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Ms. Walker is a graduate of Emory University School of Law, where she was named the 1992 Outstanding Woman Law Graduate, and of Louisiana Tech University. She also is the chair of "Stakeholder 100," which mentors top-performing law firm associates across the country to help them achieve their fullest potential.

Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest investor-owned U.S. water and wastewater utility company. With headquarters in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs more than 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to approximately 15 million people in 32 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.