



Mersana Therapeutics Chief People Officer Carla Poulson Named One of Savoy Magazine's 2022 Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 22, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Mersana Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: MRSN), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing a pipeline of antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) targeting cancers in areas of high unmet medical need, today announced that its Senior Vice President and Chief People Officer, Carla Poulson, has been named one of *Savoy Magazine's* 2022 Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America.



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"Since Carla joined Mersana's leadership team at the start of 2021, she has played an integral role in guiding the growth and culture of our organization while also advancing our diversity and inclusion objectives," said Anna Protopapas, Chief Executive Officer at Mersana Therapeutics.

"We have benefitted greatly from Carla's talent acquisition, people management and organizational development skills, as evidenced by our recent inclusion in *The Boston Globe's* Top Places to Work in Massachusetts. This honor from *Savoy Magazine* is incredibly well-deserved, and we congratulate her on this latest achievement."

Prior to joining Mersana, Ms. Poulson served as Chief Human Resources Officer at Akcea Therapeutics before its acquisition by Ionis Pharmaceuticals. Prior to joining Akcea, she held multiple roles of increasing responsibility during a decade of great organizational growth at Vertex Pharmaceuticals, most recently serving as Vice President, Human Resources. Earlier in her career, she also held senior human resources positions at Ahold Corporation, Pepsi Bottling Group and ExxonMobil Corporation. Ms. Poulson earned a Master's in Human Resources & Industrial Relations and a B.S. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, both from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

"I am honored to receive this recognition and believe it speaks to the strong workplace environments that I have contributed to over the course of my career," said Ms. Poulson. "With the support of our inclusive, patient-centric team at Mersana, I am excited by the opportunity to further our growth and pursue our goal to bring forward new treatments to address unmet needs in cancer."

About Mersana Therapeutics

Mersana Therapeutics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company using its differentiated and proprietary ADC platforms to rapidly develop novel ADCs with optimal efficacy, safety and tolerability to meaningfully improve the lives of people fighting cancer. Mersana's lead product candidate, upifitamab rilsodotin (UpRi), is a Dolaflexin ADC targeting NaPi2b and is being studied in UPLIFT, a single-arm registrational trial in patients with platinum-resistant ovarian cancer, as well as in UPGRADE, a Phase 1/2 umbrella trial evaluating UpRi in combination with other ovarian cancer therapies. Mersana's earlier stage programs include XMT-1660, a Dolasynthen ADC targeting B7-H4, and XMT-2056, a STING-agonist ADC developed using the company's Immunosynthen platform and targeting a novel epitope of human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2). In addition, multiple partners are using Mersana's platforms to advance their ADC pipelines. Mersana Therapeutics was recently named among the 2021 Top Places to Work in Massachusetts by The Boston Globe. Mersana routinely posts information that may be useful to investors on the "Investors and Media" section of its website at www.mersana.com.

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