

Northwestern Mutual's Leslie Barbi Recognized For Leadership By Profiles In Diversity Journal

MILWAUKEE, July 9, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Leslie Barbi, senior vice president and head of public investments at Northwestern Mutual, has been selected as a 2018 Women Worth Watching honoree by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*.

Profiles in Diversity Journal promotes and advances diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and helps stimulate organizational change by showcasing the visionary leadership and committed individuals who are making it happen. Now in its 17th year, the annual Women Worth Watching award recognizes women in leadership worldwide, who represent and drive diversity within their spheres of influence.

"We are incredibly proud of Leslie and this well-deserved recognition for her commitment and achievements," said Ronald Joelson, EVP & Chief Investment Officer, Northwestern Mutual. "Leslie leads with a focus on innovation and improvement while fostering an inclusive learning culture. I am privileged to witness her accomplishments and efforts for Northwestern Mutual and for our community."

Since joining Northwestern Mutual in 2014, Barbi has successfully managed more than \$110 billion in invested assets. She also plays an integral role in numerous internal committees to advance the company's strategy and culture as well as serving in several external leadership roles, such as the Froedtert Health Investment Committee and the United Performing Arts Fund Board. Barbi is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Fixed Income Forum.

Barbi holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago.

Profiles in Diversity Journal will honor Barbi and other recipients by featuring them in the 2018 Women Worth Watching magazine edition in August. View the full list of honorees [here](#).

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