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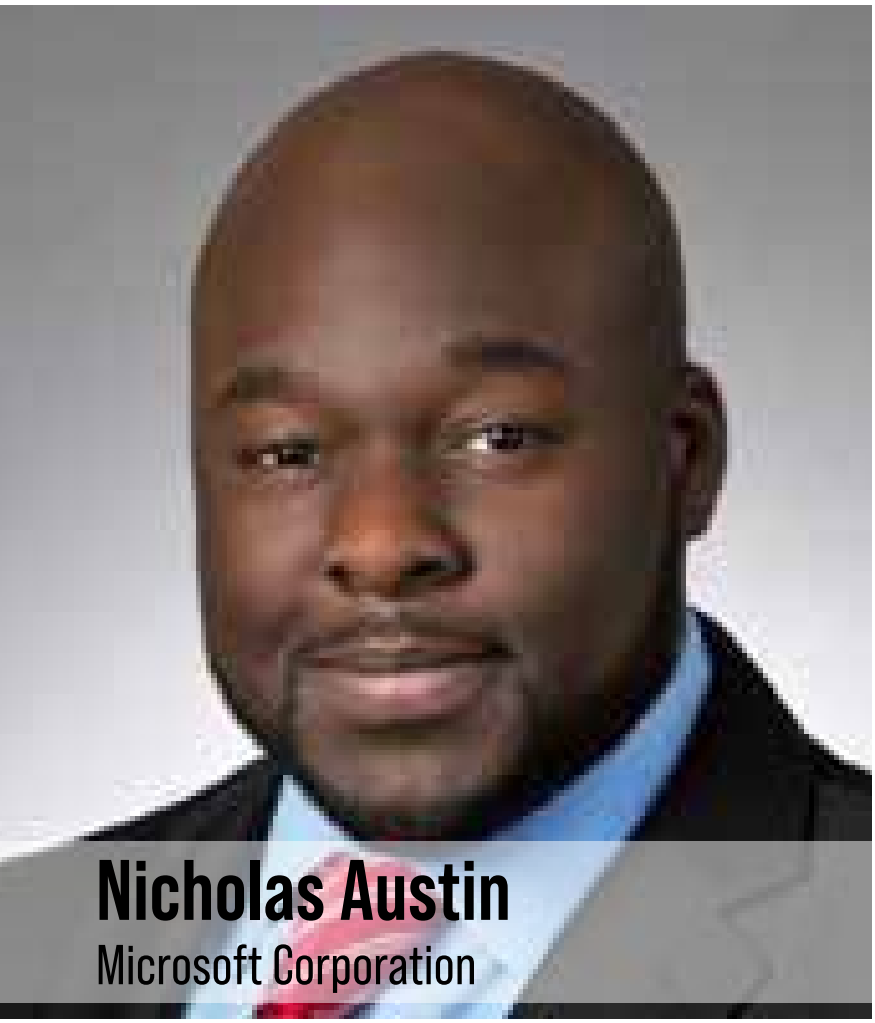

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Jamie Raju

Haynes Boone salutes **Jamie Raju** who has been named to the **Lawyers of Color Annual Hot List for 2022.**

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Nick Austin, our Young Lawyer of the Year and the recipient of our inaugural Phoenix Award, was among our first group of honorees. Lawyers of Color and Nick have grown up together. Judging by Nick's stellar career, the legal profession is in capable hands. Lawyers of Color looks forward to celebrating their accomplishments in our second decade.

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Name	Summary	Submission and/or Nomination Open Date	Nomination Close Date	Bio/Photo/ Ad Copy Submission Deadline	Publication Date
Diversity Issue (Legal Profession)	Honoring diversity professionals and diversity committee chairs.	December 20, 2022	Comprehensive No Nomination	January 11, 2023	January 25, 2023
Power Issue	Honoring the most influential minority attorneys, including general counsel, law firm managing partners and executive committee members, and law school deans.	December 20, 2022	Comprehensive No Nomination	January 25, 2023	February 28, 2023
Black Guide to Law Schools	Ranking the top National law schools for Black students.	January 3, 2023	Comprehensive No Nomination	February 8, 2023	March 20, 2023
Judicial Issue	Judicial Issue A comprehensive directory of BIPOC federal and state judges and law clerks.	January 9, 2023	Comprehensive No Nomination	February 20, 2023	April 3, 2023
Diversity Issue (Law Schools)	A comprehensive directory of law school diversity officers. Also honoring BIPOC law professors.	January 9, 2023	February 6, 2023	March 6, 2023	April 10, 2023
Wonderful Women	Honoring prominent women in the legal profession.	February 6, 2023	March 6, 2023	March 28, 2023	May 9, 2023
Law Firm Leaders	Honoring minority law firm attorneys who are managing partners, executive committee members, and practice group chairs.	March 7, 2023	April 7, 2023	May 2, 2023	June 13, 2023
Hot List	Honoring junior- and mid-level attorneys.	April 10, 2023	May 10, 2023	June 5, 2023	July 17, 2023
Black Guide to Law Firms	Reporting the year over year Black attorney percentages for each of the 500 largest law firms and consequential boutique law firms.	May 15, 2023	Comprehensive No Nomination	June 26, 2023	August 1, 2023
Black Caucus Issue	Honoring the top Capitol Hill staffers, lobbyists, and influencers.	June 12, 2023	July 12, 2023	August 7, 2023	September 18, 2023
Hispanic Issue	Honoring prominent Hispanic legal professionals.	July 2, 2023	August 2, 2023	August 28, 2023	October 3, 2023
Nation's Best	Honoring law firm and in-house counsel senior level attorneys.	August 3, 2023	September 4, 2023	October 2, 2023	November 6, 2023
Nonprofit/ Public Interest/Pro Bono	Honoring public interest BIPOC attorneys.	September 4, 2023	October 4, 2023	October 30, 2021	December 13, 2023

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Board Diversity Apprentice Project (BDAP)	Provide nonprofit training workshops to lawyers of color then match them with nonprofit boards.
Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Fellowships	Provide DEI training, mentors, and a certificate program to lawyers of color to prepare them to be DEI professionals.
Justice Reporter Fellows	Train and fund social justice reporters to write stories at the intersection of law and justice.

Nicholas "Nick" Austin is Lawyers of Color's Young Attorney of the Year and the recipient of our inaugural Phoenix Award, which announces his ascension from the Hot List due to his tremendous career accomplishments and continued work in the service of diversity.

Nicholas "Nick" Austin has a blazing career. He currently serves as principal corporate counsel at Microsoft, Inc. where he focuses on cloud technology transactions and other strategic initiatives. Nick previously worked at Wells Fargo Bank as vice president and senior counsel in the Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), Venture Capital (VC) and Strategic Transactions Group. While at Wells Fargo, Nick served as a diversity leader for the bank. Prior to Wells Fargo, Nick worked as M&A and VC Counsel at Caterpillar, where he advised senior company executives on legal matters pertaining to M&A and Caterpillar's VC and joint venture projects and as an associate at Foley & Lardner, LLP, Nick handled M&A and business transactions.

Nick works tirelessly to advance diversity in the legal profession. In the last year, he has lent his insight to several organizations and programs, including being a panelist at "Promoting Women and Black Americans in Big and Corporate Law" sponsored by the Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division, National Bar Association (GWAC) and the National HBCU Pre-Law Summit & Law Expo.

In addition to being named to the Hot List numerous times, Nick was named Lawyer of the Year by Washington Bar Association Young Lawyers Division in 2015 and selected for the On The Rise program by the American Bar Association, which also selected him to participate in the ABA's Men of Color Project, which exists to build leaders in the law field, facilitate intergenerational support, and encourage community service and civic engagement amongst men of color in law.

Nick currently serves as the current treasurer of the National Bar Association and chair of the Small Business Section of the National Bar Association. He is also a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Praise for Austin

It is a privilege to join with Lawyers of Color to congratulate and thank Nick Austin, Esq. on being recognized as the Young Attorney of the Year. Nick is blazing a trail in corporate law that is expanding the pipeline of opportunities for today's and future generations of BIPOC attorneys. Keep rising and representing, Nick! —Rawle Andrews Jr., Esq., president, Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Nick's genuine sense of social responsibility to the Black community and strong commitment to the next generation of Black lawyers are undeniable. Throughout the years, anytime I have called on him to speak or mentor, he is there. His only questions are where and when. No excuses. He has remained grounded and grateful- always going above and beyond to serve - providing advice and encouragement to those who hope to be where he is someday. He has an abundance mindset and wants to see others who look like us succeed. Nick is incredibly deserving of this special honor and recognition. I am proud to call him both colleague and friend." —Evangeline M. Mitchell, Esq., Ed.M., Founder, National HBCU Pre-Law Summit and National Black Pre-Law Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts

It is not often that one sees a young attorney who represents the future. However, in just a few years in private practice, as in-house counsel and as a leader of the Bar, Nick Austin's star shines brightly. He is already an inspiring servant leader. There are no limits for Nick." —Benjamin F. Wilson, retired Chairman, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.

Nick is committed to the legal profession but also to ensuring community impact. He strives for excellence in all he does and also diligently mentors those entering the profession." —Kendra Brown, Vice President, Policy, Mastercard

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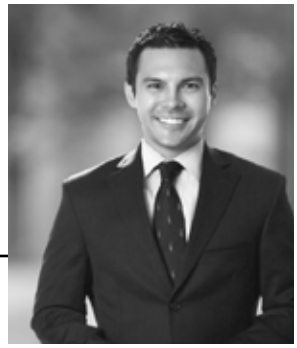

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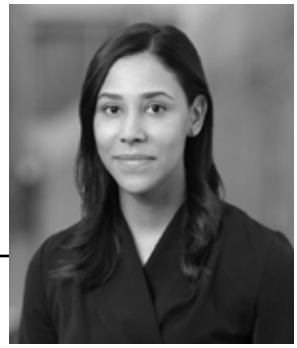

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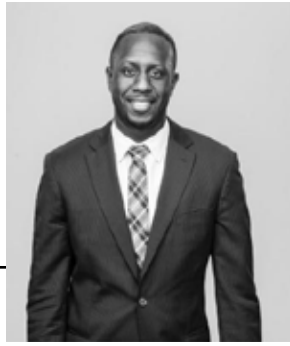

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