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Education:

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI (1990)

Juris Doctor, Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY (1994)

Nichelle currently serves as the Executive Director of Mergers & Acquisitions at Praxair, Inc. Prior to joining the law department of Praxair, Inc., a Fortune 250 global industrial gases company, Nichelle practiced corporate law, specializing in mergers and acquisitions and private equity in the New York offices of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP and Pryor, Cashman, Sherman & Flynn, LLP and the Stamford, Connecticut office of Kelley Drye & Warren, LLP. She is admitted to practice law in New York and Connecticut. Upon joining Praxair as Senior Counsel in 2003, Nichelle's legal responsibilities included M&A and commercial transactions for several of Praxair's wholly owned subsidiaries. In 2007, Nichelle was promoted to Assistant General Counsel to serve as primary legal counsel for Praxair Distribution, Inc., Praxair's \$1.6B packaged gases distribution arm, and Praxair Healthcare Services, Inc. She also had oversight of legal counsel representing other Praxair subsidiaries.

From 2007 - 2010 Nichelle served as chairperson of Praxair's Corporate Groups Diversity Team and sat on Praxair's CEO Diversity Steering Committee. In 2007 and 2008 Nichelle served as Chairperson of the Planning Committee for Praxair's African American Forum, a professional development program for Praxair African American employees.

In 2011, Nichelle transitioned to the business side as Executive Director, Mergers & Acquisitions where she has since served as one of a few directors responsible for negotiating global acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and other business combinations for Praxair. She reports to the Vice President of M&A, who is a direct report to Praxair's CEO.

Nichelle is a native New Yorker of Barbadian parentage. She is the founder and director of the gospel choir Bronx Bethany's Chosen, Trustee and Executive Committee Member of the Board of Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene and is actively involved in fundraising for the Dr. V. Seymour Cole and Dorothy May Cole Scholarship Fund and other college preparatory and educational programs for Bronx Bethany Community Corporation. She lives in Chappaqua, NY with her husband Wayne of 20 years and two children, Gavrie (12) and Nailah (10).