**2023 LCLD PATHFINDER PRESS RELEASE TEMPLATE**

**[Individual] Named a Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Pathfinder**

(DATELINE, Date) – [Name of individual] has been named a Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) [Pathfinder](https://www.lcldnet.org/programs/pathfinders/) for 2023. A multifaceted program produced by LCLD, the Pathfinder program provides participants with the opportunity to learn from top leaders in the legal profession as well as career development experts. Over the course of seven months, the program is designed to train high-performing attorneys who are early in their careers on foundational leadership and relationship-building skills.

“[Name of Pathfinder] has shown an incredible commitment to building a more diverse organization here at [name of firm/company], and I am delighted that he/she has been named an LCLD Pathfinder,” said [name of managing partner/general counsel or Member org representative]. “[Name of Pathfinder] reflects all that we value in a future leader, and I look forward to his/her many contributions in the years ahead.”

The Pathfinder program, conceived as a supplement to training initiatives already in place at LCLD Member corporations and law firms, provides participants with practical tools for developing and leveraging internal professional networks, leadership skills and an understanding of career development strategies. In addition to full class programming, each participant is placed in a small group that is led by a Program Facilitator who serves as a mentor to help the Pathfinder connect what they learn in the program to the organization at which they work.

LCLD President Robert J. Grey Jr. added, “Much thought and research is behind the design of the Pathfinder program, which will serve to advance high-potential diverse attorneys to the next level of their careers.”

In addition to the exclusive leadership and professional-development curriculum that is unique to the Pathfinder program, this year’s 462 LCLD Pathfinders will have several opportunities—from class meetings to group peer circles—to meet and interact with their peers, both in person and in a virtual format.

Selected by leaders at LCLD Member corporations and law firms, Pathfinders have been identified as diverse, early-career emerging leaders who have distinguished—or have the potential to distinguish—themselves within their organizations.

***The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity*** *is an organization of more than 400 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners—the leadership of the profession—who have pledged themselves, through our Leaders at the Front initiative and other means, to creating a truly diverse U.S. legal profession. Our action programs are designed to attract, inspire, and nurture the talent in society and within our organizations, thereby helping a new and more diverse generation of attorneys ascend to positions of leadership. By producing tangible results in our institutions, we work to promote inclusiveness in our organizations, our circles of influence, and our society, with the ultimate goal of building a more equitable and diverse legal profession.* [*https://www.lcldnet.org/*](https://www.lcldnet.org/)

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