



Diversity Leadership in Action

AMDC Spring Summit & 2017 Five Star Diversity Symposium

The American Mortgage Diversity Council (AMDC) held its 2017 Spring Summit on May 10 in Dallas, Texas. The summit brought together executives from member organizations to discuss issues that the membership is collectively focused on addressing. The membership welcomed Leonard Kiefer, Deputy Chief Economist at Freddie Mac, who set the tone for the day by delivering the latest nationwide homeownership statistics.

Throughout the day, members of the AMDC led discussions on issues ranging from minorities in the workplace to developing diversity in homeownership.

The next day, the second-annual Five Star Diversity Symposium was held in Dallas, Texas, on Thursday, May 11, 2017, and included representatives from several key companies and government agencies within the mortgage industry, including the Federal

Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. The event was a day-long event focused on advancing the conversation on diversity within the mortgage industry, and featured keynote addresses from industry leaders, as well as panel discussions.

Topics discussed included innovation in diversity, resolving unconscious bias, and the advantage of diversity.

The day kicked off with an address from Dwight Robinson, SVP Human Resources and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at Freddie Mac, who shared with attendees the latest diversity and inclusion developments from the GSE and how the industry can come together to support this important conversation.



1. Charmaine Brown, Fannie Mae
2. Stephanie Roemer, Freddie Mac
3. Kiyoshi Hunt, Armor Concepts; Clint Welsler, Laudan Properties; Edmond Buckley, Aspen Grove Solutions
4. Erik Richard, Landmark Network
5. Stuart Ishimaru (CFPB) addresses a full house. (Diversity Symposium)
6. Dr. Scott Vowels, Apple; Alvin-o Williams, SRMSDC; Vladimir Bien-Aime, Global DMS; Edmond Buckley, Aspen Grove Solutions (Diversity Symposium)
7. Michael Ruiz, Fannie Mae; Leonard Kiefer, Freddie Mac
8. Julie Moran (Orlans PC) and Heather Burt (Beers Housing) discuss succession planning with diversity in mind at the The Five Star Diversity Symposium.
9. AMDC Chairs: Michael Ruiz (Fannie Mae) and Jay Inouye (Freddie Mac)
10. AMDC participants heard presentations on important issues throughout the day.
11. Sandra Thompson, FHFA (Diversity Symposium)
12. Dwight Robinson, Freddie Mac (Diversity Symposium)

