



TWIN CITIES Diversity in Practice

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Twin Cities Diversity in Practice Announces New Executive Director and President



MINNEAPOLIS (March 13, 2018) – Twin Cities Diversity in Practice (TCDIP) has selected its next Executive Director and President, Summra Mohammadee Shariff, who begins her role as the face and leader of the organization today, March 13, 2018.

Shariff joins TCDIP from law firm Robins Kaplan LLP, where she served most recently as its Pro Bono Coordinator and previously as the firm’s Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator. Shariff is active in the Minnesota legal community as a long-term member of the Minnesota Justice Foundation’s Board and Executive Committee and as a board member for the Housing Justice Center. She also works with the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association, where she previously held a leadership role. Shariff is a strong advocate for intersectional diversity efforts and advancing professional and business development opportunities for attorneys of color.

“I was attracted to TCDIP because it is a strong coalition of law firm and business leaders with a deep bench of expertise and community support from organizations of all sizes,” said Shariff. “The aggregate of our expertise and unique perspectives means together we can tackle issues of inclusion and diversity to make even greater gains in retaining and advancing diverse attorneys.”

“After an exhaustive nationwide search, we are thrilled Summra is joining TCDIP to generate, capture and execute on ideas that tackle diversity and inclusion challenges,” said Roshan Rajkumar, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors, TCDIP. “Over the years we have proudly built a well-respected, impactful program in the community, yet the time is right to go deeper. We’re renewing our focus on developing diverse talent to take on leadership roles that nurture inclusive and diverse thinking.”



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TCDIP is a nonprofit association comprised of the leading Twin Cities legal employers with the vision to create a vibrant and inclusive legal community and mission to strengthen the efforts of member organizations to attract, recruit, advance, and retain attorneys of color.

For more information about TCDIP, its mission, programs and initiatives, please visit <http://diversityinpractice.org>.

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