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Women of Influence

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Location

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Years at this company:

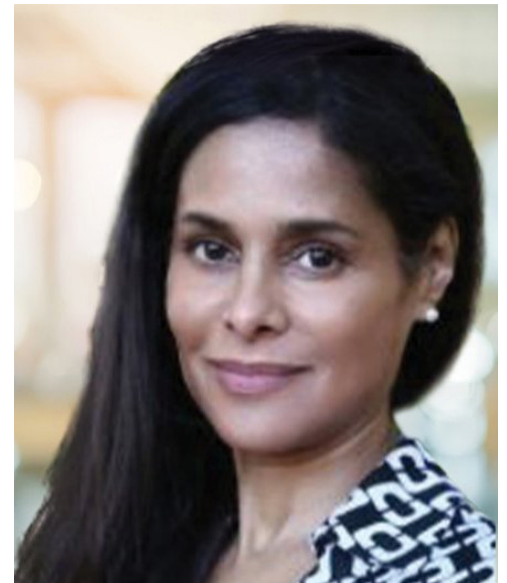
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In addition to being a partner in her law firm, Daphne Higgs co-owns a design firm where she says she derives satisfaction from designing spaces, understanding how the flow of air and light within a space affects people, and how quality construction and materials affect aesthetics.

What keeps you up at night? My concerns about systemic racism, and my excitement about artificial intelligence: its development, applications, and sheer potential. We are experiencing one of the most profound innovative technologies.

Who has been your most supportive mentor? Why? My father. His guidance, empathy and support helped me hone my critical thinking skills and collective approach. In addition, he instilled a strong belief within me that I possess the prowess (intellectual and otherwise) to achieve my goals. I have always felt that I ought to have a seat at the table.

What advice do you have for other working parents? Do what is best for you. Do not feel pressured to buy into the “you can have it all” or other working parent notions. I am an ad-



vocate of bringing one’s whole person to one’s job. However, I recognize that being able to do such is a privilege. My 11-year-old daughter regularly visits my office, and she attends various firm events. It is educational and enlightening for her to connect with my colleagues and clients.

What’s the best piece of advice you have ever received? Surround yourself with people who possess genuine confidence and self-worth. They authentically collaborate and champion others.