

Genhi Bailey Joins Perkins Coie As Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer in Chicago

Genhi Givings Bailey has joined Perkins Coie as chief diversity & inclusion officer. Bailey previously led the diversity and inclusion department at DLA Piper for eight years.

“Throughout her career, Genhi has shown a strong dedication to diversity and inclusion, which are core values of our firm,” said John Devaney, Perkins Coie’s firmwide managing partner. “Her exceptional skills, experience, and grasp of diversity and inclusion issues will help us build on the progress we’ve made to date and contribute fresh thinking to further advance our efforts. We are very excited to see what she brings to this role.”

In a release, the firm said Bailey, who will be based in Perkins Coie’s Chicago office, will lead the firm in achieving its current diversity and inclusion goals and develop new initiatives that champion diversity as a key ingredient to driving the firm’s success. She will lead recruitment, retention and advancement plans for diverse lawyers and work closely with the firm’s senior leadership and department heads to ensure consistent and effective diversity and inclusion efforts across the firm.

“It’s an incredible opportunity to join a firm like Perkins Coie, which has demonstrated a genuine commitment to embrace diversity and inclusion and embed it into its culture,” Genhi said. “I look forward to collaborating with others at the firm and adding my experience and knowledge to take the firm’s diversity and inclusion efforts to the next level.”

Bailey serves as a board member and volunteer for various

groups, including the Diversity and Flexibility Alliance, the Chicago Sinfonietta, Umoja Student Development, the Posse Foundation and the Association of Law Firm Diversity Professionals. Prior to her roles focused on diversity and inclusion, Bailey was a Legal Placement and Diversity Consultant at Ajilon in Minneapolis and a practicing attorney focused on trademark and copyright in the entertainment industry. Bailey received her J.D. from the Mitchell Hamline College of Law and her B.A., cum laude, from Metropolitan State University.