

Thompson & Knight Chief Diversity Officer to Lead the Association of Law Firm Diversity Professionals

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Houston (April 25, 2008) – The global law firm of Thompson & Knight LLP is pleased to announce Partner and Chief Diversity Officer Pauline E. Higgins has been named as President of the Association of Law Firm Diversity Professionals (ALFDP). The ALFDP was established in 2006, and Ms. Higgins will serve a term of two years.

“It is a great honor to serve as President of such a necessary and important organization,” says Ms. Higgins. “We look forward to providing a forum for a productive dialogue and exchange of ideas among legal and corporate diversity and inclusion professionals around the globe in promoting, encouraging, and sustaining diversity and inclusion in the legal field.”

In her role as the Firm's Chief Diversity Officer, Ms. Higgins designs, implements, and monitors initiatives that support the Firm's commitment to cultivate and maintain diversity and inclusion. In addition, she is a Partner in Thompson & Knight's Finance Practice Group representing clients in banking, structured finance, asset securitizations, and asset backed securities transactions as well as in mergers and acquisitions.

The ALFDP's mission is to be a catalyst for the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession by drawing upon members' expertise, vision, and advocacy for law firm diversity and inclusion. The organization is composed of senior level diversity professionals in major U.S. law firms whose positions place them at the forefront of increasing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Collectively, they seek to establish best practices and initiatives to assist the legal profession in achieving and sustaining true diversity and in recruiting, mentoring, sponsoring, promoting, and retaining attorneys of color, women, and all underrepresented groups.

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