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State Bar Diversity Trailblazer Award: T.R. Williams inspires action

MADISON, Wis. (April 23, 2024) -- T.R. Williams doesn't just talk about change—she builds it. From reshaping health policy to mentoring future leaders, Williams is this year's recipient of the **State Bar of Wisconsin's Diversity & Inclusion Trailblazer Award**.

Presented by the State Bar's Diversity & Inclusion Oversight Committee, the award honors individuals who have made significant, lasting contributions to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in Wisconsin's legal community.

"T.R. is a passionate and relentless advocate for women in leadership and racial equity, and she has improved health benefits in Black and Brown communities," said Judge Kori Ashley, committee chair. "Her leadership has had a profound impact on our community."

Williams brings decades of cross-sector leadership to her work. She is currently the Principal and Owner of TRWConsult414 LLC. Her career includes roles with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, The Health Initiative (an East Coast policy organization), the Office of the Wisconsin Governor, and the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association. Additionally, she served as a loaned executive for the United Way of Dane County. In every position, Williams has focused on expanding access, building equity, and challenging institutional norms.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Williams generously shares her expertise through service to organizations including the YWCA Madison, Governor's Equity & Inclusion Advisory Council, State Public Defender's Office Board of Directors and the Wisconsin Women's Network.

"If you've ever had the opportunity to hear T.R. speak, you know how profoundly she challenges perspectives," said Ashley. "Every conversation with her is thought-provoking, leaving you to ask: 'What more can I do to challenge the system's status quo?'"

The Trailblazer Award is presented annually to individuals who lead efforts to make the Wisconsin legal profession more inclusive, equitable, and representative.

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Photo attached: T.R. Williams, recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin's 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Trailblazer Award.

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T.R. Williams, recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin's 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Trailblazer Award, is recognized for her lasting impact on racial equity, public health, and leadership development across Wisconsin. (Photo courtesy of the State Bar of Wisconsin)