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Jill Louis Quoted in Bloomberg Law—Diverse Texas Lawyers Take the Helm Amid Big Law's 'Gold Rush'

Partner Jill Louis was quoted in "Diverse Texas Lawyers Take the Helm Amid Big Law's 'Gold Rush,'" an article in *Bloomberg Law*, regarding how law firms are building out Texas offices and attracting diverse talent.

"There's a dramatic increase in the number of headquarters that have moved to Texas, and I think that gold rush of opportunity has brought with it greater diversity," said Jill Louis, a 31-year veteran corporate lawyer in Texas. She was promoted to managing partner of Perkins Coie's Dallas office in February, less than a year after joining the firm from K&L Gates.

Jill is the first Black woman to lead Perkins Coie's Dallas office in the decade since it was launched. She wants to increase the ranks of women, people of color, and LGBTQ people in the firm, and chip away at underrepresentation.

"Those people whose rise to leadership only benefits them—that is not an increase in diversity that will systemically increase diversity," she said. "I want to be the type of partner that I appreciated when I was an associate and encourage people of color and LGBTQ people to feel comfortable practicing at the highest levels in a law firm."

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