



News Release

Shereefat Balogun Named Among 2021 Leadership in Law Honorees
The Daily Record Recognizes SECU's Chief Legal and Compliance Counsel among Maryland's Outstanding Legal Professionals

BALTIMORE (June 16, 2021) — *The Daily Record* has named Shereefat Balogun, chief legal and compliance counsel at [SECU](#), Maryland's largest state chartered credit union, to its 2021 listing of Leadership in Law honorees.

The Daily Record launched Leadership in Law in 2001 to recognize Maryland's legal professionals - lawyers and judges - whose dedication to their occupation and to their communities is outstanding. This year's winners were selected by an outside panel of legal and business leaders.

"This year's Leadership in Law celebrates the legal professionals who make this state great. We honor their excellent work in the profession in addition to their devoted community service and mentoring of the next generation," said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, senior group publisher of *The Daily Record*. "In addition, the Generation J.D. Award recognizes those in the early stages of their careers, and the Lifetime Achievement Award honors those who have dedicated many years to the profession. We at *The Daily Record* are pleased to recognize this year's honorees."

Bringing more than a decade of legal experience to SECU, Balogun oversees SECU's Regulatory and Compliance teams as well as its Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering teams in addition to handling all of the credit union's legal matters. Her role extends to working closely with nearly every business unit within SECU, developing strong relationships with its leaders and finding ways to collaborate across the business to further the corporate strategy. One example of Balogun's leadership is the effort she led in 2020 to provide hardship grants to members who were struggling during the pandemic.

Balogun has also supported SECU's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program, helping to build a strong, diverse and inclusive culture. She is actively involved with employee affinity groups to help bring together team members with similar backgrounds and interests who are instrumental in fostering an environment for professional and personal development, networking and mentorships.

"We are thrilled that Shereefat has been named a Leadership in Law honoree," said Becky Smith, EVP and chief strategy & marketing officer for SECU Maryland. "She is extremely talented in providing practical and creative solutions to mitigate risks while advancing business goals. Through collaboration, culture-building and community support, Shereefat demonstrates leadership and passion for not only SECU, but the Maryland community at large."

Balogun has shared legal expertise as a presenter for the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU) Regulatory Compliance School and has co-authored pieces for NAFCU and

FHFA-OIG. In addition to giving back to the industry, Balogun chairs the Board of Directors for the Nigerian Lawyers Association and also volunteers and mentors with Streetwise Partners.

Leadership in Law awards will be presented on June 17 at an online celebration from 6 to 7 p.m. where each of the winners will be celebrated for their achievements through video storytelling. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in the program with their congratulations and cheers using #TDREvents on social media platforms from their homes or offices.

For more information, visit <https://thedailyrecord.com/leadership-in-law>.

About SECU (State Employees' Credit Union of Maryland)

SECU ("see-Q"), Maryland's largest state-chartered credit union, serves 260,000 members across the state. As a member-owned not-for-profit, SECU puts its members first. Membership is open to all Maryland state employees and their families, University System of Maryland students, graduates, staff and their families, Bank At Work partners and many others. Headquartered in Linthicum, Maryland, SECU has 22 financial centers and provides access to 30,000 free ATMs through the CO-OP network. With more than \$4 billion in assets, SECU ranks among the top 60 credit unions nationwide based on total assets in the U.S. insured by NCUA. For more information, visit www.secumd.org or follow SECU on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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