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NEW YORK IS FERTILE GROUND FOR Black professionals and entrepreneurs. The state, for example, is home to more than 11,300 Black-owned businesses, the most in the U.S.

In the spirit of this legacy, Crain's has selected 105 honorees for its 2022 list of Notable Black Leaders and Executives. The objective was to identify talented and accomplished Black individuals whose professional and communal achievements enhance New York City and the lives of its inhabitants. Working in a wide range of industries—including law, medicine, engineering, finance, con-

struction and entertainment—the honorees on this roster deserve accolades for their contributions.

To choose the honorees, Crain's consulted with trusted sources in New York City's business world. Nominations, submitted by individuals and companies in the area, were then vetted. Ultimately, the honorees were picked for their career accomplishments as well as their broader community involvement.

Read on to discover how the Black leaders on our list invigorate the New York business community every day.

## CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS 2022 NOTABLE BLACK LEADERS

### YAHONNES CLEARY

Litigation Partner,  
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Cleary is an ardent proponent of lawyers of color at Paul, Weiss, working intimately with them on the global law firm's diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Cleary, a seasoned trial lawyer, advises corporate clients on commercial litigation and internal and regulatory investigations. His high-profile representations have included Citigroup, ExxonMobil, MasterCard, Morgan Stanley, Pfizer and Uber. In his pro bono practice, he focuses on issues of social and racial justice. He has collaborated with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund on voting rights litigation and with the American Bar Association on affirmative action lawsuits.



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