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Corporate Counsel honors Moore & Van Allen Member Amy Johnson with national Women, Influence & Power in Law Award

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Moore & Van Allen PLLC (MVA) is pleased to announce that Financial Services Member Amy K. Johnson has been selected as a *Corporate Counsel* 2019 Women, Influence & Power in Law Award winner. Johnson was recognized in the Law Firm Thought Leadership category. Honorees will be formally announced at an awards dinner on October 16 as part of the Women, Influence & Power in Law Conference in Washington, D.C., and will be profiled in the December issue of *Corporate Counsel* magazine.

The Women, Influence & Power in Law Awards program (formerly known as the National Women in Law Awards) was created to honor general counsel, in-house leaders, and law firm partners who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the empowerment of women in law.

"These women are business strategists, complex problem-solvers, and of course, great lawyers. But what particularly makes these women stand out is their personal dedication to the promotion of diversity in the legal industry," said *Corporate Counsel* Editor-in-Chief Heather Nevitt.

As a firm hiring partner, Johnson leads MVA's summer associate recruiting process, working collaboratively with her colleagues to recruit minority candidates from law schools around the nation. In her role as co-chair of MVA's Diversity Committee, she has been instrumental in bringing innovative new diversity initiatives to life within the firm, including a Spring Break Clerkship program for first-year minority law students, a Diversity Conference, a Diversity Scholars program, and a creative new theme for the firm's annually published Diversity Report. Thanks in large part to Johnson's Diversity Committee leadership and vision, the firm has seen notable increases in diverse representation in both associate and summer associate classes.

"The best talent doesn't look alike or have the same background or upbringing," Johnson said. "We have come a long way, but need to continue improving to retain the absolute best talent for our clients. If we don't have a diverse makeup, then we aren't performing for our clients, and that's why we're here. I am proud to practice at MVA, a firm so committed to recruiting, developing and promoting lawyers and staff of every gender, race, religion and sexual orientation."

Johnson concentrates her practice on public finance, serving clients in the capacity of underwriter's counsel, bank counsel, borrower's counsel and trustee's counsel. She has considerable experience with the workout of troubled bond financings and currently serves as disclosure counsel for the State of North Carolina.