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**PDJ Announces Black Leaders Worth Watching™ Award Winners
for 2020**

***Recognizing the Achievements of Black Leaders at Work, in the Marketplace, and in
Communities across the Globe***

[CLEVELAND, OH–October 1, 2020] *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® is pleased to announce the 54 winners of the magazine's inaugural Black Leaders Worth Watching™ Awards. These outstanding leaders demonstrate their talents and skills, their dedication to excellence in all they do, their willingness to mentor and support the next generation, and their commitment to the larger community.

"We are proud and pleased to honor these outstanding leaders and recognize the organizations that support their success," says James Rector, *Profiles in Diversity Journal* publisher. "With this year's Award, we introduce our first class of Black Leaders Worth Watching. We look forward to featuring many more remarkable black leaders in the pages of our magazine over the coming years."

Each Black Leader Worth Watching Award recipient's abilities, commitment, and achievements will be showcased in *Profiles in Diversity Journal's* fall 2020 issue. And each Award recipient will share his or her experiences, opinions, and words of advice with our readers, many of whom may become tomorrow's Black Leaders Worth Watching.

The organizations that nominate candidates for this Award demonstrate C-suite support of people of color in leadership, and the inclusion of the Award winners in the magazine enhances the reputations of those organizations that employ, support, and empower these high achievers. The 2020 Black Leaders Worth Watching edition of *Profiles in Diversity Journal* will be available online, at www.diversityjournal.com, in late November.

Below are the names and job titles of this year's award recipients, along with the names of the organizations who nominated them for this honor.

The 2020 Black Leaders Worth Watching Award™ Recipients

Company / Organization	Award Recipient	Title
Aetna Better Health (a CVS company)	Mark W. Faulkner	Vice President of Medicaid Operations
Advanced Micro Devices	Kim Steele	Senior Manager, Global Planning & Strategy
Advanced Micro Devices	Olatunde Gbolahan	Manager, Finance Process & Systems
BrandEq Group	Nadine Spencer	CEO, President
Charter School Business Management–FOREsight	Stephan B. Reid II	Chief Growth Officer
Corteva Agriscience	Craig Reed	Chief Procurement Officer & Head of Corporate Real Estate
Crescent School	David Grant	Dean of Studies
Dechert LLP	Vincent H. Cohen Jr.	Partner
Dickinson Wright PLLC	Aaron Burrell	Member, Co-chair of Diversity & Inclusion Committee
Dickinson Wright PLLC	Lloyd Pierre-Louis	Member
Fannie Mae	Danielle McCoy	Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Fair Lending Officer
Ferring Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Ayana Champagne	Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer
Fiserv, Inc.	Leslie Pearce	Senior Vice President, Inside Sales
Fish & Richardson P.C.	Ahmed J. Davis	Principal
FordHarrison LLP	Destiny S. Washington	Counsel
Fullscreen, a WarnerMedia Company	Carron Brown	Senior Vice President, Group Director Client Service
Gibbons P.C.	Robert L. Johnson	Chief Diversity Officer & Director–Corporate Department
Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Karen M. Kennard	Shareholder
Greenberg Traurig, LLP	A. Michael Pratt	Shareholder
HARMAN	Sidney Johnson	Vice President, Procurement & Automotive Sourcing
GABA	Candice S. Blacknall	CEO & Cofounder
Ivy Planning Group	Janet & Gary Smith	Cofounders

JND Legal Administration	Charles Lawson	Senior Vice President, Government Services
Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP	Jonathan K. Waldrop	Partner
Kindred Healthcare	Deidra L. Byrd	Senior Vice President & Chief Employment Counsel
Latham & Watkins, LLP	Kevin Andrew Chambers	Partner, Co-Chair of Litigation & Trial Department in Washington, DC office, and Global Chair of the firm's Diversity Leadership Committee
Latham & Watkins, LLP	Laura R. Washington	Partner, Litigation & Trial Department, and Entertainment Sports & Media Practice
Liberty Mutual Insurance	Bob Thomas	Senior Vice President & Regional Executive, Northeast Region
Lincoln Financial Group	Allison Green Johnson	Senior Vice President, Chief Diversity Officer, Head of Culture & Engagement
Marshall Gerstein & Borun LLP	Jonathan C. Hughley	Partner
Mayer Brown LLP	Marcus Christian	Partner
Mayer Brown LLP	Oral Pottinger	Partner
MetLife Legal Plans	Ingrid Tolentino	Chief Executive Officer
Moss Adams	Terry Pierce	Regional Campus Recruiting Senior Manager
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	Michael A. Brown	Partner
New American Funding	Anthony Holt	Sales Manager
New American Funding	Dwayne Graham	Branch Manager
New York Life	Eric Jackson	Corporate Vice President
OneAmerica	Karen Sarratt	Executive Vice President
OPTrust	Audrey Forbes	Senior Vice President, Member Experience
Orange County Community Foundation	Tammy Tumbling	Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
S&P Global	Caliph Mathis	Vice President & Chief Security Officer
S&P Global	Cheryl Baxter	Global Head of Compliance for S&P Dow Jones Indices

S&P Global	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Administrative Professional
S&P Global	Richard Rodney	Senior Director, Head of Content Systems Development
Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP	H. Vincent McKnight Jr.	Managing Partner, Washington, DC office
Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP	Saba Bireda	Partner
Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.	Eldora L. Ellison, PhD	Director
The Procter & Gamble Company	Dara M. Kendall	Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Global Fabric & Home Care
The University of Chicago Medicine	Brian Williams, MD	Associate Professor of Surgery
Ulmer & Berne LLP	Inajo Davis Chappell	Partner; Group Leader–Nonprofit Practice; Chair–Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
Vortex Companies	Candace L. Strother	Director of Diversity & Inclusion
Walmart U.S. Neighborhood Markets	Kelvin Buncum	Executive Vice President
WilmerHale	Danielle Conley	Partner; Co-chair, Anti-Discrimination Practice

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