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Corporate Counsel Announces Its 2024 Women, Influence and Power in Law Awards!

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Women, Influence & Power in Law



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Profiles of the below winners will run on Corporate Counsel in September as part of the recognition event. Congratulations!

In-House Awards

Innovative Leadership

- Stephanie Adams, Sherwin Williams
- Ayesha Ahmed, Nexus Pharmaceuticals
- Jennifer Broxmeyer, Meta
- Shreeka Devi, HaystackID
- Sheila Jambekar, Dayforce
- Amy Harris, UMB Financial Corp.
- Mollie Nichols, Redgrave Data
- Jessica Nguyen, Docusign
- Karen McCain Borno, Verizon
- Lydia Petrakis, Microsoft
- Courtney Stout, The Coca-Cola Company

Thought Leadership

- Nithya B. Das, Diligent
- Lamis Hossain, Uber
- Alyson Lawrence, Johnson & Johnson
- Winnie Ling, Blend
- Christina Phister, Dolby Laboratories
- Mary Smith, VENG Group
- Hyun Jee Son, Instacart

Collaborative Leadership

- Laurie Barnes, Bridgewater Associates
- Kara Eaton, Crown Castle
- Mali Friedman, Washington Commanders
- Sue Hahm Walker, Salesforce
- Jennifer Handley, Uber
- Leslie Regenbaum, Stax
- Lauren Robinson, Filecoin Foundation
- Katie Sluss and Sima Ajdari, TikTok

Legal Operations

- Risa Drexler, Unilever
- Jennifer Hightower, Cox Enterprises
- Jennifer Phillips, Kenvue
- Whitney Stefko, Ford Motor Company
- Katina Thornock, Providence

Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Anne Brafford, Institute for Well Being in Law
- Shalanda Franklin, PepsiCo

Mentor & Mentee Collaboration

- Joanne Flack, Rackspace Technology
- Berta Matos, PepsiCo
- Jasmine Singh, Binti
- Julie Stencil, Xcel Energy

Ally of the Year

- Renee Ahlers Beckoff, Bridgewater Associates
- Joyce Kammoun, PepsiCo
- Tony West, Uber

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Champion

- Amanda Arriaga, Texas CASA
- Kristin Campanelli, ConnectiCare
- Saerin Cho, Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- Yosr Hamza, Gartner
- Kristy T. Harlan, Weyerhaeuser
- Trudy Fountain-James, Atos
- Michelle Riley, Bregal Investments

GC of the Year

- Catherine Budzynski, Ohmium International
- Cynthia Gibson, Bush Brothers & Company
- Jacqueline Lee, Flynn Group
- Hope Mehlman, Discover Financial Services
- Karna Nisewaner, Cadence Design Systems

Lifetime Achievement

- Jo-Anne Kelly, Citi
- Juliette W. Pryor, Lowes
- Laura Schumacher, BarkerGilmore

Law Firm Awards**Innovative Leadership**

- Alma Asay, Crowell & Moring
- Karen Buzard, A&O Shearman
- Lori G. Cohen, Greenberg Traurig
- Ashley Picker Dubin, Day Pitney
- Lisa Mayo Haynes, Ballard Spahr
- Kelli Kohout, Davis Wright Tremaine
- Kimberly Myers, Akin
- Jennifer Pafiti, Pomerantz
- Terri R. Stewart, Fisher & Phillips

Thought Leadership

- Michele DeStefano, University of Miami School of Law
- Leah Edelboim, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft Law Firm
- Chambord Benton-Hayes, Benton Employment Law
- Sarah Peterson, Fragomen
- Rachel Reid, Eversheds Sutherland
- Nikki Reeves, King & Spalding
- Stephanie Sheridan, Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff
- Amy Simmerman, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
- Sheila Swaroop, Knobbe Martens

Collaborative Leadership

- Elsa Andrianifahanana, Jones Day
- Erika Arner, Finnegan
- Betty Jang, BYJ Law
- Debra Ellwood Meppen, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
- Jennifer Minter, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney
- Melissa A. Peña, Norris McLaughlin
- Michèle Penzer and Miriam Ingber, Latham & Watkins / Yale Law School, Yale Launchpad Scholars
- Amber Rogers, Hunton Andrews Kurth
- Julia Reiland, Lathrop GPM
- Anne Marie Seibel, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings

Mental Health & Well Being Initiative

- Robin Bresky, Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas
- Meg E. George, Akerman

- Jennifer Gibbs, Zelle
- Hayley Hanson, Husch Blackwell
- Lauren Klein, Flourish Law Group
- Erin McClernon, Ogletree Deakins
- Emily Logan Stedman, Husch Blackwell

Mentor & Mentee Collaboration

- Rachel Black, Susman Godfrey
- Jill Bloom, Fragomen
- Elizabeth D. Ferrill, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner
- Colleen Hart, Proskauer Rose
- Jessica Lewis, WilmerHale
- Michelle Mantine, Reed Smith
- Serena Agaba Rwejanya, White & Case
- Charan Sandhu and Olivia Greer, Weil, Gotshal & Manges
- Katherine [Katie] M. Sinderson, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann

Talent Management

- Katherine Ashley, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- Andrea Basham and Meghan Rissmiller, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Stacie B. Collier, Nixon Peabody
- Lauren Hakala, Reed Smith
- Jacey Prupas, Snell & Wilmer
- Anna Stowe, Hecker Fink
- Jennifer Trock, Baker McKenzie

Ally of the Year

- Judge Lisa Chrystal, Brach Eichler
- James Crumlin, Spencer Fane
- Talin Hitik, Hitik Law
- Malaika Lindo, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
- LaKeisha C. Marsh, Akerman
- Colin Murray, Baker McKenzie
- Jennifer Wu, Groombridge, Wu, Baughman & Stone

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Champion

- Kobi Kennedy Brinson, Winston & Strawn
- Carrie Cohen, Morrison Foerster
- Angela Daker, White & Case
- Rachel Powitzky Steely, Foley & Lardner
- Marissa Román Griffith, Akin
- Nikki Lewis Simon, Greenberg Traurig
- Shanon R. Stevenson, Fisher & Phillips
- Alicia Vaz, Cox, Castle & Nicholson

Managing Partner of the Year

- Julie Fink, Hecker Fink
- Joanna Horsnail, Mayer Brown
- Elsa Ramo, Ramo Law
- Sherrese Smith, Paul Hastings
- Danielle Williams, Winston & Strawn
- Donna Wilson, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips

Lifetime Achievement

- Beth J. Jay, Horvitz & Levy
- Elaine Johnston, A&O Shearman
- Lisa Phelan, Morrison Foerster
- Anna Pinedo, Mayer Brown
- Cynthia Shoss, Eversheds Sutherland

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