WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) announced this week that 202 attorneys have been selected as 2015 Fellows. This is the largest class of Fellows in the program's five-year history.

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LCLD is a national organization made up of the general counsel of Fortune 500 corporations and the managing partners of the nation's leading law firms. Its Fellows program is a unique initiative created to increase diversity at the highest levels of leadership in the legal profession.

“The LCLD Fellows program is becoming recognized across the country as an extraordinarily effective way to develop talent,” said Brad Smith, LCLD Chair and Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Microsoft Corporation. “Along the way, the Fellows themselves are building a powerful, connected community of rising leaders in the legal profession.”

The Fellows program is directed by LCLD Talent Development Committee Chair Deborah Majoras, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, Procter & Gamble; and by Committee Vice Chair Gary Sasso, President and CEO, Carlton Fields Jorden Burt.

Participants in the Fellows program experience an ambitious year of professional development, building relationships, sharpening leadership skills, and burnishing their “personal brands.”

“The Fellows are high achievers,” said Robert J. Grey, Jr., LCLD President. “They are handpicked for this program by the organizations that know them best. It is a great honor.”

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