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WINDY LAWRENCE, VICE PRESIDENT AND COUNSEL FOR AXA EQUITABLE HONORED BY THE NETWORK JOURNAL

Named One of The Network Journal's 40 Under Forty Dynamic Achievers

New York – AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company announced today that Windy Lawrence, 34, vice president and counsel, has earned *The Network Journal's* 40 Under Forty achievement award for 2009. Ms. Lawrence was honored during a recent awards ceremony held in Manhattan.

“Windy was 29-years-old when I interviewed her for a position at AXA Equitable, and I remember thinking that she had the poise, instincts, leadership qualities and judgment of someone with decades more experience,” said Dick Silver, executive vice president and general counsel for AXA Equitable. “I have had that same thought countless times since. This well-deserved award is a testament to Windy’s exceptional professional ability and personal character.”

The Network Journal's 40 Under Forty recognizes 40 up-and-coming African-American men and women under the age of 40 who have achieved significant levels of success in their careers or business ventures. They are respected business leaders who have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to their communities.

Ms. Lawrence joined AXA Equitable in 2004 as a member of the Corporate, Tax and Investment practice group of the law department, specializing in securities regulations, transactional and general corporate matters. She was promoted to assistant vice president in 2005 and to vice president in 2008. Ms. Lawrence currently leads the company’s Advertising Compliance Unit, responsible for the regulatory and legal review and approval of corporate public communications, advertising and direct marketing.

Immediately prior to joining AXA Equitable, Ms. Lawrence practiced as a corporate associate at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, where she was a member of the firm’s Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Markets groups.

Ms. Lawrence earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political philosophy from Wellesley College and a Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law. She is a member of the Executive Leadership Council (ELC), and serves on the advisory board of directors of *InMotion*, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, which provides pro-bono legal services to economically disadvantaged women.

About The Network Journal

Founded in 1993 by Aziz Gueye Adetimirin, *The Network Journal* (TNJ) is a monthly magazine published by The Network Journal Communications Inc. dedicated to educating and empowering African-American professionals and small business owners by:

- Providing news and commentary on issues that affect the growth of business and the advancement of professionals in the workplace.
- Featuring successful entrepreneurs and professionals who offer insights on business- and career-building strategies.
- Highlighting business and career trends in key industries.
- Providing information on valuable resources in the government, corporate and not-for-profit sectors. Each issue of TNJ also contains articles on technology, health, personal finance and entertainment.

About AXA Equitable

In business since 1859, AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company is a leading financial protection company and one of the nation's premier providers of life insurance and annuities as well as financial strategies, and investment products and services through its affiliate, AXA Advisors, LLC. The company's products and services are distributed to individuals and business owners through its retail distribution channel, AXA Advisors; to the financial services market through its wholesale distribution channel, AXA Distributors, LLC; and to corporations and their employees through its corporate distribution channel, Corporate Markets.

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