

## Tyson's Amy Tu Wins Prestigious Diversity Award After Being Nominated By Perkins Coie

Amy Tu of Tyson Foods knows that DEI&B is about more than words—it's about action. That's just one of the reasons why Perkins Coie was proud to nominate Amy for the Corporate Counsel Champion of Diversity Award, which she won on November 10 at the 2022 American Lawyer Industry Awards.



Perkins Coie has worked with Amy for the past 15 years, including her time at another firm client, Boeing. Amy was chosen as the winner of this prestigious award out of hundreds of submissions in a complex process that included an essay and detailed survey questions. The award honors the best in the legal profession, and those advancing the ideals of the industry.

“Amy is an inspiring leader and fully deserving of this recognition for all she's done to advance diversity and inclusion at Tyson, and in turn, helping the firm drive its own diversity objectives. We're thrilled about Amy's win and look forward to a continued successful partnership,” said Steve Koh, co-client lead for Tyson along with Eric Wolff.

Amy joined Tyson in 2017 as executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary. Since her arrival, the department has nearly doubled in size and includes more women and diverse lawyers. Amy's role at Tyson has also grown ever larger; she is now both President, International, running a multi-billion dollar business, and also Chief Administrative Officer, responsible for legal, government affairs, corporate communications, ethics and compliance, audit services, health and safety, food safety and quality assurance, environment, corporate services, and aviation.

Amy amplifies voices and creates opportunities for employees across departments to drive meaningful change for diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEI&B) within Tyson and the broader business community. One of the keys to Amy's multipronged approach to diversity was the formation of an empowered DEI&B Council at Tyson.

Perkins Coie has formed a true partnership with the council on diversity matters. The firm placed a 1L diversity fellow at Tyson's Arkansas headquarters last summer

and hosted an implicit bias CLE program presented by Ann Marie Painter and Genhi Givings Bailey in June. Tyson regularly promotes and attends Perkins Coie's D&I speakers series.

Amy was honored with the Champion of Diversity Award at the 2022 American Lawyer Industry Awards in New York. Tyson's Sainabou Sonko accepted on her behalf, along with five other Tyson lawyers. Perkins Coie attorneys in attendance were Eric Wolff, Shari Brandt, Rowan Gaither, and Rike Connelly.

“Amy has assembled an awesome, diverse team, and they are truly inspired by her and proud to be part of this accomplishment. There was much whooping and commotion over the win,” Eric said.

**Cover photo:** From left: Kerstin Walker, Staff Counsel, Regulatory Compliance at Tyson; Rike Connelly; Gina Adami, Senior Counsel, Labor and Employment at Tyson; Eric Wolff; Sainabou Sonko, Senior Counsel, Commercial Litigation at Tyson; Laney Gifford, Corporate Counsel, Commercial Litigation at Tyson; Maggie Benson, Corporate Counsel, Labor and Employment at Tyson; and Tariq Abdullah, Managing Director, Law and Compliance at Tyson



Sainabou Sonko accepted the award on Amy Tu's behalf.