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**Jamil French Named “Rising Star” by Minority Corporate Counsel Association**

[***Orlando, Florida***]– The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) recently named Jamil O. French to its 2015 Class of “Rising Stars”. This elite list recognizes accomplished legal professionals who are committed to excellence in their fields and have demonstrated a commitment to social justice.

French is Director and Senior Counsel for Pershing Advisor Solutions, a New Jersey based broker dealer and subsidiary of BNY Mellon that provides services to investment advisors and other fiduciaries. Prior to joining Pershing Advisor Solutions, he served as in-house counsel for a New York City based hedge fund, a Managing Director of a global investment bank and as an attorney in two internationally recognized global law firms.

French is devoted to tackling issues of diversity and inclusion as reflected most recently in his pro bono work for the National LGBT Bar Association related to same sex marriage laws and tax treatment guidance, as well as his active participation as a member of BNY Mellon’s Legal Diversity and Inclusion Council and the Council of Urban Professionals, a leadership development organization. In 2014, the National LGBT Bar Association named him one of the “40 Best LGBT Attorneys Under 40”.

French received a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, from Princeton University in 1997. He received his Juris Doctoris from Harvard Law School in 2001 where he served as a submissions editor for the International Law Journal.

The MCCA is the country’s preeminent voice for diversity matters in the legal profession. French and 14 other attorneys are profiled in the March/April issue of their digital magazine, *Diversity and the Bar*. The full text of French’s Rising Star profile is viewable at the hyperlink below.

<http://www.diversityandthebardigital.com/datb/march_april_2015#pg37>

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