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NAACP Leader Cornell William Brooks to Deliver Keynote Address at Cadwalader Event March 21

New York, NY, March 2, 2016, - Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP, a leading counselor to global financial institutions and corporations, will host a luncheon with special guest, Cornell William Brooks, on March 21. Mr. Brooks is president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), known as “the nation’s oldest, largest and most widely recognized grassroots–based civil rights organization.” The luncheon is organized by Cadwalader’s Black & Latino Association.

During the presentation, Mr. Brooks will discuss his experience as a civil rights attorney, social justice advocate, and president of the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. He also will discuss pressing civil rights issues and current events. A Q&A segment will immediately follow his speech.

Mr. Brooks, a longtime lawyer, human rights activist, and fourth-generation ordained minister, previously served as the president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice based in Newark. He has held several positions affecting public policy, including serving as senior counsel for the Federal Communications Commission, executive director of the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington, and as a trial attorney with the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Cadwalader’s Black & Latino Association is one of five professional affinity networks under the Cadwalader Center for Diversity & Inclusion (CCDI) umbrella. The CCDI puts on programs and events throughout the year that are designed to increase cultural competence, celebrate history and heritage, and educate attorneys on how to work effectively on diverse teams.

Cadwalader is committed to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The firm was selected to the New York Law Journal “Diversity Initiative 2015,” which recognizes law firms and

legal organizations dedicated to creating a diverse legal community. Cadwalader's commitment to workforce diversity was likewise recognized by the Human Rights Campaign, which gave the firm a perfect 100 percent score on its 2016 Corporate Equality Index and named it among the "Best Places to Work for LGBT Equality," and by Difference Matters Magazine, which recognized the firm among its "Top Corporate Allies for Diversity."

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