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### **Announcing the 2024 Women Worth Watching<sup>®</sup> in Leadership Award Winners**

**Outstanding women leaders across the world honored by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*<sup>®</sup>**

**[CLEVELAND, OH Aug 9, 2024]** *Profiles in Diversity Journal*<sup>®</sup> is pleased to announce the 70 recipients of the magazine's 23rd annual Women Worth Watching<sup>®</sup> in Leadership Awards. They join more than 2,000 former Award recipients ([www.womenworthwatching.com](http://www.womenworthwatching.com)) who exhibit dedication to their careers, their families, their community and the young adults who they often mentor in their fields.

These women are truly worth watching for they are amazingly creative at their jobs and in their communities. Over the years, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*<sup>®</sup> has compiled a long list of these overachievers who have gone from associate to partner at prestigious law firms or from vice president to CEO or onto founders of their own companies. They are often in great demand even after they retire and they are valued as board members and consultants. That is, to say, that their success is long term and they are often noted by others after they take a bow in the pages of our journal.

In addition, their words of wisdom, as reflected in their essays, are usually powerful and well worth your attention. They advise new employees eager to climb their own career ladders to find mentors, reject naysayers and take on more difficult roles, even if they make them uncomfortable. And many of these leaders stress the importance of being mentors and of giving back to their communities as their North Star.

"It is wonderful to get to know these exciting leaders and we applaud the organizations that are nominating them for this prestigious award," said *Profiles in Diversity Journal's* Publisher James Rector. "They make it easy for us to honor their outstanding staff who are sure to be leaders of industry someday."

The Q3 edition of *Profiles in Diversity Journal*<sup>®</sup> will feature our 2024 Women Worth Watching<sup>®</sup> in Leadership award winners.

## The 2024 Women Worth Watching® in Leadership Award Recipients

<b>Company / Organization</b>	<b>Award Recipient</b>	<b>Title</b>
AAON	<b>Rebecca Thompson</b>	Chief Financial Officer/ Vice President of Finance & Treasurer
Akin	<b>Shiva Aminian</b>	Partner
Akin	<b>Michelle Chan</b>	Partner
Allnex	<b>Tanya Niu</b>	Senior VP, Americas and Executive Committee Member
AMD, Inc.	<b>Hanneke Krekels</b>	Corporate Vice President, CEO Operations
AMD, Inc.	<b>Renee Parentee</b>	Director, Technology & Product Engineering Program Management
AT&T Business	<b>Shelley Goodman</b>	Senior Vice President, AT&T Indirect Alliance Channels
AT&T Business	<b>Lauren Knish</b>	Director, AT&T Business – Wholesale Solutions
AT&T Business	<b>Meghan Warren</b>	Chief of Staff for FirstNet & Public Sector Mobility at AT&T
Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP	<b>Rebecca L. Clegg</b>	Counsel
Catalyst	<b>Kelly Montes</b>	Executive Director, US
Circana	<b>Helene Yen</b>	Principal
Circana	<b>Lauren Cosby</b>	VP, Product Management
Cohen Ziffer Frenchman & McKenna LLP	<b>Maria Brinkmann</b>	Associate
Coldwell Banker Warburg	<b>Kevelyn Guzman</b>	Regional Vice President
Curriculum Associates	<b>Kelly Sia</b>	President
Dechert LLP	<b>Siew Kam Boon</b>	Partner
Dignity Health	<b>Diane L. Martin</b>	Division Director, Marketing
DRG Talent	<b>Heather Gowdy</b>	Partner
DRG Talent	<b>Dara Z. Klarfeld</b>	Chief Executive Officer
DTO Law	<b>Lauren Hudecki</b>	Partner
Entergy	<b>Kimberly Cook-Nelson</b>	Executive Vice President, Nuclear Operations, and Chief Nuclear Officer
FordHarrison LLP	<b>Johanna G. Zelman</b>	Partner
FUJIFILM Holdings America Corporation	<b>Sarah Karlgaard</b>	General Counsel & Secretary

FUJIFILM North America Corporation	<b>Ashley Reeder</b>	Vice President of Consumer Products for the Imaging Division
Gallaudet University	<b>Dr. Khadijat K. Rashid</b>	Provost
Gibbons P.C.	<b>Renée L. Monteyne</b>	Director of Professional and Organizational Development
Globality Inc.	<b>Sonia Mathai</b>	Chief Human Resources Officer
Herrick, Feinstein LLP	<b>Theresa Balducci</b>	Counsel
Herrick, Feinstein LLP	<b>Liliana Chang</b>	Partner
Herrick, Feinstein LLP	<b>Christina Ying</b>	Partner
Hoguet Newman Regal & Kenney, LLP	<b>Wendy Tsang</b>	Associate
Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP	<b>Tamara Kraljic</b>	Counsel
Idaho National Laboratory	<b>Dr. Shannon Bragg-Sitton</b>	Director, Integrated Energy & Storage Systems Division
Idaho National Laboratory	<b>Geri Rackow</b>	Director, Occupational Health Services
Idaho National Laboratory	<b>Julie A. Ulrich</b>	Senior Manager, Labwide Communication Services
Knobbe Martens	<b>Maria Stout</b>	Partner
Krauss Shaknes Tallentire & Messeri LLP	<b>Jennifer Montoya</b>	Associate
Latham & Watkins	<b>Lindsey Champlin</b>	Partner
Lighthouse	<b>Stacy Ybarra</b>	Chief Marketing Officer
Mayer Brown LLP	<b>Lauren F. Pryor</b>	Partner
McDonald Carano LLP	<b>Chelsea Latino</b>	Partner and Vice-Chair of the Employment & Labor Law Practice
Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP	<b>Iveliz Crespo</b>	Director of DEI and Talent Development
MoloLamken LLP	<b>Swara Saraiya</b>	Associate
National Debt Relief	<b>Natalia Brown</b>	Chief Compliance and Consumer Affairs Officer
New American Funding	<b>Patty Arvielo</b>	CEO & Co-Founder
New American Funding	<b>Mosi Gatling</b>	SVP, Strategic Growth & Expansion
New American Funding	<b>Caroline Isern Robinson</b>	SVP, Multicultural Lending
New York Life	<b>Liz Brill</b>	Senior Vice President & CFO of the Foundational Business
Norton Rose Fulbright	<b>Mary E. Young</b>	Partner-in-Charge, Minneapolis
Pitts Leadership Consulting LLC	<b>Shamis A. Pitts</b>	Founder & CEO
Prosperity Now	<b>Marisa Calderon</b>	President & CEO

Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	<b>Jennifer Estremera</b>	Partner & Firm Deputy Managing Partner
Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	<b>Amy Ruhland</b>	Managing Partner, Austin Office
Robins Kaplan LLP	<b>Carrie Lambert</b>	Partner, Chair of Professional Development
Robins Kaplan LLP	<b>Manleen Singh</b>	Partner and Chair of Robins Kaplan Attorneys of Color Resource Group
Sanford Heisler Sharp	<b>Sharon Kim</b>	Senior Litigation Counsel
Sempra	<b>Lisa Larroque Alexander</b>	Senior vice president, corporate affairs and chief sustainability officer
Sempra	<b>Karen Sedgwick</b>	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Seward & Kissel LLP	<b>Noelle Indelicato</b>	Partner
SimplePractice	<b>Smita Wadhawan</b>	Chief Marketing Officer
Spirent Communications	<b>Cheryl Ragland</b>	Chief Marketing Officer
Stretto	<b>Melinda Bennett</b>	Managing Director
Stride, Inc.	<b>Niyoka McCoy</b>	Chief Learning Officer
SX2 Ventures	<b>Samina Bari</b>	Biotech Executive & Strategic Advisor
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso	<b>Dr. Alyssa Cervantes Benavides</b>	Managing Director, Office of Interprofessional Education
UW Tacoma	<b>Dr. Rachel Endo</b>	Founding Dean & Professor
Valley National Bank	<b>Collyn Gilbert</b>	Executive Vice President, Chief Strategy & Marketing Officer
Van Dermyden Makus Law Corporation	<b>Liz DeChellis</b>	Partner & Title IX Program Director, AWI-CH
WilmerHale	<b>Lori Echavarria</b>	Partner-in-Charge, Los Angeles Office; Vice Chair, Securities & Financial Services Department

### **About *Profiles in Diversity Journal*<sup>®</sup>**

Now in its 26th year of publication, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*<sup>®</sup> is a quarterly B2B magazine that focuses on diversity, inclusion, and equity in business, government, nonprofit, higher education, and military settings. The *Journal* presents interviews, profiles, articles, case studies, and awards that highlight mission-driven leadership, best practices, workforce strategies, innovative ideas, and important individual contributions in the realm of diversity and inclusion.

Since 1999, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*<sup>®</sup> has recognized the individuals, teams, and organizations that create, develop, and promote strategies and initiatives that support diversity, inclusion, and equity in the workplace and the larger community.

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