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Empowering Leaders. Influencing Change.



Message from the CEO:

In our monthly newsletters, we share our latest articles and updates. We want you to take charge of your future by giving you tools to become a stronger leader. Our goal is to help you flourish and share what makes people thrive!

*Regards,
Fatimah Gilliam*

LATEST ARTICLES

Pro Athlete Career Lessons – #3 Financial Planning



This is the third article in a three-part series providing career advice to athletes – encouraging success both on and off the field. However, the tips are universal and helpful to everyone in the workplace.

Check out our tips on financial planning for long-term career success.

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THOUGHT LEADER SPOTLIGHT



Meet **David Greenspan**,
Partner at Winston & Strawn
LLP.

He's an antitrust and sports lawyer. He represents athletes and NFL, NBA, MLB, and NHL players associations.

He's worked on matters involving Tom Brady, Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson, Terrell Owens, and Michael Vick.

Previous articles in this series discussed [leadership strategies](#) and [career planning](#) to promote successful job transitioning for athletes.

[Read the full article here...](#)

Historic Diversity Trailblazer & Equality Advocate Remembered – California's First Black Female Judge

Justice Vaino Hassan Spencer



From a life starting out in Hollywood films and as a real estate broker to becoming a pioneering judge, Vaino Hassan Spencer was an original and one of a kind.

Justice Spencer was the first black female judge in California, the third in the country, the third black woman to pass the California State Bar exam, the third to open a law practice in Los Angeles, and the first black female judge on California's Court of Appeal.

Justice Spencer had a life of many firsts. She also actively promoted the advancement of others by carving a path for other women and people of color to follow in her footsteps.

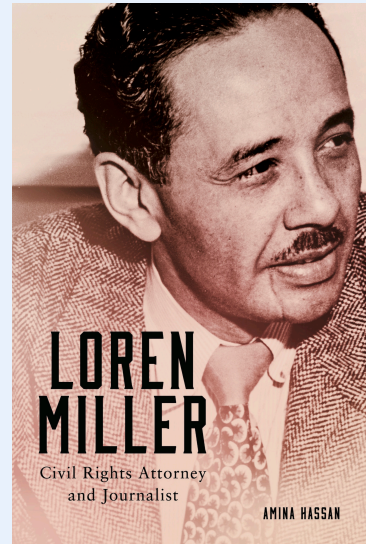
We owe much to pioneers like her, and remember her contribution to America.

[Read the full article here...](#)

COMPANY UPDATES

Click [here](#) to read David's insights about leadership, being an influencer, and his career.

BOOK RELEASE



Last year, Amina Hassan's book on the life of civil rights attorney Loren Miller was published. She is our company researcher and consultant.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Order it today!

To see Amina's new website about her book, click [here](#).

Lonnie G. Bunch III, the Founding Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African-American History and Culture (NMAAHC), where Amina's biography is available in the bookstore, said:

"I just love the Loren Miller book!"

Click [here](#) to read a review in the Library Journal, which calls this book:

"A recommended work that adds to the corpus of civil rights and offers a rich portrait of a central figure in the related struggle."

Click [here](#) to read a review in the Western Historical Quarterly Review, where Lorn S. Foster (Professor of Politics at Pomona College) said:

"Amina Hassan presents us



Speaking Appearance

In November, both Fatimah Gilliam and Amina Hassan spoke at various events. They will continue to speak at events in the coming months.

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with an excellent...history of the West in her biography of Loren Miller...[and] reveals Miller as a hidden jewel...and an unsung hero of the national Civil Rights movement."

Click [here](#) to read a review in the Southern California Quarterly, where Emily Lutenski (Professor of American Studies at Saint Louis University) said:

"Hassan describes Miller's contributions to worlds as seemingly disparate as the Harlem Renaissance and the United States Supreme Court, and insists upon Miller's importance for scholars of civil rights, black politics and letters, and Los Angeles."



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