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Heather received her Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ottawa and her Bachelor of Science (Honors) from Queen's University. She is a member of both the New York and Ontario bars, and is an active member of a number of trade and professional organizations including the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Women in Cable Telecommunications (WICT), National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC) and Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia. Heather is also a Board Member and Co-Chair of the Membership Committee of the Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter of WICT.