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Cloud, Paige reap CT black bar honors

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Pratt & Whitney associate general counsel Reginald R. "Reg" Paige Sr. and Avon investor and former state lawmaker Sanford I. Cloud Jr. have been chosen to receive top honors from George W. Crawford Black Bar Association.

The Crawford is awarding Paige its Trailblazer Award, and honoring Cloud with its Visionary Award

Both will be feted at the association's annual award dinner April 28 at The Society Room of Hartford on Pratt Street downtown.

Cloud is a former two-term state senator who sponsored legislation creating the state's first Department of Housing. He has been an international philanthropist, formerly serving as president and CEO of The National Conference for Community and Justice and represented the human relations organization in Jerusalem as a member of President Carter's delegation to oversee the first Palestinian elections.

Cloud also helped found National Voices for an Inclusive 21st Century, a collaboration of national human relations and civil rights organizations working together to confront bias, bigotry and racism.

Paige has been counsel to Hartford-based United Technologies Corp. since 1994 in various business units, currently at Pratt. He previously practiced law at White & Case in New York City and at Robinson & Cole in Stamford.

Paige was a Thomas J. Watson Fellow, conducting research around the world, including in France, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Burkina Faso. He serves on the boards of the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, the New Britain Museum of American Art and the Loomis Chaffee School.

The Crawford is an affiliate of the National Bar Association and is comprised of African-American lawyers, judges and law students in Connecticut.

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