Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Honors Haynes Boone with 2026 Compass and Top Performer Awards

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Haynes Boone received the 2026 Compass Award from the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) and earned its Top Performer designation for the fifth time.

The Compass Award honors firms that demonstrate a strong commitment to LCLD's mission through leadership involvement, attorney participation and professional development initiatives, while the Top Performer Award recognizes members with the highest levels of participation in LCLD programs throughout the year.

Earlier this year, Haynes Boone nominated three associates to participate in LCLD's 2026 Fellows and Pathfinders Programs. **Erica Penn-Mensah** was selected as a Fellow, while **Dominique Baldwin** and **Re'Necia Sherald** were selected as Pathfinders.

The yearlong Fellows Program provides leadership development and relationship-building opportunities for attorneys poised to become leaders in the legal profession. The seven-month Pathfinders Program focuses on foundational leadership skills, professional networking and career development for early-career attorneys.

Penn-Mensah is based in Haynes Boone's New York office, where she works in the firm's **Finance Practice Group**, focusing on financial transactions and regulatory matters, including over-the-counter derivatives and related compliance issues.

Baldwin works in the firm's **Labor and Employment** and **Litigation** Practice Groups, advising employers on employment litigation, workplace policies and regulatory compliance.

Sherald is an associate in Haynes Boone's **Restructuring Practice Group**. She represents debtors and creditors in a range of restructuring matters, including in- and out-of-court workouts, bankruptcy litigation and distressed transactions.

LCLD is an organization of more than 400 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners committed to ensuring all talent thrives, with the ultimate goal of building a more equitable and diverse legal profession.

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