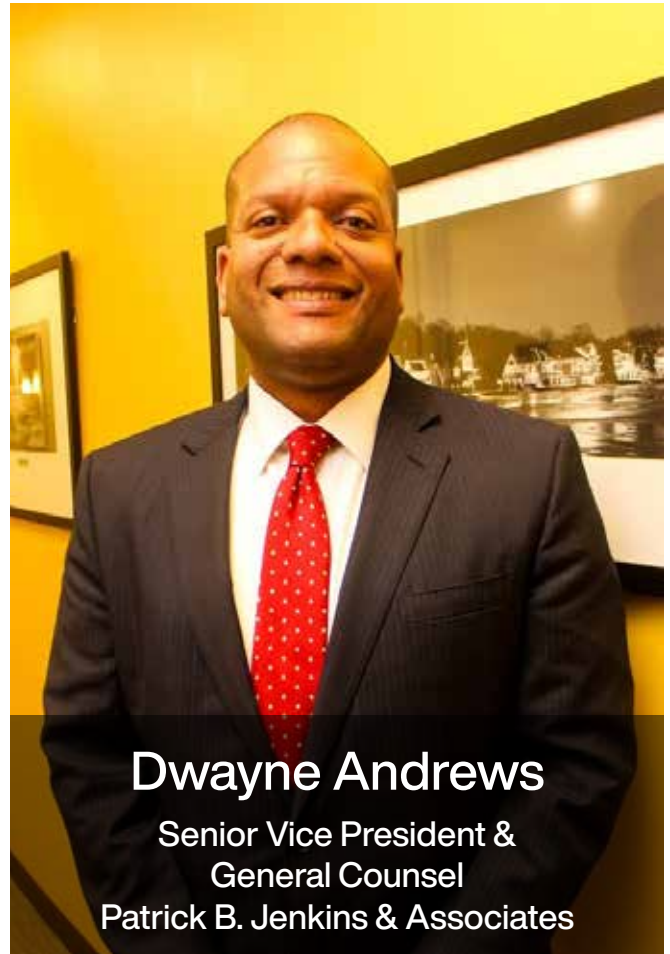


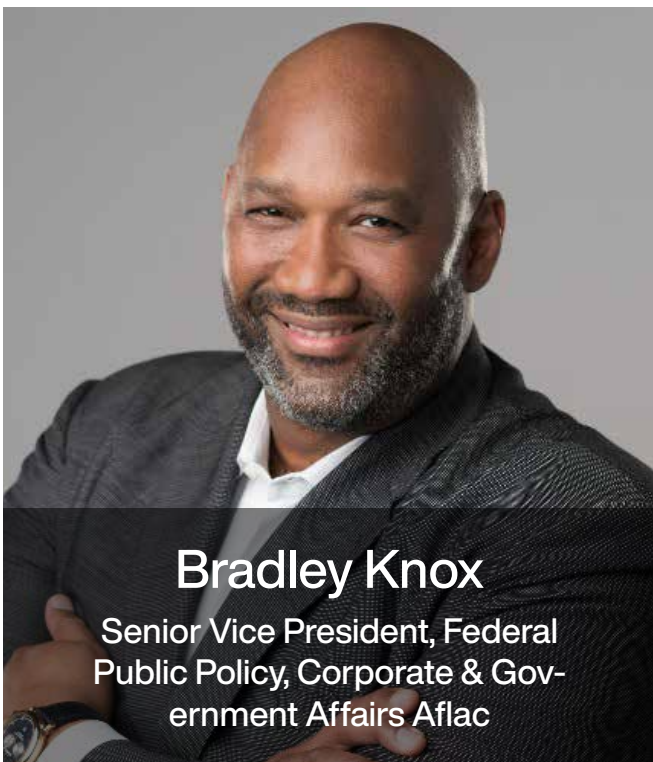
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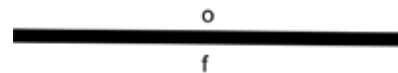


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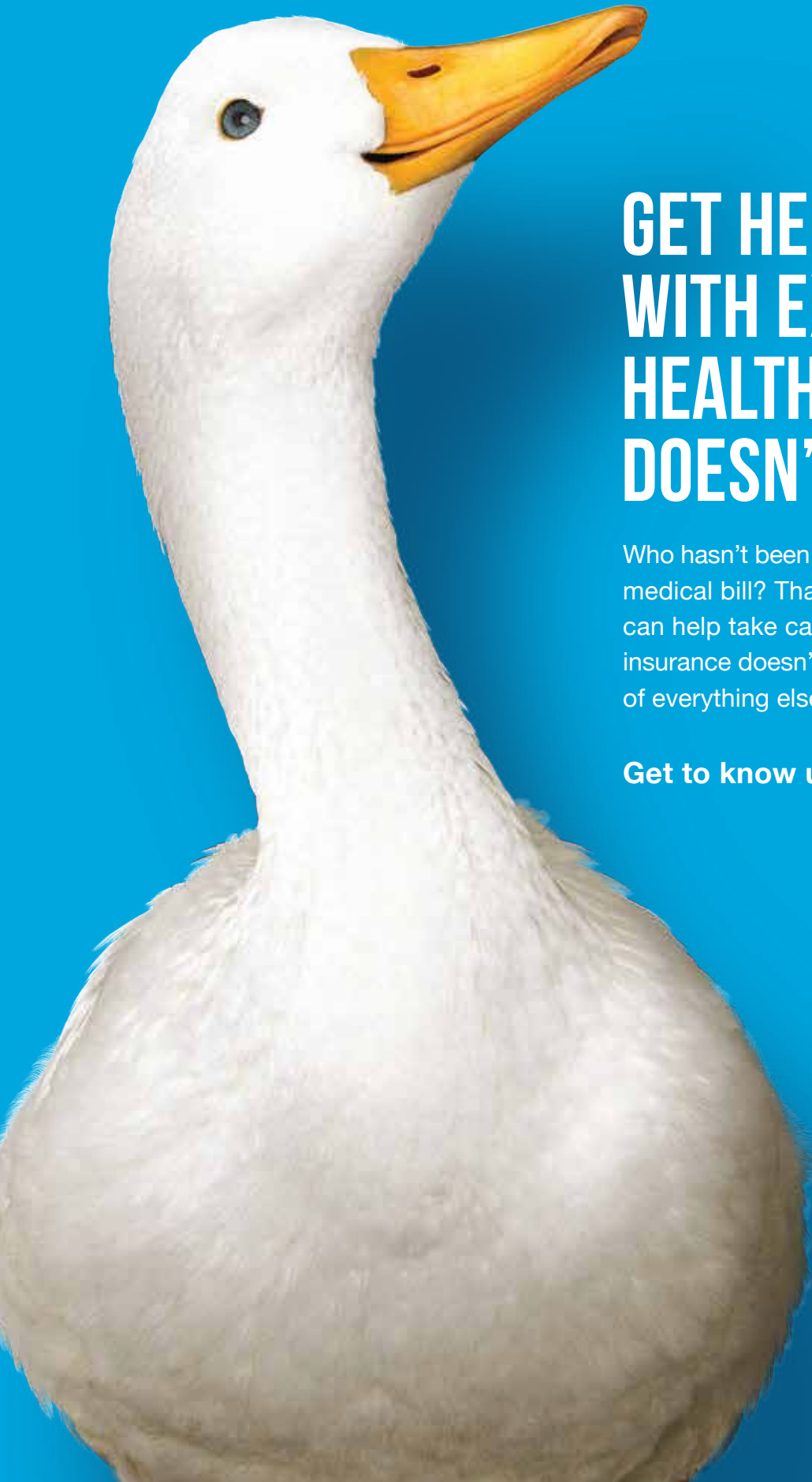


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It was an honor to have the opportunity to salute the men and women who craft and influence our nation's laws. Lawyers of Color's Top Capitol Hill Staffers, Lobbyists, and Influencers list was announced to coincide with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference.

Historically, Black Americans were excluded from the legislative process, but today Black legislators and staffers play a crucial role. Lawyers of Color has been recognizing this group for nine years, and every year, the number of honorees has grown as Black staffers and influencers take on more significant roles.

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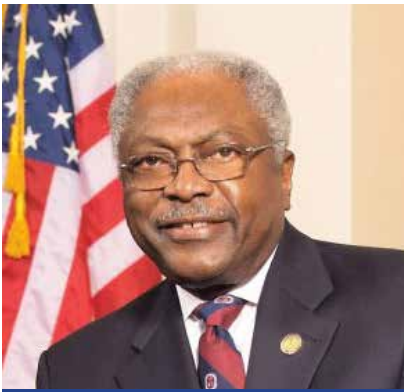
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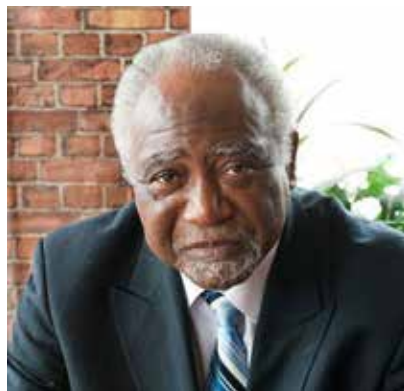
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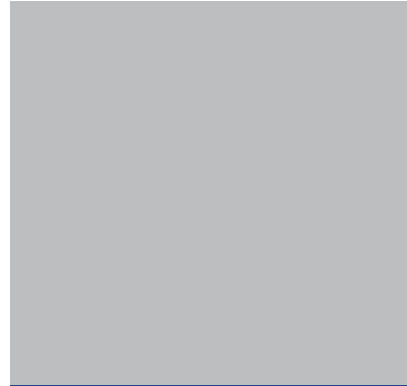
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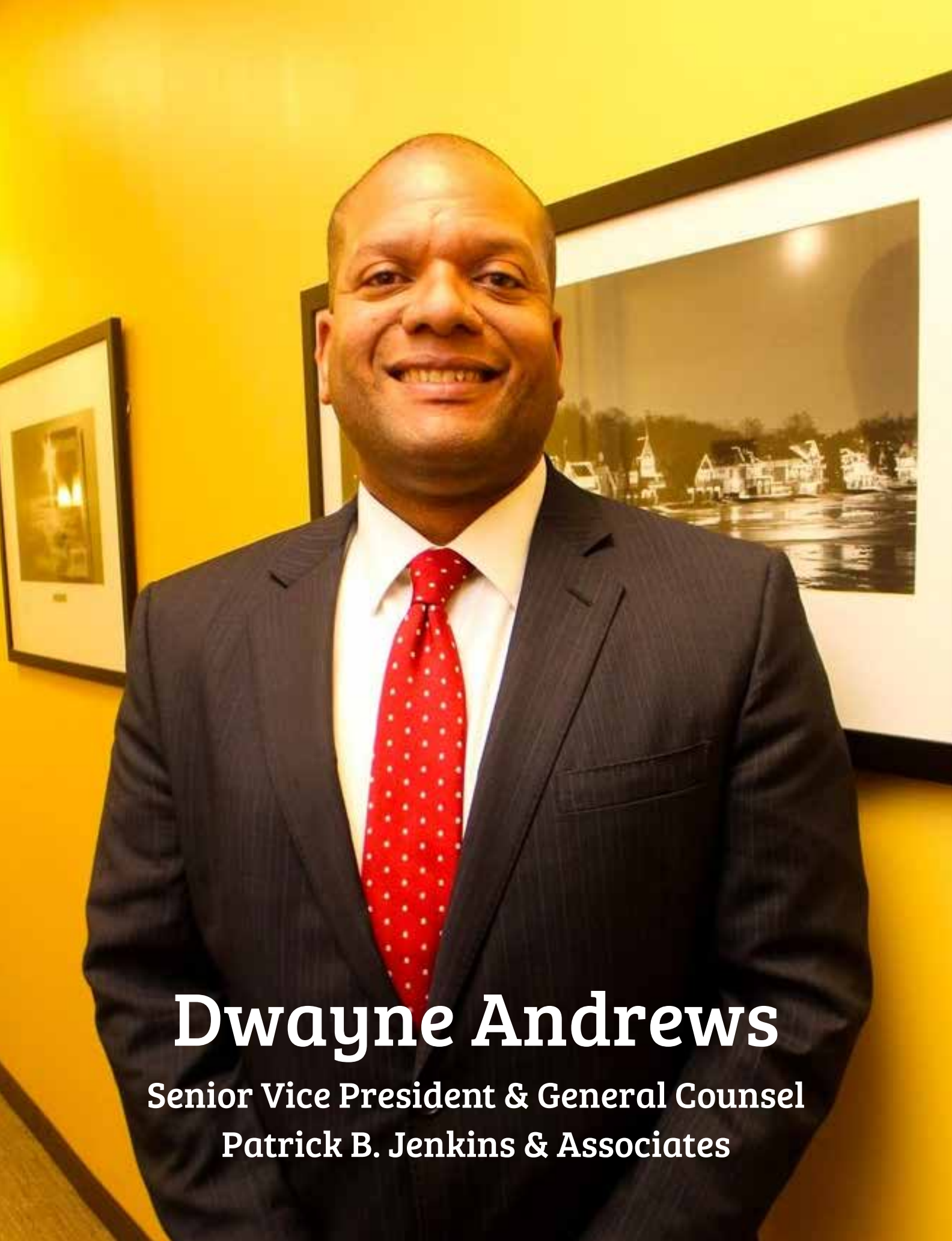
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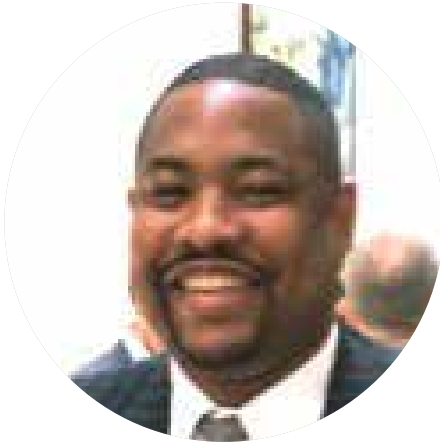
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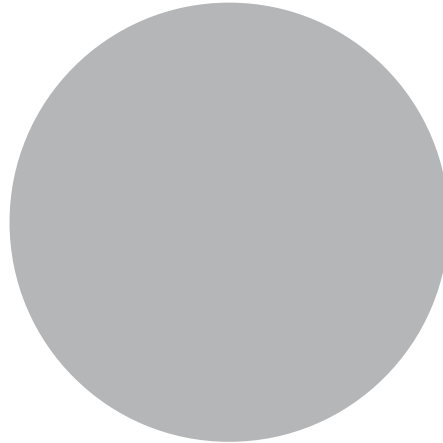


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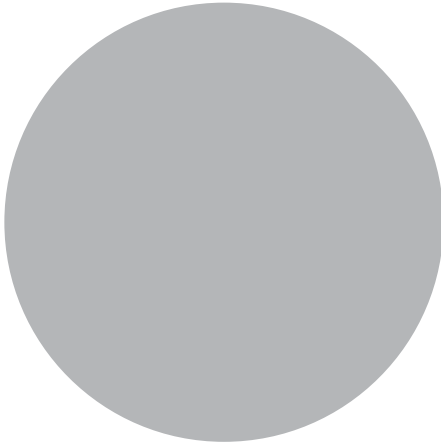
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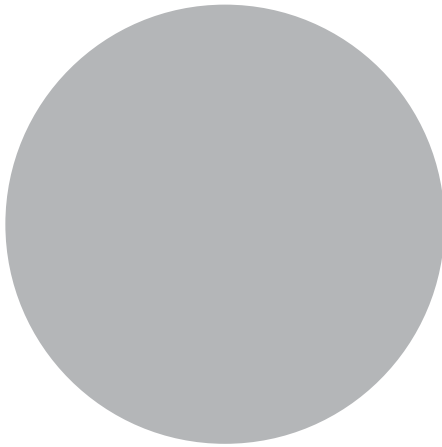
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Noisette completed the Wilson Center Foreign Policy Fellowship for congressional staff policy advisors, and the Georgetown Institute for International Economic Law. While studying at Harvard University, Noisette was a Zuckerman Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government's Center for Public Leadership. He was a 2012 Mitchell Scholar, focusing on international human rights law.



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Prior to returning to the Hill in 2019, she served as Director of Congressional and Political Affairs at the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), where she led and developed advocacy initiatives on tax.



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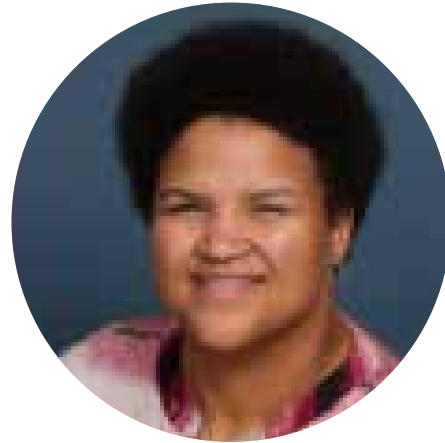


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