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Attorney Tom Hipkins Named a Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow

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Fredrikson attorney Tom Hipkins has been chosen as a 2023 Fellow by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). The Fellow program was created by the LCLD to identify, train and advance the next generation of diverse leaders in the legal profession. Designed for mid-career lawyers, the program connects high-potential attorneys with leading general counsel and managing partners, and their peers for mentoring and career guidance.

Hipkins is an intellectual property attorney who serves as chair of Fredrikson's Patents Group. He advises technology-driven clients on minimizing patent infringement risk by developing noninfringement and invalidity positions with respect to their competitors' patents, while also helping protect and leverage their own technology. Hipkins enjoys working closely with his clients to formulate comprehensive patent strategies that best advance their business objectives. His clients view him as a trusted counselor and appreciate his creativity and knowledge of the law.

Founded in 2009, LCLD has grown to an organization of more than 400 members, who serve as either general counsel of major corporations or managing partners of the nation's leading law firms. United by a spirit of activism and personal commitment, LCLD members participate widely in the programs they have created—leading by example, taking action and challenging the legal profession to prepare future generations of diverse talent for the highest positions of leadership.

In October 2022, the LCLD named Fredrikson a 2022 Compass Award winner, which recognizes law firms and corporations showing a strong commitment to building a more diverse organization and a more inclusive legal profession.

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