

## Kelley Kronenberg Black History Month Employee Spotlight: Lea Lewis

Kelley Kronenberg's Black History Month Employee Spotlight feature is Lea Lewis. Lea works in the firm's billing department. In her own words, learn about her role, her motivations and how Black History has shaped her life. **Tell us about a moment in black history that influenced or shaped your career?** A moment in black history that helped to shape my career is Rosa Park's refusal to leave her bus seat. Her refusal taught me the power of the word "no" and the importance of "taking up space." Her "no" set off an entire movement! So many had resisted and said "no" before her - and faced terrible repercussions; but it mattered, in that moment that she dared to say "no" anyway. It mattered that she dared to take up space. I have embraced the concept of saying "no" to underserving things and daring to take up space, not only for my career but in life. **Favorite Quote or Mantra?** A.P.I.I.M – All Power Is In Me **Why do you think celebrating Black History Month is important?** Black History Month is important because it aims to celebrate the resilience and achievements of a diaspora that has faced and still faces great hardships. It is a baton for generations to celebrate in each passing how we overcome. Black History is so much greater than a month but we celebrate Black History Month as a moment we can dedicate to having important conversations that further the cause for unity, justice, and equality between races as well as the push for the advancement of those disenfranchised. **Who inspires you?** My mother, my children. My mother because she is a beacon of strength, perseverance and hope. My children because I endeavor to put forward the best version of myself so I can be a beacon for them. **If you could have a conversation with a civil rights activist, who would it be and why?** I would love to have a conversation with Stacey Abrams. I think she is the perfect example of how a purported loss can be leveraged to manifest your next win.

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