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***Profiles in Diversity Journal* Announces Diverse Lawyers Making a Difference Award Winners for 2023**

Recognizing the Achievements of Diverse Lawyers Making a Difference at Work, in the Marketplace, and in Communities across the Globe

[CLEVELAND, OH—October 25, 2023] *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® is pleased to announce the names of the winners of its second annual Diverse Lawyers Making a Difference Award. They are an illustrious group committed to diversifying their field and advancing civil rights within the tech field and throughout the United States.

For instance, Debo P. Adegbile, a partner at WilmerHale, led a civil rights audit of Google which included recommendations to the tech giant on how it can improve internal diversity, equity and inclusion and tamp down on election misinformation. Meanwhile, Cheryl James, vice president and associate counsel of New York Life, and Reena A. Gambhir, a partner at Hausfeld law firm, both play critical roles in leading DEI efforts at their respective firms and mentoring the next generation of legal professionals.

"We are proud to honor this second group of impressive and diverse lawyers," said *Profiles in Diversity Journal* publisher James Rector. "It's also exciting to honor them in PDJ's 2023 fourth-quarter issue and recognize the organizations that support and promote their success. We look forward to showcasing many more diverse attorneys who are making a difference for clients, colleagues, and communities."

The Diverse Lawyers Making a Difference Award recipients who will appear in *PDJ*'s Q4 issue will share their personal and professional experiences, highlighting how they shaped their success and of course, they will give very valuable words of advice for all readers.

The law firms and other organizations that nominated candidates for this Award deserve applause as well for demonstrating their support for creating an America that reflects all Americans. These Award winners enhance the reputations of those organizations that employ, support and empower these dedicated high achievers. The 2023 Diverse Lawyers Making a Difference Awards issue of *Profiles in Diversity Journal* will be available online at www.diversityjournal.com in late December.

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 2023 Diverse Lawyers Making a Difference Award™ Recipients

Company / Organization	Award Recipient	Title
Curaleaf	Cristina Nutzman	SVP, Associate General Counsel
DIAZCASE LAW	Gina Diaz	CEO
Epiq Global	Hudson Bitterman	Associate Project Manager
Hausfeld	Reena A Gambhir	Partner
Knobbe Martens	Charlene A Azema	Partner
Knobbe Martens	Bitia I Kianian	Associate
McDonald Carano	Karyna Armstrong	Litigation Attorney
New York Life	Cheryl . James	VP & Associate General Counsel
Norton Rose Fulbright	Ryan E Manns	Co-Head of Restructuring, United States
Union Pacific Railroad	Maqui Parkerson	Vice President Labor Relations
WilmerHale	Debo P Adegbile	Partner and Chair, Anti-Discrimination Practice

Profiles in Diversity Journal is a quarterly publication dedicated to promoting and advancing diversity, inclusion, and equity in the corporate, government, nonprofit, STEM, legal, and higher education sectors. Since 1999, Diversity Journal has helped stimulate organizational change by profiling the visionary leadership, innovative programs, and individual commitments that make it happen.

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