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Yolanda Cole is a Senior Principal and Owner of Hickok Cole Architects, an award-winning, 100-person commercial architecture and interior design firm located in Washington, DC. Ms. Cole has over 35 years of base building and interior design experience in projects ranging from large-scale, mixed-use developments to boutique commercial and retail interiors. She is widely recognized for spearheading innovation in the profession through the cultivation of a collaborative, research-based practice. She is a frequent speaker at conferences on topics ranging from transforming the practice of architecture through exploration, to groundbreaking technologies for urban Net Zero renovations. Her personal passion is to influence housing policy and create new prototypes to maintain young families in our cities.

Ms. Cole is currently the Chair of the Washington District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and was a long-time Director at the Greater Washington Board of Trade (BOT). She is a past President of AIA|DC and served for many years on its Board of Directors. In 2013, Yolanda was named one of the Washington Business Journal's *Women Who Mean Business*. In 2017 she was honored as a *Women of Influence in Commercial Real Estate* at Bisnow's Power Series and was named one of the Washington Business Journal's *Power 100*. In addition to her leadership in the real estate profession, Yolanda is a founding board member of the DC Concert Orchestra and serves as the orchestra's Chair of Development and Principal Flutist.