In the News Review

COMPETITORS -

BAIRD:

- Their <u>News & Insights page</u> is a collection of press releases, but I didn't see any news mentions
 from other sources. There is a link to their accolades page on this page as well, and that's what I
 took a screenshot of.
 - Note: Their accolades page is a downloadable PDF.

BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH:

- Awards page is easy to find linked to About Us page.
- Awards page serves as simply that no additional information except for awards.

GOLDMAN SACHS:

- Awards are under a tab at the top of the website entitled "Careers." It is its own standalone
 page.
- There is a tab at the top of the website entitled "Media Relations" under this tab, there are 4 dropdowns, two of which are the 'In the News' and the 'Press Releases' pages.

HARRIS WILLIAMS:

- 'Awards & Recognition' page is its own page under their About Us section.
- They have a menu of tabs on the side of the website, and one of them is entitled 'News & Resources.' Within that is a dropdown, and one of the links is called 'In the Press.'
 - The 'In the Press' page is a collection of links to news mentions by external news sources.

HOULIHAN LOKEY:

- 'Achievements' page is within their About Us section.
- Their 'Newsroom' is also within the About Us it has two sections: "In the News" & "Press Releases.
 - o Recommend this style for Raymond James website!

J.P. MORGAN

• Awards page is a little confusing. Hard to tell if they are listing their accomplishments, or providing a collection of news mentions. This page was hard to find on their website as well.

MORGAN STANLEY

• Awards page is outdated (no updates since 2012?) Text is also overwhelming – should be broken up with spaces, more vibrant colors, etc.

RBC CAPITAL MARKETS:

- Awards & Rankings page is in the About section.
- About Section also contains "Newsroom" page.
 - o This is a collection of their press releases.

STIFEL:

- Awards page is self-explanatory.
- They list their press releases under their 'Investor Relations' tab.

UBS:

- Awards page is organized by sector/topic?
- Under their 'About' dropdown, they have a 'Media' tab.
 - On the 'Media' page, they have a collection of <u>news releases</u>, as well as an "<u>In the</u>
 News" page.

WELLS FARGO:

- Awards page has too much text; nothing broken up. Nothing stands out.
 - Text should have spaces in between each line of text organization should be bolded, not italicized, and bullet points should be shortened.
- Newsroom is a collection of press releases; separate page from Awards page.

WILLIAM BLAIR:

- They have a 'News and Events' page that contains the following:
 - Awards
 - Note: They link awards titles to news sources.
 - o For the Press
 - Contact information to request interviews, media kits, etc.

- William Blair News
 - Collection of press releases.

FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES -

MCDONALD'S:

- Awards page is listed as a dropdown within "Our Company" tab.
- <u>Newsroom</u> is its own website complete with media statements, press releases and a multimedia library.

WALMART:

• Only awards page that I could find for Walmart has not been updated since 2010. This page was very difficult to find – I had to go back to Google, and search for their awards page that way.

GENERAL MOTORS:

- Page is catalogued in a very simple, visually appealing way.
- News Page is its own website contains photo galleries, press kits, and broadcast videos.

VERIZON WIRELESS:

- Awards page is also visually appealing; good use of graphics.
 - Awards are organized by topic very easy to navigate and read.
- News has a tab at the top of page news page contains press release archive, and news articles.

RAYMOND JAMES RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Move Raymond James 'In the News' page within Press Center.
- Place Accolades tab right underneath Press Center tab.
- Within Press Center, make a tab called 'For the Press'
 - Move the following pages to this tab:
 - Media Kit
 - TV and Radio Capabilities
 - Financial Highlights
 - Investment and Economic Experts
- The Press Center would then only have 3 main tabs:
 - Press Releases
 - For the Press
 - Raymond James In the News

- On Raymond James In the News page, perhaps include a screenshot of the video linked to the video's webpage (just to add to this page's visuals there's a ton of text here.)
- If there have been honorable mentions of Raymond James by different organizations, include that organization's logo (with copy that describes the award on it) and place those awards/badges on the right margin of the page.