

Northwestern Mutual Director of Diversity and Inclusion Receives The Network Journal's "40 Under Forty" Award

MILWAUKEE, June 22, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- *The Network Journal*, the premier magazine for Black professionals, corporate executives and small business owners, has named Raymone Jackson, CLU®, FLMI, ACS, Director, Diversity and Inclusion at Northwestern Mutual, a recipient of its 19th Annual "40 Under Forty" Achievers Award. Jackson will be honored at the awards dinner in New York City and featured on the cover of *The Network Journal's* summer 2016 issue.

"As we celebrate the 19th anniversary of our '40 Under Forty' Achievers awards, *The Network Journal* cherishes its role in recognizing up-and-coming African-American men and women who show promise and commitment in their careers, and as a facilitator to showcase the talents of these professionals to our vast network of corporate affiliations," said Aziz Gueye Adetimirin, Publisher of *The Network Journal*.

Created in 1997 to recognize young African-American professionals committed to the development of their professions as well as their communities, the competition for the "40 Under Forty" Achievement Awards has intensified. Each year the number of entries has increased, and the achievements of the entrants more impressive than the last. Past winners include professionals from such companies as Hugo Boss, Morgan Stanley, BET Networks, The Nielsen Company, Estée Lauder Cosmetics, Macy's Inc. and many more.

"Raymone's impact on our diversity outreach and efforts has been unparalleled. We're proud of his accomplishments," said Jo Eisenhart, senior vice president of human resources for Northwestern Mutual. "His strategic approach to breaking down barriers regardless of age, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation has made him an asset to the company and to the community at large. We celebrate him through this honor."

In addition to his career at Northwestern Mutual, Raymone is active in the community supporting many non-profit organizations focused on the empowerment and development of young people. He is also involved in commercial real estate development, specializing in affordable, multi-family housing.

"It's an honor to receive the '40 Under Forty' Achievers Award, an honor I don't take lightly," said Raymone Jackson. "I strive to create an environment where all individuals feel highly valued and are actively engaged, making sure every one of Northwestern Mutual's diversity initiatives has a positive impact on our community and a long-lasting effect on the world around us."

About *The Network Journal*

Founded in 1993, *The Network Journal (TNJ)* is the premier quarterly magazine for Black professionals, corporate executives and small-business owners. Engaging more than 98,325 readers, *TNJ* is dedicated to connecting, empowering and inspiring this market segment by providing news and commentaries on issues that affect the growth of businesses and the advancement of professionals in the workplace. Along with featuring successful entrepreneurs and professionals who offer insights on business and career building strategies, *TNJ* highlights trends in key industries, providing information on valuable resources in the corporate, government, and not-for-profit sectors. Each issue of *TNJ* includes articles on finance and economy, career, management, healthcare, science and technology, reviews of the hottest automobiles in the industry and features about executives on the move.

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