Discover Recognized for Its Commitment to Corporate Legal Diversity Thursday, November 03, 2016 02:00:00 PM (GMT)

Discover Financial Services has received the 2016 Association of Corporate Counsel Matthew J. Whitehead, II Diversity Award. The award recognizes Discover for its outstanding commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

"Each employee brings unique perspectives, ideas, and background to Discover. We believe that diversity and inclusion are a driving force in our innovation, growth and success," said Kelly McNamara Corley, executive vice president and general counsel at Discover. "We are extremely honored to receive this award because a strong diverse workforce ensures that we are in the best position to provide advice to our clients and deliver positive results to our customers and shareholders."

The award recognizes outstanding achievement by a corporate counsel or a corporate legal department in creating a program or initiative that increases awareness of and commitment to corporate legal diversity, and/or the improvement of employment, retention, advancement and career path opportunities for lawyers of diverse constituencies.

"From diversity and pro bono initiatives to expanded resource and program offerings to strategic planning, this year's award recipients have reinforced Association of Corporate Counsel as the global voice of the inhouse bar," said Veta T. Richardson, ACC president and CEO. "Their innovative practices and efforts to drive change in the legal community at large has played an integral role in ACC's growth and development worldwide."

The Association of Corporate Counsel's (ACC) Matthew J. Whitehead, II Diversity Award honors the memory of Matthew J. Whitehead, II, an ACC Board member and former Foundation president who made diversity a core value of ACC membership, activities and leadership.

The award was presented to Discover during the Leadership Dinner & Awards Ceremony at the ACC Annual Meeting in San Francisco in October. Kareem Dale and Raina Jones, Co-Chairs of the Law Diversity and Inclusion Committee, accepted the award on behalf of Discover.

For additional information about ACC's award winners, visit www.acc.com/awards.

About ACC

The Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) is a global bar association that promotes the common professional and business interests of in-house counsel who work for corporations, associations and other private-sector organizations through information, education, networking opportunities and advocacy initiatives.

With more than 40,000 members employed by over 10,000 organizations in 85 countries, ACC connects its members to each other and to the people and resources necessary for their personal and professional growth.

About Discover

Discover Financial Services (NYSE: DFS) is a direct banking and payment services company with one of the most recognized brands in U.S. financial services. Since its inception in 1986, the company has become one of the largest card issuers in the United States. The company issues the Discover card, America's cash rewards pioneer, and offers private student loans, personal loans, home equity loans, checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit through its direct banking business. It operates the Discover Network, with millions of merchant and cash access locations; PULSE, one of the nation's leading ATM/debit networks; and Diners Club International, a global payments network with acceptance in more than 185 countries and territories. For more information, visit www.discover.com/company.

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