Greensfelder Chief Diversity Officer Christopher Pickett Named Among Missouri Lawyers Media's 2021 'Law Firm Leaders'

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., is pleased to announce that Christopher A. Pickett, an Officer, member of the board of directors, and chief diversity officer at the firm, has been named one of Missouri Lawyers Media's 2021 "Law Firm Leaders" in its annual Missouri Lawyers Awards.

The "Law Firm Leaders" category recognizes chairpersons, managing partners or other law firm executives who demonstrated extraordinary vision, innovation and leadership during the previous year. Missouri Lawyers Awards winners across multiple categories will be honored in a virtual ceremony on Feb. 11 and will be profiled in a special section of Missouri Lawyers Weekly. Missouri Lawyers Media publishes Missouri Lawyers Weekly and several other legal newspapers in Missouri.

As chief diversity officer, Pickett leads Greensfelder's efforts to foster an equitable and inclusive workplace, overseeing the firm's diversity initiatives. He also is a frequent presenter to businesses, bar groups and other organizations on topics related to equity and inclusion, including dismantling assimilation and increasing diversity in the legal profession. As leader of Greensfelder's Equity, Retention and Advancement Committee, Pickett focuses on growing, retaining and advancing a diverse group of employees, with a particular focus on groups that have been historically underrepresented in law firms. In 2013, Pickett was named a

fellow of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, participating in a national leadership program for high-performing attorneys with diverse backgrounds.

Pickett has received numerous other awards for his work on diversity issues and in business law, including:

- Diversity & Inclusion Award from Missouri Lawyers Media (2018);
- Named one of "100 St. Louisans you should know" by St. Louis Small Business Monthly (2017);
- Excellence in Business Performance Award from the St. Louis American Foundation of the St. Louis American newspaper serving the region's African-American community (2017);
- St. Louis Business Journal Diverse Business Leader Award (2016); and
- Named one of St. Louis' most intriguing people to know by Who's Who, Diversity in St. Louis (2015).

In his practice, Pickett represents clients from across the country in an array of business litigation matters, particularly in the areas of securities and higher education.

A former public defender, Pickett received his J.D. from Saint Louis University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from St. Louis University.