



Michelle Martin Bonner Joins Lathrop Gage as Director of Diversity & Inclusion

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Kansas City (April 11, 2018) - Lathrop Gage welcomes Michelle Martin Bonner as the firm's Director of Diversity & Inclusion. Martin Bonner, a recognized leader in diversity and inclusiveness, joins Lathrop Gage from a large law firm in St. Louis, where she was the Manager of Diversity & Professional Development.

"We are very excited and fortunate to have Michelle join Lathrop Gage," said Cameron Garrison, Lathrop Gage Managing Partner. "Our commitment to diversity and inclusion is a core value and major priority for our firm. Michelle's extensive experience will help Lathrop Gage advance as a leader in diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and in the legal field."

"Having a diverse team makes us stronger and smarter, allowing us to bring more value to our clients," said Bryan Minier, head of Lathrop Gage's Diversity and Inclusiveness committee. "Bringing Michelle on board will accelerate our efforts in this area."

Michelle has more than 10 years of experience in leading a law firm's diversity efforts and training. She is the Past Chair of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) National Diversity Committee and is a member of several other diversity organizations, including the Gateway Association of Legal Administrators, Association of Law Firm Diversity Professionals, and FOCUS St. Louis.

She obtained her undergraduate and *juris doctorate* from Saint Louis University, and her Master's degree from Missouri Baptist University. Michelle is also committed to the well-being of the children in the foster care system and is the Chair of Missouri's Foster and Adoption Board, a position she has held since 2014. In addition, she is a Minister and the Director of Ministry Resources at Faith Miracle Temple.

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