 2015, Common won an Academy Award for Best Original Song, for his song "Glory" from the 2014 film *Selma*. He was nominated for an Oscar, a Grammy, and an NAACP Image Award for his song "Stand Up for Something," which he co-wrote with Diane Warren. Common is the author of *Let Love Have the Last Word* and his memoir, *One Day It'll All Make Sense*. In 2018, he founded the nonprofit Imagine Justice, which focuses on social justice and advocacy work around mass incarceration, mental health, and voting rights.

### KRISTI D.A. MATTHEWS

SENIOR DIRECTOR AND SENIOR MANAGING COUNSEL FOR EMPLOYMENT, INCLUSION & DIVERSITY, AND SOCIAL IMPACT  
VISA, INC.

Kristi D.A. Matthews is Senior Director and Senior Managing Counsel for Employment, Inclusion & Diversity, and Social Impact with Visa, Inc. of Foster City, California, where she provides employment advice and counsel for the company's Finance, Corporate, Talent Acquisition functions and several global operations in Europe, CEMEA, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Kristi is responsible for the management of employment legal matters, including compensation, wage and hour, noncompete agreements, investigations, and other labor and employment advice and litigation management. Kristi is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science and theater from Spelman College in Atlanta and was a recipient of the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Fellowship. As a Rotary Fellow, Kristi studied at the University of Leeds in England, where she received her M.A. in international politics.



How We Used Our Voices to Take a Stand and Have Impact

### JOIAVA PHILPOTT

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL  
COX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Joiava Philpott is Senior Vice President & General Counsel for Cox Communications, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta. Before joining Cox, Joiava served as General Counsel of AstroTurf, LLC and Vice President and Senior Counsel for Charter Communications, Inc. Earlier, she served as Assistant General Counsel for KMC Telecom. Joiava began her career with the City of Atlanta Law Department. She serves on the boards of the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications and the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power & Potential. She has been named a 100 Top Power Player by CableFax Magazine and is a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2023. Joiava received a B.S. in business management from Hampton University, and her J.D. and MBA from the American University, in Washington, D.C. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Jack and Jill of America, Inc.



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## FEATURED SPEAKERS



### ELLISEN TURNER

PARTNER  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

Ellisen Turner is an Intellectual Property partner at Kirkland & Ellis where he co-chairs the firmwide Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. He has successfully resolved billions in IP litigations and transactions, leading to recognition as one of the “World’s Leading Patent Professionals,” “Patent Litigation Lawyer of the Year,” and one of the “500 Most Influential People” in Los Angeles. He co-chairs Michigan Law School’s Advisory Board on Race and Racism and, as former chair of the National Bar Association’s IP Section, founded the Diversity in Tech Awards, which recognize leaders for fostering diversity in STEM and IP fields. He received the Minority Corporate Counsel Association’s “Rainmaker” award and the California Minority Counsel Program’s “Law Firm Diversity Leader” award for his outstanding commitment to DEI. As the former managing partner of Irell & Manella, he is one of the few Black lawyers to have ever led an Am Law 200 firm.

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and Have Impact

### TIFFANY M. HALL

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL, NORTH AMERICA  
MASTERCARD

Tiffany M. Hall is EVP & General Counsel, North America. Tiffany and her team provide strategic advice on legal, regulatory, government and franchise affairs for the region. Previously, Tiffany was SVP & Chief of Staff to the CEO at Mastercard and held various other legal roles in the company. Prior to Mastercard, Tiffany served as Acting Head of Marketing Legal Support & Counsel at Pernod Ricard USA, served as marketing manager at Sotheby’s auction house and worked in marketing and advertising at Atlantic Records and Ogilvy & Mather. Tiffany serves on the board of directors of the Monster Beverage Corporation and of the Children’s Museum of Manhattan. She is the founder and owner of Empower Cocktails, a ready to pour cocktail brand that sells and promotes the Empower Cosmopolitan Martini. Tiffany received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University and Juris Doctor from Fordham University’s School of Law



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### LAILA ALI

BOXING CHAMPION, INTERNATIONAL BOXING HALL OF FAMER,  
BEAUTY AND LIFESTYLE BRAND CEO & AUTHOR

Laila Ali is a world-class athlete, fitness and wellness advocate, TV host, home chef, founder of the Laila Ali Lifestyle Brand, wife, and mother of two. The daughter of late, beloved global icon and humanitarian Muhammad Ali, she is a four-time undefeated boxing world champion, whose stellar record includes 24 wins (21 of which were “knockouts”) and zero losses. Laila is heralded as the most successful female in the history of women’s boxing. She was the first woman to provide expert commentary for NBC sports, including the ESPN Sports Humanitarian Awards. Carefully building a successful branding and licensing empire, Laila rolled out a signature line of hair styling tools with Hot Tools, a brand subsidiary of hair care powerhouse, Helen of Troy. Her skills as a home chef shine through her organic seasoning line, Laila Ali Spice Blends, as well as her cookbook, *Food for Life*. She also recently launched Laila Ali Home Décor with At Home.

Finding Inspiration Against the Odds

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



Finding Inspiration Against the Odds

### CHRISTINE A. OKIKE

RESTRUCTURING PARTNER  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP (NEW YORK OFFICE)

Christine A. Okike is a restructuring partner in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. Most recently, *The Deal* selected Christine as one of its 2022 Top Women in Dealmaking. Christine was also selected by *Global Restructuring Review* in its 2022 40 Under 40 list of the world's top young restructuring professionals, and *Savoy* recognized Christine as one of its 2022 Most Influential Black Lawyers. Christine was named one of *Crain's New York Business's* 2021 Notable Women in Law. In 2017, Christine was inducted into the International Insolvency Institute's NextGen Leadership Program and selected as an Emerging Leader in the American Bankruptcy Institute's inaugural 40 Under 40 initiative. Christine serves as Co-Chair of Kirkland's Firmwide Diversity and Inclusion Committee and is a member of the New York Office Recruiting Committee. She received her B.A. from Brown University and her Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School.

### BEVERLY JOHNSON

SUPERMODEL, ICON AND  
FOUNDER, CHAIRWOMAN, AND CEO OF BJE LLC

Beverly Johnson is the first African-American supermodel and the first Black model to land the cover of *Vogue* in 1974. Her remarkable career, which spans over three decades, showcases accomplishment: model, mom, actress, author, activist, businesswoman, TV personality, and finally, icon. Beverly is the Founder, Chairwoman, and CEO of BJE LLC—a global brand that includes The Beverly Johnson Luxurious Lifestyle Brand that represents the “highest quality” luxurious products in hair, beauty, cosmetics, fashion, and media. She has served on boards including the Barbara Sinatra Children, and during the Clinton era, Beverly was appointed the “Ambassador of Goodwill to the Fashion Industry” to help with the elimination of sweatshops. She is the author of three books including *Beverly Johnson's Guide to a Life of Health; Beauty and True Beauty: Secrets of Radiant Beauty for Women of Every Age and Color*; and her memoir, *The Face that Changed It All*.



Beverly's Four B's in Business:  
Be Bold, Believable, Brave, and Balanced



The Power of Allyship

### ELLA L. J. BELL SMITH

PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
TUCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Ella L. J. Bell Smith is a Professor of Business Administration at Tuck and works in the field of organizational behavior. She has previously served on the faculties of Belk College of Business Administration, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale's School of Management, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Professor Smith's research interests include focusing on the career and life histories of professional African American and European-American women. She is currently inquiring into issues of work-life balance. She has served as a consultant to Fortune 500 companies and many public institutions. Her scholarly works have been reported in many top publications, and her book, *Our Separate Ways: Black and White Women and the Struggle for Professional Identity*, has been widely acclaimed. She received her B.A. from Mills College of Education, her M.A. from Columbia University, and her PhD from Case Western Reserve University.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



The Power of Allyship

### INDIA WILLIAMS

PARTNER  
KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

India D. Williams is a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in the Government, Regulatory, & Internal Investigations Practice Group. She has worked on a number of governmental and internal investigations in the transportation, healthcare, energy, and retail sectors. Before joining the Firm, India clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She serves on the Board of Directors for the University of Alabama School of Law. India has worked on several Firm diversity efforts and has a passion for ESG (as it pertains to DEI). She has a certification in ESG and Social Activism from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Later this year, she will teach a law school course on Racial Equity Audits. India was a keynote panelist at the Driving Diversity in Law & Leadership Conference and has spoken on, among other things, diversity and inclusion, ESG, and Racial Equity Audits.

### THE HONORABLE ANN CLAIRE WILLIAMS

JONES DAY

Judge Ann Claire Williams (Ret.), a trailblazer and leader, heads Jones Day's pro bono initiative in advancing the rule of law in Africa. Devoted to promoting the effective delivery of justice, she has partnered with judiciaries, attorneys, NGOs, and the U.S. Departments of Justice and State to lead training programs in Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. President Ronald Reagan nominated her in 1985 to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, making her the first woman of color on the federal bench in the Seventh Circuit's three-state region. In 1999, President William Clinton's nomination made her the first judge of color to sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the third Black woman to serve on any federal circuit court. She serves on many not-for-profit boards and is currently Chair of American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary.



A View from the Bench



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### THE HONORABLE LESLIE ABRAMS GARDNER

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

The Honorable Leslie Abrams Gardner is a United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. On March 11, 2014, President Obama nominated her to the bench; and, on November 18, 2014, the Senate confirmed her by a vote of 100-0. On November 21, 2014, Judge Gardner took the oath of office and became the first female federal judge in the Middle District of Georgia and the first African American woman to become an Article III judge in the State of Georgia. Judge Gardner received her bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1997 and received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2002. Gardner clerked for the Honorable Marvin J. Garbis in the District of Maryland and then joined the DC office of Skadden, Arps. In 2010, Judge Gardner became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia where she prosecuted major crimes, white collar crimes, and worked as the Community Outreach Coordinator until being elevated to the bench.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



A View from the Bench

### THE HONORABLE REGINA RODRIGUEZ

U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF COLORADO

Judge Regina Rodriguez is the newest member of the Colorado federal district court bench. She was confirmed by the US Senate in June, 2021 and appointed by President Biden to the federal district court bench on July 1, 2021. Judge Rodriguez is a 1988 graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law, and she practiced as a trial attorney here in her home state of Colorado for over 30 years before joining the bench. She began her practice in a boutique litigation firm, Cooper & Kelley, where she tried many cases. She then spent 8 years at the US Attorney's Office in the civil division where she ultimately became the chief of the civil division. She was the first Latina and first Asian civil chief. In 2002 she left the USAO for private practice where she spent 19 years as a partner in several national law firms: Faegre & Benson, HoganLovells, and most recently WilmerHale.

### THE HONORABLE JUDGE ESTHER SALAS

U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Judge Esther Salas earned her J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. In 1997, Judge Salas joined the District of New Jersey's ("D.N.J.") Office of the Federal Public Defender. In 2006, Judge Salas became the first Hispanic Magistrate Judge for the D.N.J. After unanimous Senate confirmation in 2011, Judge Salas became the first Latina United States District Judge in the D.N.J. Judge Salas is the loving wife of Mark Anderl, and the proud mother of her late son, Daniel Mark Anderl, who offered his life as an act of love when a disgruntled lawyer targeted Judge Salas because of her federal judgeship. Since Daniel's senseless murder, Judge Salas's mission is to ensure greater protections for judges, which led to the passage of "Daniel's Law" in New Jersey. To ensure that Daniel's death will not be in vain, Judge Salas continues to advocate for federal legislation to ensure greater protections for federal judges.



A View from the Bench



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### LILLIAN S. HARDY

PARTNER  
HOGAN LOVELLS

Strategically perceptive, Lillian S. Hardy founded Hogan Lovells' Crisis Leadership Practice after recognizing a market need for legal services that account for reputation management. Her practice focuses on controversies and investigations emanating from an array of incidents across all industries. She has a particular focus on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) investigations, cybersecurity and data privacy-related investigations, consumer protection investigations, and anything pertaining to fraud or misconduct. Recognized by *Bloomberg Law*, *Global Investigation Review*, *National Law Journal*, and others as a leader beyond her years, Hardy has managed incidents and investigations for clients across five continents and is sought out for representations where both government enforcement and threat of public "cancelation" loom large. Hardy is one of Hogan Lovells's most senior leaders and is a member of the Global Board of Directors and the Americas management team. She is a proud graduate of Spelman College and the UC Berkeley School of Law.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



Financial Management With Ash Cash

### ASH EXANTUS, AKA ASH CASH

FOUNDER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL EDUCATOR  
MINDRIGHT MONEY MANAGEMENT

Ash Exantus, aka Ash Cash, is a 15-year banking executive, personal finance expert, motivational speaker, and the author of six books, including three Amazon.com bestsellers. He is the Founder and Chief Financial Educator of MindRight Money Management, a financial education and media company that blends psychology and personal finance with music, pop culture, and relevant news to help people manage their money better to live the life they want. Ash has established himself as a thought leader and trusted voice with corporate America, colleges, churches, and community-based organizations. Ash has been featured on popular national media outlets such as CNN, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, American Banker, CNBC, TheStreet.com, Black Enterprise, Essence, Ebony, BET, Pix11 Morning News, and countless others. He is the host of his own radio show, The Ash Cash Show, which airs on WHCR 90.3FM NY with a reach of 2.2 million listeners.

### NAJAH HOPKINS

SENIOR COUNSEL  
UBER

Najah Hopkins is Senior Counsel at Uber Technologies, Inc., where she leads the commercial contracting function for the U.S. and Canada Mobility Business. Najah is also a part time FINRA arbitrator for securities disputes. Before Uber, she worked at Raytheon Technologies Corporation, where she negotiated jet engine sales and maintenance contracts and advised on International Trade Compliance laws. Najah previously held positions in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Risk & Compliance Division, as a Law Clerk for the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, and as an Adjunct Professor in Business Law. Before law school, Najah was a clinical social worker in the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Southern California, a Master of Social Work from New York University, and a Juris Doctorate and Master of Business Administration from Howard University. She is licensed to practice law in New York and California.



Financial Management and Building Wealth

### DEBRA HUNTER JOHNSON

FOUNDER, PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT  
RECIPROCITY CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

Debra Hunter Johnson is Founder, President & Principal Consultant of Reciprocity Consulting Group, Inc. She is a seasoned leader with over 30 years of combined experience as a corporate human resources vice president, law department leader, workplace culture consultant and business investor/advisor. After a career in corporate leadership roles at Chrysler Corporation and American Airlines, she founded Reciprocity Consulting Group in 2007. Debra sits on the boards of the Texas Women's Foundation and the Dallas Economic Development Corporation. She is also a founding member of the Village Giving Circle, a group of African American women philanthropists who fund organizations and initiatives that positively impact the African American community in North Texas. Debra has a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law, where she was the Symposium Editor of the Howard Law Journal. She also attended the Caruth Institute for Entrepreneurship Certificate Program at Southern Methodist University.



You've Got This! 10 Steps to  
High Performance in Your Organization

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



### VICKI YOHE

GOSPEL SINGER, SONGWRITER, AND WORSHIP LEADER  
"BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE"

Vicki Yohe is a gospel singer, songwriter, and worship leader. Her hits include "The Mercy Seat", "Under The Blood," "Something About My Praise," and "Because of Who You Are." Vicki has been nominated for Gospel Music's Dove Award and a Stellar Award. In 2009, she recorded her tenth CD "I'm at Peace" in Nashville as she celebrated 20 years in full-time ministry. Vicki has ministered in various parts of Africa, Europe and Asia. More importantly, Vicki Yohe Ministries has opened NEW DESTINY for CHILDREN an orphanage in Jinja, Uganda for children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. Her own ministry brings a powerful message through song and the word to thousands of people around the world, during her over 150 ministry opportunities and numerous television appearances every year. Today's Christian music is helping to make the knowledge of Christ accessible to a whole new generation, and Vicki feels blessed that God has allowed her to be one of His vessels.

### KURT CARR

GOSPEL SINGER, SONGWRITER, PRODUCER, AND PERFORMER  
"FOR EVERY MOUNTAIN"

With over 20 years of experience in the Gospel Music World Kurt Carr has delivered some of the most greatly recognized songs in recent history including hits such as "The Presence of the Lord Is Here," "I Almost Let Go," "I Never Lost My Praise," "God Great God," "For Every Mountain," and "I'm Still Standing." Kurt has also teamed up with iconic gospel artist, the legendary Pastor Shirley Caesar. Kurt produced the CD entitled "Good God" for the 15-time Grammy award winner. He has garnered 10 Stellar Awards, 1 GMA Dove Award, he has been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, with 2 Grammy Nominations. He has also received top honors at the 28th Annual Stellar Awards by receiving the James Cleveland Lifetime Achievement Award. Kurt also has received 2 honorary doctorate degrees. In addition to his own release, Kurt Carr recently penned and produced the hit song Good Favor for the legendary Clark Sisters.



### ANITA WILSON

MUSIC EXECUTIVE, ARTIST, AND SONGWRITER  
"JESUS WILL"



Anita Wilson has made contributions to the music industry since 2002 including nearly a decade as a member of Donald Lawrence & Company. Her legacy as a musical catalyst with a career rooted in timeless music has been established. Since emerging as a solo artist, Anita Wilson has garnered three GRAMMY nominations for albums: *Worship Soul* (2013), *Vintage Worship* (2015), *Sunday Song* (2018), and *Dance Soul* (2020). Her fourth album *Soul Sister* will be released in the fall of 2022. Anita brings a classy and graceful presence, unique vocal styling, and heartfelt delivery to gospel and soul music genres. Her 2011 ballad, *Speechless* captures a soulful reverence for classic music which catapulted her towards recognition as a relevant and passionate creative. With influences from a variety of genres and a love for music planted at an early age, Anita brings a well-rounded approach to her musical endeavors.