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Skye L. Perryman is a lawyer and the President and CEO of Democracy Forward Foundation, a non-partisan, national legal organization that promotes democracy and progress through litigation, regulatory engagement, policy education, and research. Over the course of Ms. Perryman's legal career, which has spanned nearly two decades, she has served in litigation roles at two global law firms, as a general counsel and chief legal officer, and in non-profit organizations. Ms. Perryman has represented clients across a broad range of industries, including in the healthcare, financial services, technology, education, consumer products, and non-profit and civil society sectors.

Ms. Perryman took the helm at Democracy Forward Foundation a few months after January 6, 2021, in the midst of rising extremism in communities and courts across the country. She has built a visionary team of legal, policy, and communications experts to confront anti-democratic extremism head-on, while also using the law to advance progress and a bold vision for the future. Under Perryman's leadership, Democracy Forward Foundation has expanded the scope and reach of its work, emerging as a nationally recognized institution that is taking on the most significant issues affecting people, families, and communities. Ms. Perryman often leverages the power of ordinary Americans, business, industries, communities of faith, and diverse allies to meet these challenging times.

Ms. Perryman's work has been recognized widely for its positive impact on people and communities. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her commitment to public service and her professional work, including being named by TIME Magazine in 2025 as one of the *100 Most Influential People in The World*, one of the *500 Most Influential People Shaping Policy* by Washingtonian Magazine for consecutive years, a *Woman to Watch* by the New Republic, a Chuck F C Ruff Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year, a Sissy Farnethold Social Justice Award recipient, a Harry S. Truman Scholar, a Baylor Line Foundation Outstanding Young Alumni, and a four-time *Rising Star* in Litigation in Washington, DC, among other awards.

Ms. Perryman is a frequent guest lecturer and keynote speaker on matters at the intersection of law and policy. She has testified before the U.S. Congress and other expert bodies and her legal work has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court as well as state supreme courts. Perryman appears on both network and cable television and her work and commentary are routinely

covered in outlets such as The New York Times, NPR, NBC News, The Washington Post, Texas Monthly, The Houston Chronicle, Teen Vogue, MSNBC and CNN.

Ms. Perryman grew up in Waco, Texas and is a proud product of K-12 public education. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Philosophy magna cum laude from Baylor University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and a Juris Doctor with honors from the Georgetown University Law Center, where she served as an Editor for the American Criminal Law Review and was an Editor in Chief for the ACLR's Annual Survey on White Collar Crime. She sits on a number of boards and committees in support of national and community organizations and charities.