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OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Robins Kaplan is committed to attracting, retaining, and advancing top diverse talent who will help drive innovation and success. Diverse teams are more creative, nimble, and generate stronger results. Through our efforts, we leverage the power of our collective diversity. By doing so, we redefine and expand the possibilities of success for our clients and ourselves.

DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT: CASEY MATTHIESEN



What is one fun fact about you?

I had a glass of Scotch whisky with then-Prime Minister David Cameron in Palace of Westminster when I interned for the House of Commons. For the record, I do not like whisky, but what choice did I have? Literally, two weeks later the Brexit vote happened and he resigned.

What inspires you?

My inspiration comes from artistry, people, and diversity in culture. Aristotle said, "Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." Whether applied in a creative context or performance in a courtroom, this reasoning remains true. Art and culture are a form of expression and a means to create something significant - which is often times what we as lawyers do to achieve great results for our clients.

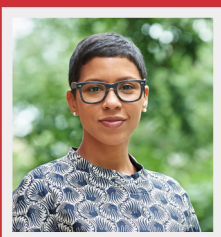
Why is diversity, equity and inclusion important to you?

For many years, I struggled with my Native American identity and feeling comfortable in my own skin. Diverse and inclusive environments have provided me a safe space to embrace my identity in an amazing way. DEI is important to me because by celebrating each other's varied backgrounds, skills, and life experiences, we uplift people of color to succeed.

What are you looking forward to most in 2022?

Traveling, golfing, and outdoor yoga classes! I also promised myself that I would spend some long-overdue quality time with my acrylic paints.

DEI SPOTLIGHT



NYU PROFESSOR MELISSA MURRAY ANNOUNCED AS PRIDE MONTH EVENT SPEAKER

LGBTQ and WoRK Resource Group Pride Month Event Speaker, Professor Melissa Murray, will discuss the implications of the Supreme Court's decision in the abortion rights case, including the broader right of privacy—which landmark LGBTQ cases rely upon for their constitutional roots.

Professor Murray is a leading scholar and trailblazer of constitutional law, reproductive rights, and justice. She is the current co-host of the popular podcast, *Strict Scrutiny*. She dedicates her expertise to award-winning research focusing on the legal regulation of sex, sexuality, marriage, reproductive rights, and justice.

Murray earned her law degree from Yale Law School, and currently serves as the Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law at New York University (NYU) School of Law. Prior to NYU, Murray clerked for then-judge Sonia Sotomayor. Additionally, she was the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of Law and Interim Dean of Berkeley Law, and the first Black woman to lead a top-ten law school. Murray's articles have appeared in leading law journals, including the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, and the *Columbia Law Review*.

Registration details to follow.



CHRISTINE YUN SAUER



BRANDON VAUGHN

A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP FOR ATTORNEYS OF COLOR RESOURCE GROUP

New leadership emerges for the Attorneys of Color (AOC) Resource Group as **Christine Yun Sauer** steps down as chair, and **Brandon Vaughn** accepts the responsibility as the new chair. Brandon is excited to focus on fostering community throughout the firm while also developing peer mentorship for our attorneys of color by building on shared experiences.

We are excited to embrace the future of the AOC Resource Group, and we thank Christine for her dedication and work in leading and shaping the AOC Resource Group at Robins Kaplan.

HOW TO CHART YOUR OWN PATH AT ROBINS KAPLAN



Join the WoRK Resource Group to hear from a panel of women attorneys at Robins Kaplan who have established different career paths within the firm, including two equity partners of varying experience, **Melissa D'Alelio** (Boston) and **Tara Sutton** (Minneapolis); an income partner, **Christine Yun Sauer** (California); and counsel, **Manleen Singh** (Boston). This webinar will help attendees navigate and understand the different options they have for growing within the firm, including becoming an equity partner, income partner, or pursuing a role outside of partnership.

JULY 13, 1-2PM CST

Sponsored by the Women of Robins Kaplan (WoRK) Resource Group Planning Committee Chair Rashanda Bruce



RASHANDA BRUCE



Please find [here](#) a list of diversity observances that you may find useful when planning firm activities. The list will be modified as needed to reflect corrections and new information. **Note:** the observances are for informative purposes only.

CONGRATULATIONS



STACEY SLAUGHTER



HOLLY DOLEJSI



LAUREN COPPOLA

Congratulations to partners **Stacey Slaughter** (Competition), **Holly Dolejsi** (Liability), and **Lauren Coppola** (Telecommunications) for being appointed to Law360's 2022 Editorial Advisory Boards.



STEPHANIE CHEN

Congratulations to attorney **Stephanie Chen** for moderating the first in-person Twin Cities Diversity in Practice annual meeting featuring St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter.