

## **Erick A. Russell Receives Impact Award from University of Connecticut Alumni Association**

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BRIDGEPORT, CT: Erick A. Russell, an attorney in the Government Finance practice at Pullman & Comley, was honored with the Graduates of the Last Decade Impact Award at the 2019 University of Connecticut Alumni Association Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner on October 15. Erick, who earned his J.D. from UConn Law School in 2012, was one of three alumni to receive this recognition at this year's event at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT.

"Erick has emerged as a high-caliber professional and a force for good in Connecticut," says John F. Stafstrom, chair of the firm's Government Finance practice. "In multiple ways, Erick is shaping the future of our state—through his work as an attorney, in government, and in business and civic life."

At Pullman & Comley, Erick represents state and municipal governments in the issuance of tax-exempt and taxable bonds and other debt obligations. In addition, he represents issuers of 501(c)(3) bonds, qualified private activity bonds, revenue bonds and conduit borrowings.

Earlier in his career, Erick represented low-income taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services as part of the University of Connecticut School of Law's Low-Income Tax Clinic. He also interned for the General Counsel to Governor Dannel P. Malloy prior to joining the firm as a summer associate in 2011, and served as a legal intern for the Connecticut Legal Rights Project in 2010.

Erick is immediate past chair of the LGBT section of the Connecticut Bar Association, and since 2014 has served as a co-chair of the annual Lambda Legal "Connecticut Cares" event which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support Lambda's work in assuring equality for LGBTQ persons across the country. He is a member of the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity and of the board of directors of Discovering Amistad, a nonprofit educational institution. Erick serves as Eastern Regional Vice Chair of the Connecticut Democratic Party.

Earlier this year, Erick was named to the Fairfield County Business Journal "40 under 40" list and received the George W. Crawford Black Bar Association Rising Star award. In 2016, he received the Connecticut Law Tribune's "New Leaders in the Law" award, and he has been named to the Super Lawyers "Connecticut Rising Stars" in the area of government finance since 2015.

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