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## **MCWT Hires New Executive Director**

**DETROIT, Feb. 17, 2015** – The Michigan Council of Women in Technology has hired executive director Sarah Prout. She will be instrumental in advancing MCWT’s strategy to help Michigan become the best state in the U.S. for women to pursue a career in technology. Her role will include fundraising, partnership relations, program development and transparency in outcomes.

Prout brings nearly 20 years of advocacy and leadership experience to MCWT. She earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Toledo College of Law and is published in various law journals in the areas of family law, women's advocacy and domestic violence.

“Sarah will help us further expand our impact within the state, deepening our relationships and identifying new sources of funding to fuel our programs,” said Cindy Warner, president of MCWT and managing partner of cloud strategy and solutions for IBM’s Global Services business unit. “Her expertise advocating for women and successfully leading nonprofits will ensure we attain our goals.”

Previously, Prout served as executive director for Blue Water Horizons, a domestic violence homelessness service agency. Prior to that, she was a litigator director for Lakeshore Legal Aid. She also is an adjunct faculty/trainer for both the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan.

Prout will lead the organization alongside MCWT’s [board of directors](#), which includes its [newly appointed president](#), Warner, and vice president Carey Pachla, president of Fast Switch, Ltd.

“I look forward to advancing MCWT's mission and providing opportunities for girls and women in technology careers,” said Prout. “The experiences MCWT provides to young girls and women throughout Michigan make a difference not only in their personal lives, but they strengthen Michigan’s economy, as well.”

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### **About MCWT**

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology strives to inspire and grow women in technology fields, with an aspirational vision to make Michigan the No. 1 state for women in technology. The organization supports Michigan’s female IT workforce, students, corporate partners, schools and the overall community with networking, learning, mentoring, and technology experiences for professionals and students. It also provides programs and funds supporting the education and orientation of young women throughout school and fostering women in various stages of their professional lives. Find more information at [www.mcwt.org](http://www.mcwt.org) and connect via [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [www.mcwtblog.org](http://www.mcwtblog.org).

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