

Profiles in Diversity Journal Unveils the 2017 Diversity Leaders Leading the Way in Diversity and Inclusion

CLEVELAND, OH (November 28, 2016) - *Profiles in Diversity Journal* is honored to announce the recipients of the 2017 Diversity Leader Award. The annual award is presented to companies, organizations and governments that are advancing the evolution of diversity and inclusion, and the diversity officers working to achieve that goal. It recognizes outstanding standards aligning diversity initiatives as a catalyst for change to enhance business outcomes.

For nearly two decades, *Profiles in Diversity Journal* has publicly recognized the exciting and ambitious people, initiatives, and programs that support the success of diversity and inclusion around the world. Today, there is tremendous excitement and change in our work environments and markets due to globalization, technological advancements, and shifting demographics.

The 2017 Diversity Leader Award recipients:

(Listed in alphabetical order - company, Diversity Leader and corporate headquarters):

- **Aflac - Jo Anne Hill**, Director of Diversity and Employee Advocacy (Columbus, Georgia)
- **Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) - Ruth Cotter**, Chief Human Resources Officer and Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications and Investor Relations (Sunnyvale, California)
- **AT&T – Belinda Grant-Anderson**, Vice President Diversity and Inclusion (Dallas, Texas)
- **Canadian Mental Health Association, York Region - Rebecca Shields**, CEO (Ontario, Canada)
- **Capital One Financial Corporation - Meghan Welch**, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer (McLean, Virginia)
- **Cigna - Rosanna Durruthy**, Chief Diversity Officer (Hartford, Connecticut)
- **Cisco - Shari Slate**, VP & Chief Inclusion and Collaboration Officer (San Jose, California)
- **Coca-Cola European Partners - Stephanie Oueda Cruz**, Associate Director, Diversity and Inclusion (London, United Kingdom)
- **Excellus BlueCross BlueShield - Joseph Searles**, Corporate Director, Diversity & Workforce Inclusion (Rochester, New York)
- **First Horizon National Corp. - Lynne Walker**, Executive Vice President, Director of Affinity Banking and Strategy (Memphis, Tennessee)
- **Fish & Richardson P.C. - Natalie Arbaugh**, Principal and national leader of Fish & Richardson's EMPOWER Women's Initiative (Global)
- **Ford Motor Company - Meeta Huggins**, Chief Diversity Officer (Dearborn, Michigan)

- **HP Inc. - Lesley Slaton Brown**, Chief Diversity Officer (Palo Alto, California)
- **Indiana Department Administration - Terrie Daniel**, Deputy Commissioner (Indianapolis, Indiana)
- **KPMG LLP - Sue Townsen**, National Managing Partner, HR, Diversity and Corporate Responsibility (New York, New York)
- **Krungthai-AXA Life Insurance PCL (KTAXA) - David Korunic**, Chief Executive Officer (Bangkok, Thailand)
- **Liberty Mutual Insurance - Dawn Frazier-Bohnert**, Senior VP and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer (Boston, Massachusetts)
- **MGM Resorts International - Stacey Taylor**, SVP and Chief Procurement Officer (Paradise, Nevada)
- **MUFG Union Bank, N.A. - Mike Sebring**, Head of Inclusion and Diversity for the Americas (New York, New York)
- **NBCUniversal - Craig Robinson**, Executive Vice President, Chief Diversity Officer (New York, New York)
- **PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. - Marsha Jones**, Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer (Pittsburgh, PA)
- **Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) - Lucile Kamar**, Equalities Manager (London, United Kingdom)
- **Robins Kaplan LLP - Chandra Kilgriff**, Diversity, Inclusion & Pro Bono Manager (Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- **Ryder System Inc. - Patrick Pendergast**, Group Director of Recruitment (Miami, Florida)
- **Schiff Hardin LLP - Regina Speed-Bost**, Chair, Diversity Committee Energy Practice Group Leader (Washington, DC Office Coordinating Partner)
- **United States Olympic Committee - Jason Thompson**, Director, Diversity and Inclusion (Colorado Springs, Colorado)
- **Vectren Corporation - Lori Sutton**, Manager, Diversity & Inclusion (Evansville, Indiana)
- **Vodafone - Karina Govindji**, Head of Diversity (Newbury, United Kingdom)
- **Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. - Ben Hasan**, SVP, Chief Culture, Diversity & Inclusion Officer (Bentonville, Arkansas)
- **Walker's Legacy - Natalie M. Cofield**, Founder/CEO: Walker's Legacy and the Walker's Legacy Foundation (Washington, D.C.)
- **Wells Fargo & Company - Regina O. Heyward**, Head of Supplier Diversity (San Francisco, California)
- **WilmerHale - Nimesh M. Patel**, Director, Diversity and Inclusion (Washington, D.C. and Boston, Massachusetts)
- **Winston & Strawn LLP - Amanda Sommerfeld**, Partner and Diversity Committee Chair (Headquarters - Chicago, Illinois. Based in Los Angeles, CA)

Change has truly become an inherent and integral part of organizational life. And today, the most successful companies in the world rely on their diversity teams to help them respond to this change. Award winners will appear in the special edition of *Profiles in Diversity Journal* featuring the Diversity Leaders and the International Innovation in Diversity Award recipients (scheduled to be released to the public at the end of January). -30-

