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## The Life Insurance Council of New York to Co-Host Diversity and Inclusion Event in NYC

New York, NY -- The Life Insurance Council of New York (LICONY) is welcoming media to attend the inaugural [Women & Diversity: Expanding Opportunities in Insurance event](#). The conference has attracted over 300 registrants and will take place February 27-28, 2020, at the Barclay InterContinental hotel in New York City. The conference is being offered in partnership with the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) and the American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA).

“A diverse and inclusive workplace is essential to hiring and retaining top talent in the insurance industry. To that end, it’s imperative to attract more women and minorities to the industry and help foster continued growth in their careers,” said Mary A. Griffin, President and CEO of LICONY. “We’re happy to team with our partners ACLI and APCIA to build an agenda that explores best practices, cutting edge research and industry perspectives from those that are leading the way to more diverse and inclusive work environments.”

The event is an exciting opportunity because life insurers’ core business is to provide solutions that protect the financial and retirement security of all Americans. Promoting a diverse and inclusive workforce that reflects the communities they serve is essential to this mission.

New York Superintendent Linda Lacewell will kick off the event, followed by keynotes from CEOs, Chief Diversity Officers, and other senior executives from MetLife, New York Life, Brighthouse, Equitable, The Hartford, AF Group, CSAA, Travelers, Society Insurance, and State Auto, Zurich and Aon.

Mika Brzezinski, co-host of MSNBC’s Morning Joe, will give the afternoon Keynote. *(closed to media)*

The event will kick off with a reception from 6-7:30pm on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the InterContinental with NYS Lieutenant Governor, Kathy Hochul offering remarks.

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