

Three Vorys Attorneys Named to the Lawyers of Color “Hot List 2020”

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Vorys is pleased to announce that Akilah Craig, Nita Garg and Janay Stevens have been named to the Lawyers of Color Hot List 2020. The list recognizes in-house counsel, law firm associates and partners, and government attorneys of color those who have excelled in the legal field.

Craig, an associate in the Vorys Houston office, is a member of the labor and employment group. Akilah counsels and defends employers on wide-ranging employment matters arising under federal and state law. Akilah is also a member of the Vorys Diversity & Inclusion Committee, the Vorys Diversity Council, and the Vorys Women’s Council. In addition, Akilah is a Trustee of the Association of Women Attorneys Foundation, which awards scholarships and fellowships to Houston-area female law students, and the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, which awards annual grants to non-profit organizations in Harris County, Texas.

Garg, an associate and member of the health care group, focuses her practice on assisting clients with health care regulatory issues, including those related to fraud and abuse compliance, privacy, and physician contracting. She is a member of both the Vorys Women’s Network Council and the Vorys Diversity Network Council. Nita serves on the board for the Women Lawyers of Franklin County and is the Chair of the Columbus Bar Association Health Law Committee.

Stevens, an associate in the Vorys Columbus office, is a member of the labor and employment group. She advises employers on compliance and litigation matters, including matters involving the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Janay leads the Vorys Initiative for Business Empowerment which provides legal support for minority-owned businesses. Janay is a member of the Vorys Diversity & Inclusion committee and leads the Vorys Diversity Network. Janay is the president of the John Mercer Langston Bar Association—Columbus’ black attorney bar association—and serves on the board for the Women Lawyers of Franklin County and the Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors.

According to Lawyers of Color, attorneys are selected through a two-pronged process. First, the selection committee, composed of editorial staff, fellows and advisers, reviewed nominations and researched legal publications in order to identify promising candidates. The committee also made editorial picks by researching attorneys who had noteworthy accomplishments, giving special attention to candidates who were active in legal diversity pipeline initiatives.

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