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HALEY COX NAMED A FINALIST FOR 2026 CORPORATE COUNSEL WOMEN, INFLUENCE AND POWER IN LAW AWARDS

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Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC partner **Haley A. Cox** was **named a finalist for the 2026 Corporate Counsel Women, Influence and Power in Law Awards** in the talent management category.

Published by American Lawyer Media, the award honors in-house and law firm women leaders and allies who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the empowerment of women in law.

“Haley has been a driving force behind building a talent pipeline at Lightfoot, and this recognition reflects that work,” said Lightfoot managing partner **Wes Gilchrist**. “This is a competitive award, and we’re proud of Haley for her selection as a finalist.”

As Lightfoot’s hiring partner for many years, Cox has played a central role in shaping Lightfoot’s approach to recruiting, developing and retaining top litigation talent. She helped expand the summer associate program and launch Lightfoot’s pre-law initiative, the Lightfoot Academy, creating a structured pipeline for aspiring trial lawyers and early-career attorneys to gain meaningful, hands-on experience.

Still at the center of Lightfoot’s recruiting efforts as a member of the recruiting committee, Cox continues to shape the firm’s long-term talent strategy, which emphasizes an environment where associates are given early responsibility, direct client exposure and the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to high-stakes matters.