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Y. Andrea Armstead is the co-founder and CEO of the Armstead-Barnhill Foundation for Sickle Cell Anemia (ABF). ABF was founded in 1992 after her daughter was diagnosed with sickle cell. For the past 30 years, Ms. Armstead on behalf of the Foundation, has advocated the need for a cure for sickle cell. She is known throughout the sickle cell community as a CEO and mother who encourages sickle cell researchers to remain dedicated and diligent in their quest to find a cure. She is credited for identifying sickle cell research in its early stages and earmarking funds, through ABF's Board, to promote innovation in possible treatments and cures. Ms. Armstead has unique communication skills that she uses to liaise with the medical, bioscience, pharmaceutical, corporate and sickle cell communities.

Ms. Armstead retired as an Executive Assistant Chief Counsel for Employment and Labor from the Federal Aviation Administration Office of the Chief Counsel. Ms. Armstead worked for over 36 years as an attorney. As an Executive she supervised over hundreds of attorneys and support staff and provided direct legal Counsel to Executives in the Air Traffic Service.

Ms. Armstead joined the Department of Transportation as a part of the prestigious Honor's Attorney's Program. She also served as the Assistant Chief Counsel for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission. She received numerous awards and recognition for her work in Transportation.

She received her Juris Doctorate from the Northwestern University School of Law, was an ITT International Fellow at the University of the Philippines and graduated from the Morgan State University.