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Binta Niambi Brown is a partner in the corporate practice of the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP. She has represented corporate clients in connection with over \$70.2 billion of merger and acquisition transactions (including the then largest oil & gas merger in US history), public and private debt and equity offerings, and secured debt financings. She was named as one of the 2011 "40 Under 40" professionals in *Crain's New York Business*, has been recognized by that National Organization for Women as a "Woman of Power and Influence", and in 2012 the World Economic Forum honored her as a Young Global Leader.

Ms. Brown has also advised general counsel and other senior management officials of Fortune 100 companies with respect to corporate governance matters and other special situations, in addition to providing general corporate advice to early- and growth-stage businesses. Ms. Brown's pro bono practice has included advocating on behalf of women and girls and other human rights matters throughout the world.

Ms. Brown was an informal national security advisor to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign, where she focused in particular on human rights and international institutions, and has advised several other senior elected officials and their staffs on transportation policy and foreign economic policy.

In 2005, the U.S. Army and Fifth Division, Iraqi Army honored Ms. Brown for outstanding pro bono support of a military operation that resulted in securing emergency medical care in the U.S. for a young Iraqi civilian. In 2006, Ms. Brown served as a member of Governor Eliot Spitzer's Transition Team as a member of his Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. In 2010, Ms. Brown served as a member of Governor Andrew Cuomo's Transition Team, again as a member of his Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. Ms. Brown is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a Truman National Security Fellow and a Pipeline Fellow (the Pipeline fellowship trains women to become angel investors and board members). She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of each of Barnard College, the New York City Parks Foundation and the American Theatre Wing.

Ms. Brown received her B.A. *cum laude* from Barnard College and her J.D. from Columbia Law School.

She is an avid half-marathoner and cyclist, plays the electric bass and piano, and discovered recently the joys of surfing.