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Profiles in Diversity Journal® Announces its second Veteran Leadership™ Award Winners

[CLEVELAND, OH–Aug 8, 2024] ***Profiles in Diversity Journal***® is pleased to announce the winners of the magazine's second Veteran Leadership™ Awards. This award salutes the achievements of these twelve honorees in their civilian lives where they have displayed an unmatched dedication to their work, community and their fellow veterans. They represent a variety of companies and organizations and our winners range from a Chairman & CEO and Army veteran to partners in law firms.

"We applaud the the winners of *Profiles in Diversity Journal's*® second Veteran Leadership Award for their steadfast dedication to their jobs and to their fellow veterans," said *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® Publisher James Rector. "Service is the most frequent word in the essays of these extraordinary leaders – service to their country, their companies and to their families and for that we give them a hearty thanks."

Our winners include Jeffrey W. Martin, Sempra's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. He directs North America's premier energy infrastructure company after having served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Martin learned the importance of serving an ideal greater than himself as a captain in the U.S. Army. He carries that same value every day at Sempra where he guides the company and over 20,000 employees, including more than 800 veterans and active reservists across Sempra's family of companies. Sempra helps advance the transition — and the world — to a lower carbon future, one that balances the need for cleaner energy with the necessity of reliability and resiliency for a rapidly changing world.

Prior to law school, another winner, John A. Fortin served 10 years on U.S. Navy active duty as a cryptologist and intelligence analyst. Upon matriculation to law school, Fortin transitioned to Naval Reserves where he continues to serve today. Throughout his ongoing 18 years of Navy service, Fortin received leadership awards from the Department of Defense, Navy, and intelligence community. He has served on the leadership team of the Young Lawyers Section (YLS) of the Nevada State Bar since becoming licensed to practice law in 2019. YLS elected Fortin to the prestigious leadership role as the YLS representative to the Nevada Supreme Court's Commission on Access to Justice. In 2022, the Nevada Supreme Court also officially appointed Fortin to the Commission. Fortin is a member of the new Committee on Sealed Cases, addressing access to justice issues for pro bono attorneys, and the new Committee on Specialization, developing requirements to certify attorneys in appellate law.

Profiles in Diversity Journal® will tell much more of their stories, and those of other outstanding military veterans, in our second edition dedicated to our Veteran Leadership award winners. You will find that our thoughtful and inspiring award winners have much to say about their respective career fields and the importance of service to others.

Below are the names and job titles of this year's Veteran Leadership Award recipients and the names of the organizations that nominated them for this honor.

The 2024 Veteran Leadership™ Award Recipients

Company / Organization	Award Recipient	Title
Freddie Mac	**Peter Hart**	Development Tech Lead
Freddie Mac	**James Hilbert**	Senior Director of Default Fees & Claims, Single-Family Servicing Operations
FUJIFILM Holdings Americas Corporation	**Jason McKenna**	Chief Human Resources Officer and Vice President of Travel
McDonald Carano LLP	**John A. Fortin**	Litigation Attorney
NMRS	**Chip Gray**	Senior Associate
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP	**Eli Gaylor**	Senior Associate
Outside GC LLC	**Gregory Williamson**	Managing Partner
Sempra	**Jeffrey W. Martin**	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Transamerica	**Joshua Durham**	Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Transamerica Asset Management
Transamerica	**Michael Nacarato**	Senior Director, Vendor & Third Party Management
Union Pacific Railroad	**Todd Rynaski**	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting, Risk and Compliance Officer
WilmerHale	**Erik Swabb**	Partner

About *Profiles in Diversity Journal*®

Now in its 26th year of publication, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*® 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*® 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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