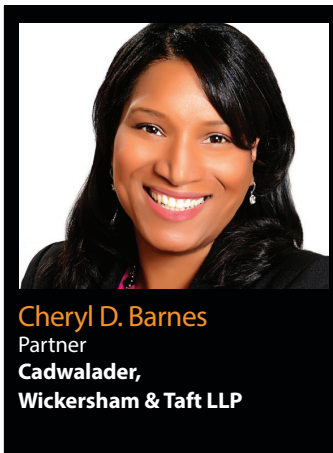


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Cheryl D. Barnes is a Partner in the Capital Markets Department of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, one of the oldest law firms in the U.S.

Cheryl joined Cadwalader in 1995 as an associate and over her nearly 20-year tenure rose to become a Partner in the Capital Markets department. Cheryl is a corporate and securities lawyer who focuses primarily on representing investment banks, commercial banks, government-sponsored enterprises, and other financial institutions and has acted as issuer's or underwriter's counsel on hundreds of securitized offerings. She has diverse experience in securitization matters, hav-

ing represented clients in significant public and private transactions including both mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities offerings based on student loans and mortgage loans utilizing various structures, including pass-through, debt and real estate mortgage investment conduits, among others.

Cheryl is a partner co-chair of the Cadwalader Black and Latino Association and a member of Cadwalader's Women's Leadership Initiative and the Firm's Global Diversity Committee.

Cheryl has a Bachelor's degree from Bennett College and a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Savoy 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers showcases a cross section of lawyers who represent a very diverse range of expertise with a national and global focus. While we looked at many potential candidates, our focus is to select Black partners from primary AM Law 200 law firms and corporate counsel from Fortune 1000 companies.

The selection process for the prestigious *Savoy 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers* begins with a review of the landscape encompassing the "spheres of influence" that greatly impact our view of a top lawyer. These spheres include: area of expertise, annual billing, firm leadership, pro bono work, community service and overall reputation. Our selection committee includes the *Savoy* Editorial Board and a legal advisory board that includes from prominent judges, corporate counsel and accomplished law professors. Our goal is to select a comprehensive list of extraordinary lawyers from a wide range of practice areas, range of expertise and geographic locations.

Once we identified the "2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers," we notified these exceptional lawyers to announce their selection in our top lawyer list. Following their acceptance, we received additional information from each one that was developed into the profiles presented here in *Savoy Magazine*.

Savoy 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers is a comprehensive list of extraordinary lawyers from a wide range of expertise such as: Litigation, Labor & Employment, Intellectual Property, Patents, Civil Rights, Healthcare, Sports and Entertainment and Technology. In addition to these areas above, we selected attorneys who have ground-breaking experience in unique areas such as Cybercrime and Mobile Payments.

The lawyers who are recognized in *Savoy's* Corporate Counsel listing represent an impressive group of corporate executives in the public and private sectors who are "blazing trails" in the legal profession as well as setting the tone for emerging business leaders. As advisors to the "movers and shakers" in global organizations, these distinguished legal eagles continue set the standards for others to follow and work diligently to "level the playing field" as well as "reach back" to bring others forward. We salute all of our honorees.

We know that there are many Black lawyers in the legal profession who are doing an exceptional job for their firm and their community. We encourage you to continue your efforts to protect the rights of all and to continue to encourage the much needed diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. We look forward to including you in *Savoy's Most Influential Black Lawyers*.