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***Profiles in Diversity Journal* Announces its Black Leadership Award
Winners for 2023**

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

[CLEVELAND, OH–October 30, 2023] *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® is pleased to announce the names of the 45 winners of this year's Black Leadership Award. This year's winners are powerhouses in their fields of law, business, technology, sports and more. They are also dedicated to service and can be found mentoring young female track stars, guiding new lawyers and even advising President Joe Biden on choosing the first black female U.S. Supreme Court justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson.

"The excellent leaders featured in *PDJ*'s 2023 fourth-quarter issue are leaders and teachers with a passion for guiding, mentoring and advocating for their professions, communities and the next generation of professionals," says *Profiles in Diversity Journal* publisher James Rector. "We are proud to honor them and to recognize the organizations that support their success."

The Black Leadership Award recipients who will appear in *PDJ*'s Q4 issue will share their stories and valuable insights through illuminating essays that will discuss their personal and professional successes. Life for them hasn't been "a crystal stair," as the famous African American writer Langston Hughes once wrote, but many have climbed to the top of their professions, nevertheless.

We are also shining the light on organizations that nominate candidates for the Award and demonstrate C-suite support of people of color in leadership. Inclusion of the Award winners in this magazine enhances the reputations of these organizations that employ, support and empower these high achievers. The 2023 Black Leadership Award edition of *Profiles in Diversity Journal* will be available online at www.diversityjournal.com in late December.

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

The 2023 Black Leadership Award™ Recipients

Company / Organization	Award Recipient	Title
AAA Northern California, Nevada, and Utah (AAA NCNU)	Kamili Moreland	<i>Executive Vice President, Chief People Officer, and General Counsel</i>
Akin	Ike Emehelu	<i>Partner</i>
Akin	Virgil Miller	<i>Senior Policy Advisor</i>
AMD	Karmen Clark	<i>HR Business Partner Sr. Manager</i>
AMD	Chudy Nwachukwu	<i>SMTS Product Development Eng. Data Center GPU HW Design</i>
AT&T	David C Williams	<i>Assistant Vice President</i>
Avenue5 Residential	Lorri Goldmann	<i>Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion</i>
Barilla America, Inc.	Relonda Snipe	<i>Sr. Human Resources Manager - Americas</i>
BDO USA	Angelique Scott	<i>Industry Specialty Services Senior Manager</i>
Circana	Boris Oglesby	<i>Executive Vice President & Practice Leader</i>
Circana	Cecilia Ogude	<i>Senior Vice President, Global Head of DEI at Circana</i>
Colgate Women's Games	Cheryl Toussaint	<i>Meet Director</i>
Curaleaf	Tyneeha Rivers	<i>Chief People Officer</i>
Dechert LLP	Vincent Cohen	<i>Global Managing Partner</i>
Epiq Global	Phillip Hardy	<i>Client Services Associate Project Manager</i>
Fannie Mae	Sharifa Anderson	<i>Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer</i>
Fannie Mae	Elonda Crockett	<i>VP – Automation and Process Excellence</i>
Freddie Mac	William Bagley	<i>Vice President, Enterprise Supply Chain</i>
Freddie Mac	Angela Locke	<i>VP, Human Capital Strategic Partners</i>
Gibbons P.C.	Robert Johnson	<i>Chief Diversity Officer and Director, Corporate Group</i>
Gilbane Building Company	Yvette Stevens	<i>Vice President, Director, Economic Inclusion</i>
Government Employees Health Association, Inc.	John Brown	<i>Chief Operating Officer</i>

HaystackID	Vazantha Meyers	<i>Vice President of Discovery Services</i>
Heartbeat	Stephanie Robinson	<i>Account Director</i>
Heartbeat	Stanlisha Shaffer-Berry	<i>Associate Director, Production</i>
Latham & Watkins	Danielle Conley	<i>Partner</i>
Latham & Watkins	Kirsten Jackson	<i>Partner</i>
Lincoln Financial Group	Rashanda Harris	<i>Vice President, MoneyGuard Underwriting & New Business</i>
Lincoln Financial Group	Stafford Thompson Jr.	<i>Senior Vice President, Head of Life & Executive Benefits Business Management</i>
Moss Adams	Tony Caldwell	<i>Assurance Manager</i>
New American Funding	Melissa Mason	<i>Branch Manager</i>
New American Funding	Alicia Norwood	<i>Vice President of Construction and Renovation</i>
New American Funding	Brenda Robinson	<i>Branch Manager</i>
New York Life	Carlos Vicent	<i>Vice President, Product Solutions</i>
Norton Rose Fulbright	Jamila Mensah	<i>Partner</i>
Project Bread	Khara Shearrion	<i>Senior Director of SNAP Outreach Programs</i>
Sandia National Laboratories	David Gibson	<i>Deputy Laboratories Director and Chief Operations Officer</i>
Sandia National Laboratories	Larry P. Thomas	<i>Chief Diversity Officer</i>
Sanford Heisler Sharp	Schwanda Rountree	<i>Baltimore Co-Managing Partner</i>
Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	Lestin L. Kenton, Jr.	<i>Director</i>
The Winters Group, Inc.	Mary-Frances Winters	<i>Founder & CEO</i>
Union Pacific Railroad	Cerwin Fleming	<i>General Manager Transportation</i>
Wells Fargo	Drinal Foster	<i>SVP, Workforce Engagement Leader</i>
WilmerHale	Lauren Moore	<i>Partner</i>
WilmerHale	Kevin Prussia	<i>Partner, Litigation/Controversy</i>

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