

PEABODY'S VERONA DORCH:

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Chief Legal Officer Honored Among Savoy's Most Influential Women In Corporate America



Verona Dorch
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Using ambition for the greater good. It's a remarkably simple philosophy for Verona Dorch, a Fortune 500 executive who grew up in the inner city, earned a Juris doctor degree from one of the world's top law schools and has practiced law over 20 years, largely counseling diverse global businesses.

Verona, who is recognized by Savoy magazine among the Most Influential Women in Corporate America in 2016, tries to affect positive change by blending a strategic advisory role with good legal counsel. "Ideally I see myself as an 'influence leader,' by bringing people to the table with different viewpoints to drive beneficial change," Verona says.

As Chief Legal Officer for the world's largest private-sector coal company, Verona views her career path with humility. She is an experienced global leader of the legal, compliance and government relations functions, and prides herself in developing and sponsoring women to reach senior levels as general counsel in their organizations.

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Born in London, Verona's family moved to the United States during her youth where she finished her education in Crown Heights Brooklyn and Queens. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Dartmouth College and a Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School.

She is accomplished in executing strategic initiatives and creating high-performance teams that leverage organizational strength and drive performance.

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“I grew up in the inner city. Believe me, I can attest that with hard work, good luck and determination, we can reach our goals,” she says.

Savoy’s list of Most Influential Women in Corporate America showcases executives who represent a range of industries and demonstrate leadership bettering the community and inspiring others.

These honors complement Verona’s recognition as a 2013 Pennsylvania Diverse Attorney of the Year and honors as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She has served on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce in Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania Public School Foundation and YWCA.

Verona is an associate of the International Energy Agency’s Coal Industry Advisory Board, a faculty member for the Association of Corporate Counsel’s Executive Leadership Institute and a de Tocqueville Society member of United Way.

Savoy magazine is a cultural catalyst for the African-American community that showcases and drives positive dialogue on and about black culture.

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