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MMTC Names Maurita Coley Flippin President and CEO



WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 23, 2018): The Multicultural Cultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC)'s Board of Directors has named Maurita Coley Flippin ("Coley") President and CEO of the organization. Coley previously has served as Acting President and CEO of MMTC, as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and as Member of the MMTC Board of Directors. A former network executive, law partner, and nonprofit executive, she brings over 30 years of experience in law, business, and nonprofit management to the organization.

"I have known and worked with Maurita for many years, and no one is better suited to lead MMTC," said MMTC Board Chair and Treasurer, Dr. Ronald Johnson. "Her impressive background and unique combination of experience in the communications industries and nonprofit management, coupled with her deep care and passion for the work that we do and the people that we do it for left us no

doubt that Maurita will take MMTC's advocacy to new levels. On behalf of our board of directors, we enthusiastically look forward to working with Maurita."

"I look forward to working with MMTC's board and stakeholders to sharpen our shared vision for MMTC's role as a convener and subject matter expert on media and telecom policy, workforce development, bridging the skills gap, and advancing diversity and inclusion in the media, telecom, and tech sectors," Coley stated. "I've had the honor of representing some of the most successful minority entrepreneurs in the business – such as Black Entertainment Television Network founder Bob Johnson, Urban One/TV One founder Cathy Hughes, and venture capitalist Herbert P. Wilkins, Sr., founder of the Syncom Venture Capital Funds. Following MMTC's previous CEOs David Honig and Kim Keenan, I know I have big shoes to fill. I'm honored, and humbled, by the challenge."

Previously, Coley served on the executive management team of BET Holdings, Inc. (now a subsidiary of Viacom, Inc.), owner and operator of the BET Cable Networks with authority over legal affairs and later over television production operations. Coley is a former partner with the Davis Wright Tremaine and the Cole, Raywid & Braverman law firms, where she represented cable television programmers and distributors and other media and entertainment businesses. Immediately prior to MMTC, Coley served as the chief executive of Capital Area Asset Builders, a leading nonprofit in community economic development, asset building, and financial literacy in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Coley earned a B.A. in Mass Communications from Michigan State University, and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center where she has been the recipient of the highest alumni and alumnae awards.

Coley has served on the Federal Communications Bar Association's Executive Committee, Diversity Committee, and on the founding board of the FCBA Foundation. Currently, Coley is a member of the Federal Communications Commission's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment, serving on the Tech Working Group. She is listed on BlackWomenTech.com's 2017 list of *200 Black Women in Tech to Follow on Twitter*, and on *CableFax's Top Lawyers* and *Most Influential Minorities* lists. Coley is rated AV[®] Preeminent[™] by the Martindale-Hubbell Client/Peer Review ratings system for lawyers with an overall rating of 5.0 out of 5.0. She serves as an officer and member of the board of the Daniel Alexander Payne Community Development Corporation, an affiliate of the Metropolitan AME Church, that promotes STEM and robotics education, ex-offender re-entry, workforce development, and economic empowerment initiatives. Passionate about media and diversity, Coley has been an investor in several award-winning independent films produced by filmmakers of color.

A proud native Detroit, she is married to Paul Flippin and they reside in Washington, DC.

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About MMTC: The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity in the mass media, telecom and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation's leading advocate for multicultural advancement in communications.