



# Rashida MacMurray-Abdullah

Chief Inclusion and Engagement Officer



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Rashida is the first Chief Inclusion and Engagement Officer at Wiley. She is responsible for advancing the firm's inclusion priorities with respect to creating a culture of belonging where everyone feels valued and respected for their perspectives and experiences. In this capacity, Rashida serves as the firm's thought leader in the marketplace championing the power of active engagement and intentionality to create a supportive community where all leaders can thrive. In addition, Rashida supports the firm's pro bono efforts, designing its first corporate responsibility strategy, including its charitable giving targets and community service activities.

Rashida has two decades of professional client services experience advising Fortune 500 and public sector clients navigating business controversies and crises. She has successfully led corporate fraud and anti-corruption investigations, performed damages analysis, advised on regulatory compliance, and counseled on other related issues involving breach of contract. She has transactional experience in M&A due diligence and IP protection strategies, with specific expertise as a patent attorney. She is passionate about talent development, dynamic leadership, and innovation. She has advised both law firm and corporate counsel in implementing innovative legal business operations and best practices for the strategic procurement of legal services to drive better business outcomes.

## Professional Experience

- Deloitte
  - Sales Executive (2019-2020)

## Credentials

### Education

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law  
M.E., University of Virginia  
B.S., University of Virginia

### Bar and Court Memberships

District of Columbia Bar  
New Jersey Bar  
New York Bar  
Supreme Court of the United States  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
U.S. PTO, Registered Patent Attorney

### Certifications

Mental Health First Aid USA, National Council for Mental Wellbeing (2022)  
Modern Chief Diversity Officer Certificate, Cornell University (2022)  
Certificate with Distinction, Harvard Business Analytics Program (January 2021)  
Project Management Professional® (PMP) (2013)

- Senior Manager, Forensics (2013-2019)
- Manager, Capital Projects (2008-2013)
- Associate, Private Practice (Am Law 100 Law Firms) (2002-2008)
- Project Manager, Lucent Technologies (1998-2000)
- Project Engineer, Bovis Lend Lease (1997-1998)

## Affiliations

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- National Bar Association Commercial Law Section
  - Chair (2023-Present)
  - Executive Committee Member (2017-Present)
- Governance Committee Co-Chair and Board of Directors, Ridley Scholarship Program (2020-Present)
- Secretary, Board of Directors, Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth (2020-Present)

## Recognitions

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- Named one of *Savoy Magazine's* Most Influential Diversity & Inclusion Executives (2023)
- Jazz for Justice Alumni Awardee, Association of Black Law Students, Rutgers University School of Law, 2021
- Rising Star, Deloitte/Harlem YMCA bai Award, 2017
- Teamwork Award, Deloitte Quarterly Federal Civilian Award, 2014
- 40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocate, National Bar Association, 2013