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Diversity in Boardrooms consults with Corporate Boards and Advisory Boards (or Councils). Leading the firm, Ms. Burrell contributes over 20 years of executive search expertise with a special focus in recruiting and referring diverse Director Candidates who enhance a company's growth, profitability, and social responsibility reputation. Over the years, she developed best practice guidelines for boards. In addition, the firm creates new and often innovative ADVISORY Councils for private and public companies.

Previously, Ms. Burrell served as VP, Candidate Referral Services for an organization that excelled in corporate governance training for women and minorities and referred diverse Director Candidates to corporate boards. She managed the expansion nationwide to six cities: Chicago, Washington DC, New York, St. Louis, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In the Chicago area, Ms. Burrell is a recognized leader in the business community as well as a strong diversity advocate nationally. She is a Founder and Board Director of the Private Directors Association, which promotes private company board formation, supports excellent practices in board governance, and provides a network to connect individuals with private companies. In addition, she is a Board Leader for 2020 Women on Boards, where she was honored with the "Life of Service Award" in 2019.

Also, she was recognized as a "Director to Watch" by the Private Company Director Magazine in 2019. Currently, she is an Advisory Board Member for Skytop Strategies, which delivers high-content programs worldwide on topics such as Gender Equality in Boards; ESG; CSR; and Impact Investing.

In 2012 she was one of 3 people awarded special recognition and named Director Emeritus by the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago, which has the mission of Empowering Women and Eliminating Racism. She was honored in 2011 by the Chicago Association of Minority Recruiters (CAMR) for her success in recruiting women and minorities to both corporate and advisory boards. Ms. Burrell is a Lifetime Member of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO).

Ms. Burrell's academic achievements include a Master's degree from Boston University and a Bachelor's degree from DePauw University. After graduate school, she and her husband served for two years as Peace Corps Volunteers in Micronesia.