

Microsoft receives Judge Leon Higginbotham Corporate Leadership Award

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On the 45th anniversary of the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law has honored Microsoft Corporation for excellence in diversity at its 10th Annual A. Leon Higginbotham Award Dinner in New York June 3rd.

"Microsoft is receiving the Higginbotham award for its commitment to diversity and inclusion as part of the daily business function within every area of the company," says Barbara Arnwine, executive director of the Lawyers' Committee. The Lawyers' Committee is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization that strives to obtain equal opportunity for racial and ethnic minorities.

Arnwine added, "They are also being honored for their stellar commitment to pro bono legal work."

One such pro bono project recognized by the Lawyers' Committee includes the "pay for performance" approach, which was launched by Microsoft to enhance diversity in the legal profession.

The Higginbotham award is named in memory of Chief Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., a civil rights advocate, author and federal appeals court judge. The award recognizes exemplary corporate leadership with respect to advancing equal opportunity, particularly leadership in recruiting, retaining and promoting minorities.

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