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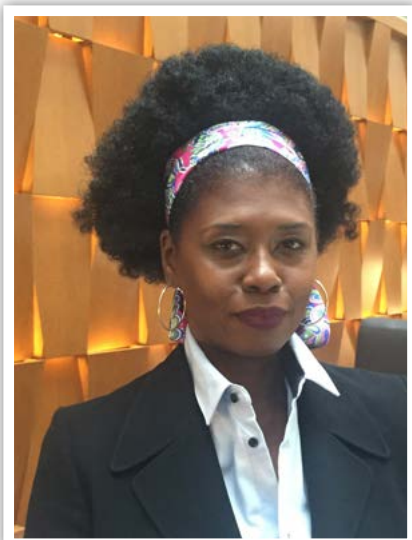
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Lawyers of Color is delighted to release our annual Caucus Issue. Within these pages we recognize the esteemed members of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, as well as their dynamic Capitol Hill Staffers and the nation's Top Lobbyists & Influencers.

Lawyers of Color's selection committee, composed of its fellows, advisers, and editorial staff, chose distinguished members of the legal profession who may not fit the traditional definition of a lobbyist but are on the front lines of consequential national political and policy battles.

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Create a black law student judicial clerkship collaborative

Throughout the country there are judicial clerkship programs targeted at diverse law students; however, few clerkships go to black law graduates. We are going to create a collaborative that helps determine and scale the most effective methods and programs.

Provide qualified summer associate candidates to firms that have difficulty recruiting black law students.

We contacted nearly 100 law firms that had less than 1 percent black lawyers. Most did not respond, but of the three who responded, two explained they were IP firms and found it difficult to find black law students with STEM degrees. We are going to create a free black law student resume bank and pre-screening interview service law firms.

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John Lewis
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In my previous role as Chief of Staff in the U.S. House of Representatives, I learned to prioritize short and long-term tasks simultaneously. In the ever-changing nature of Congress, it is imperative to balance the needs of the constituents with the current legislation and issues of the day. To do that well, you must take time to plan, communicate well, and remain informed. That is a direct correlation to the responsibilities of my current role. I am working with my colleagues on policy and regulatory affairs and social impact through community engagement, financial inclusion efforts and engagement with policy leaders.



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In addition to being a lawyer, Phillippo has served on many boards including the Clara Elizabeth Jackson Carter Foundation, the Ellington Fund, the National Conference for Community and Justice, Sidwell Friends School, For the Love of Children (FLOC), and the National Symphony Orchestra. She was chair of the board trustees of the Washington Region for Justice and Inclusion. Phillippo was named part of The Legal 500 U.S. in the Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory category in 2013, 2017, and 2018.



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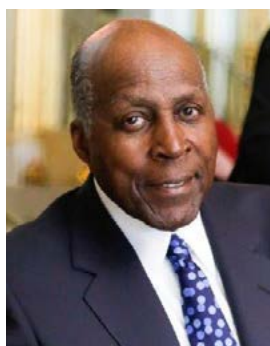
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