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Judge Donald’s writings include the following: *A Glimpse Inside the Brain’s Black Box: Understanding the Role of Neuroscience in Criminal Sentencing*, 85 *FORDHAM L. REV.* 481 (2016); *Not Your Father’s Legal Profession: Technology, Globalization, Diversity, and the Future of Law*

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Judge Donald has received over 100 awards for professional, civic, and community activities, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Memphis; the Martin Luther King Community Service Award; the Benjamin Hooks Award from the Memphis Bar Foundation; the prestigious Margaret Brent Award; the Spirit of Excellence Award; the John Pickering Award of Achievement; the University of Memphis Pillars of Excellence Award; and the Inaugural Liberty Award from the Tort, Trial and Insurance Section of the ABA. In 2020, at the request of the Labor

and Employment Law Section, the American Bar Association established “The Judge Bernice Bouie Donald Diversity and Inclusion Award,” and Judge Donald was presented with the inaugural award.