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Maurita Coley Flippin is a lawyer, social impact leader, and former communications industry executive with extensive experience in media and telecom law and policy, business and nonprofit management, and diversity and inclusion.

Coley serves as President and CEO of the **Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council**, a national nonprofit, non-partisan social impact organization that is dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity in the mass media, telecom, broadband and tech industries. MMTC is active in media, telecom, and tech policy issues, as well as minority ownership, access to capital, workforce development, and C-suite, board, and supplier diversity. As President and CEO, Coley directs MMTC's policy initiatives and manages business and financial operations. As an *ex officio* member of MMTC's board, she supports the standing committees on finance, audit, governance, policy and programming, and strategic planning. She also serves as MMTC's representative on several corporate and government advisory panels.

Coley served on the executive management team for then-African American-controlled and publicly-traded (NYSE:BTV) **BET Holdings, Inc.** (now Viacom, Inc.), the owner of the preeminent cable television networks targeting African American viewers and consumers. As Senior Vice President, Network Operations and Programming, she led a team of 7 vice-presidents with responsibility for east and west coast programming and production operations for the *BET Cable Networks* (*BET*, *BET Jazz* (now *BET Centric*), *BET International*, *BET Japan*, *BET Gospel*, and *Action-Pay-Per-View*). As Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs, she spearheaded major contracts and acquisitions and provided senior legal oversight over day-to-day legal operations, corporate governance, compliance, new business ventures, intellectual property, investor relations and SEC compliance, and litigation management.

Coley is a former partner with the **Davis Wright Tremaine** and the **Cole, Raywid & Braverman** law firms, where she represented as many as 40 cable television programming networks, as well as multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs), and urban and rural broadband providers. She also served as a special advisor to venture capital companies and minority business enterprises in the media and entertainment sectors, and has advised clients on corporate diversity and workplace inclusion. She started her legal career as an associate attorney with **Clark, Klein & Beaumont** (now **Clark Hill**) in Detroit, Michigan where she practiced labor and employment law. Immediately prior to joining MMTC, Coley served as the chief executive officer of **Capital Area Asset Builders** (CAAB), a nonprofit leader in asset-building, financial literacy, and microenterprise programs in the DC metropolitan area. During college, she interned at *The Washington Monthly* magazine through **The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars**, and prior to her legal career, she was employed by *The Detroit News*, the **National Association of Broadcasters**, and the **National Cable Television Association**.

Currently, Coley is a member of the Federal Communications Commission's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment, serving on the Tech Working Group. She is listed on BlackWomenTech.com's 2017 and 2018 lists of *200 Black Women in Tech to Follow on Twitter*, and on *CableFax's 2017 and 2018 Top Lawyers* and *2018 Most Influential Minorities* lists. Coley is rated AV[®] Preeminent™ by the Martindale-Hubbell Client/Peer Review ratings system for lawyers with an overall rating of 5.0 out of 5.0. Earlier in her career, Coley served on the Federal Communications Bar Association's (FCBA) Executive Committee, Diversity Committee, and on the founding board of the FCBA Foundation.

Coley earned a B.A. in Communications from Michigan State University, and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center where she has been the recipient of the highest alumni and alumnae awards.

Currently, she serves as an officer and member of the board of the Daniel Alexander Payne Community Development Corporation, an affiliate of the Metropolitan AME Church, that promotes STEM and robotics education, ex-offender re-entry, workforce development, and economic empowerment initiatives. Passionate about media and diversity, Coley has been an investor in several award-winning independent films produced by filmmakers of color that now air on cable. She is author of a children's chapter book for middle grade readers called *The Magic Door to Everywhere*, available on Amazon.com.

A proud native Detroiter, she is married to Paul Flippin and they reside in Washington, DC.