Greensfelder Chief Diversity Officer Christopher Pickett Named to Meritas Black Lawyers Forum Inaugural Leadership Counsel

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 selected as an inaugural leader for a new initiative by global law firms network Meritas to further its commitment to racial equality.

Pickett is one of six attorneys from across the United States who will serve on the Leadership Council for the newly formed Meritas Black Lawyers Forum. The forum will facilitate connections and mentorship and provide a discussion platform for Black lawyers within the Meritas network to share their experiences. Meritas' goal for the forum is help create business development opportunities for members and enhance the ability of member firms to hire and retain Black and other diverse lawyers.

Greensfelder is a longtime member of Meritas and the exclusive member firm in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Meritas is the premier global network of independent business law firms with nearly 200 firms in 90 countries worldwide as members.

Greensfelder's efforts to foster an inclusive, diverse workplace, led by Pickett, share common ground with the mission of the Meritas forum, with a focus on creating an environment that is equitable and people-focused and that welcomes diverse perspectives and experiences. For more

information about Greensfelder’s diversity initiatives, visit: ***https://www.greensfelder.com/about-diversity.html***.

In addition to his work as Greensfelder’s chief diversity officer and leader of Greensfelder’s Equity, Retention and Advancement Committee, Pickett 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.

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. He also has received numerous awards and recognition for his work on diversity issues and in business law.

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