Speaker Biographies

Ope Adebanjo ’20, Student, Harvard Law School

Ope Adebanjo is a second year JD Candidate at Harvard Law School. She graduated from Harvard College in 2015 and majored in Comparative Literature and African Studies, with a minor in Sociology and a citation in Yoruba. Ope worked as an operations supervisor at McMaster-Carr Supply Company in Atlanta GA, managing teams of e-commerce and sales representatives and managing warehouse projects and operations during her time before law school. She also has her Masters in International Business from J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University. As a HLS student, Ope is interested in intellectual property law and international business law with a focus on the intersection of policy and technology.

Kendra Albert ’16, Clinical Instructional Fellow, Cyberlaw Clinic, Harvard Law School

Kendra is a clinical instructional fellow at the Cyberlaw Clinic at Harvard Law School, where they teach students how to practice law by working with pro bono clients. Previously, they were an associate at Zeitgeist Law PC, a boutique technology law firm in San Francisco, and a research associate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society. Kendra’s scholarship and academic work touches on diverse issues, from online harassment to linkrot to video game preservation. They hold a JD cum laude from Harvard Law School and a bachelor’s degree in lighting design and history from Carnegie Mellon University.

Julie Anna Alvarez ’88, Director of Alumni and International Career Services, Columbia Law School

Julie Anna Alvarez is the Director of Alumni and International Career Services at Columbia Law School's Office of Career Services and Professional Development. She is the primary career counselor for alumni at all stages of their careers and oversees the career counseling resources and programming. Having previously worked as Director of Alumni Career Services at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (Yeshiva University) and as Director of the Career Planning Center at Fordham University School of Law, she has devoted herself to the world of career services for twelve years.

Upon graduation from HLS, she began her legal career as a corporate associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP. Later she worked as an IP and Entertainment Law associate at Weiss Dawid Fross Zelnick & Lehrman PC (now Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu PC). After leaving practice, she embarked on a series of alternative legal career positions including, Diversity Management Consultant, Assistant Director of the Legal Referral Service at the New York City Bar Association, and
running her own business as a certified Feng Shui design consultant. Julie Anna is an active member of NALP and just completed a two-year elected term on the Board of Directors. Previously, she had been elected to the NALP Nominating Committee (2014-2015) and was Co-Chair of NALP’s Law School Alumni Career Services Section (2012-13 & 2013-2014). She has presented on career issues widely and published numerous articles focused on alumni career counseling. NALP invited her to author the chapter on Working with Alumni contained in their book Perspectives on Career Services (Third Edition, 2015). She is a member of the HLSWA-NY and helped organize a panel discussion focused on returning to the paid workforce after a career hiatus on the group’s behalf.

**Shannon Al-Wakeel ’10, Executive Director, Muslim Justice League**

Shannon Al-Wakeel is Executive Director of the Boston-based Muslim Justice League (MJL), a non-profit organization advocating to protect human and civil rights that are threatened under national security pretexts. She was one of four Muslim women who founded MJL in 2014 following federal announcements of a “countering violent extremism” program to be piloted in Boston.

Prior to MJL, Shannon worked with Massachusetts Law Reform Institute and later Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, where her advocacy contributed to advances in immigrant access to education and health care and safeguards against unconstitutional deportation programs, as well as to the defeat of numerous anti-immigrant legislative proposals.

**Jenny P. Andrews ’96, Deputy Public Defender, Santa Barbara County Public Defender**

Jenny Andrews is a Deputy Public Defender at the Santa Barbara County Public Defender, where she is creating a new training curriculum, challenging unreliable forensic evidence, and litigating complex capital cases. Jenny has been a public defender in California since 1996 and has represented adult and juvenile clients in a wide variety of criminal cases and civil commitment proceedings. She worked previously at the Sonoma County Public Defender and the Alameda County Public Defender. She is a faculty member at Gideon’s Promise in Atlanta, GA, and at the Trial Skills Institute of the California Public Defenders Association. She is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a member of its Forensic Sciences Committee. Jenny is also a member of the National Association for Public Defense and a member of its Education Committee. In addition to her Harvard Law education, she holds a degree from Cornell University.

**Rachel Wainer Apter ’07, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the Attorney General**

Rachel Wainer Apter serves as a counsel to the Attorney General of New Jersey, focusing on civil rights and immigration matters. Before joining the Attorney General’s office, she worked as a senior staff attorney in the National Legal Department of the American Civil Liberties Union, and as a Senior Associate in Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe’s Supreme Court and Appellate Practice. Rachel clerked for Judge Jed Rakoff of the U.S. District Court for Southern District of New York, Judge Robert Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School. Rachel lives in New Jersey with her husband and three children.
Hon. Christine M. Arguello ’80, United States District Court Judge, District of Colorado

Christine M. Arguello was sworn in as a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado in 2008. Prior to her presidential appointment to the bench, Judge Arguello’s career included partnership at two private law firms, Holland & Hart LLP and Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, government service as Chief Deputy Attorney General of Colorado, Managing Senior Associate Counsel at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and teaching at the University of Kansas School of Law, where she was a tenured full professor. Judge Arguello is the co-author of a casebook, Evidence: The Objection Method, which is used in numerous law schools around the country.

Judge Arguello has received numerous honors and awards for the many glass ceilings she has shattered and for the work she has done to provide guidance and inspiration to those who wish to enter the legal profession. The most recent of those awards are the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award, Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, and 2014 Inductee, Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame. In 2014, Judge Arguello implemented Law School…Yes We Can (LSYWC), a law school pipeline mentoring program in which college students who are interested in becoming lawyers are paired with mentors, provided with skill-building and exposure programming, and participate in an intensive LSAT preparation course. The end goal of LSSSP is to level the playing field and assist the students in gaining acceptance into the law school of their choice.

Nicole S. Arnaboldi ’84, Vice Chairman of Asset Management, Credit Suisse

Nicole Arnaboldi is Vice Chairman of Credit Suisse Asset Management and Chairman of the Direct Equity Partners business. She also oversees the bank’s legacy private equity portfolio. Nicole currently serves on the board and investment committee of Victoria Capital Partners, and has also served on the investment committees of a variety of Credit Suisse-sponsored funds.

Prior to her current roles, Nicole served as Head of Credit Suisse’s Illiquid Alternatives businesses. She also headed DLJ Merchant Banking Partners. Nicole joined Credit Suisse in November 2000 when the bank merged with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, where she was a Managing Director on DLJ’s merchant banking team. Prior to the merger, Nicole spent 15 years at DLJ, primarily in the private equity and venture capital groups.


Nicole holds a BA magna cum laude from Harvard College, a JD cum laude from Harvard Law School and an MBA with high distinction from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, where she was a Baker Scholar.

Lizzie Asher ’99, President of Macchu Pisco LLC

Lizzie Asher is the co-founder of Macchu Pisco LLC and currently serves as President. She has lead the international expansion of the company and navigated the various legal and regulatory environments throughout the company’s growth. Lizzie is also heavily involved with philanthropic work, founding the Asher-Ezra Scholarship Fund that serves underprivileged kids in the Bronx and heading the legal committee of the board of directors of the non-profit Save Venice Inc. Lizzie began her career in corporate law as an associate at Simpson Thatcher and Allen & Overy. In addition to her JD from Harvard, Lizzie holds a degree from Duke University in Political Science.
Stacey D. Austin '04, Partner, Wang Kobayashi Austin LLC

Stacey Austin is a founding partner with Wang Kobayashi Austin LLC, a boutique law firm that specializes in employee benefits and executive compensation. Stacey advises employers nationwide on matters relating to their retirement and pension plans, health and welfare benefits, and executive compensation arrangements. She also advises clients on the laws governing employee benefit plans, including ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, COBRA, HIPAA, and the Affordable Care Act.

Prior to joining Wang Kobayashi Austin, Stacey was an attorney in the Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Department of Winston & Strawn LLP. Stacey received her BS from Northwestern University and her JD from Harvard Law School.

Preeta D. Bansal '89, Founder, Social Emergence Corporation and Lecturer/Senior Advisor, MIT Media Lab


At MIT and in Nebraska where she grew up, she is focusing on community building via the intersection of modern technology and ancient wisdom. With a deep meditation practice, she is a Volunteer Anchor of ServiceSpace, a global ecosystem dedicated to service and stillness and founded on the principle of “Change Yourself. Change the World.” She received the National Organization of Women’s “Woman of Power and Influence Award” in 2006, was named one of the “50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America” by the National Law Journal in 2008, and received the “Pioneer Award” from the National South Asian Bar Association. She is a Henry Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute.

Michelle Benecke '92, U.S. Senate Committee Staff Member

Michelle Benecke is a former Army officer who has served in various leadership capacities as an expert on military and homeland security matters. She is a founder and former Executive Director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, the nonprofit organization known for providing legal aid to military members and leading the successful national campaign to end Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell. More recently, at the Department of Homeland Security, Ms. Benecke served as a career Senior Executive and championed initiatives to streamline the Department’s management functions, promote risk-based approaches to transportation security, and bolster the nation’s ability to respond to a disaster through better emergency management coordination among all levels of government.

Her career has included service in the public, private and nonprofit sectors, and in all three branches of the federal government. Ms. Benecke has spoken and published extensively on military women, military values, and the experiences of military members under Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell. Ms. Benecke is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including selection as a Wasserstein Fellow at Harvard Law School.
Ronit J. Berkovich ’01, Business Finance and Restructuring Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Ronit J. Berkovich is a partner in Weil’s Business Finance & Restructuring Department in New York. She represents debtors, creditors, lenders, investors, and acquirers of assets in all aspects of distressed situations. She has served as debtors’ counsel in several of the largest and most significant chapter 11 cases in history. Ronit is the co-editor of the Weil Bankruptcy Blog and has also been published extensively in a variety of legal and business publications. Ronit serves as co-Chair of Women@Weil in New York and on TOWER (Taskforce on Women’s Engagement and Retention). She is also active in her community.

Katie Biber ’04, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Thumbtack

Katie Biber currently works at Thumbtack, where she is building the legal, trust and safety, government affairs, compliance, and regulatory teams. Previously, she worked on the legal team at Airbnb.

Katie worked for more than 15 years at the highest levels of politics and government. She served as general counsel to the Romney for President Campaign in 2012, building the legal team and managing all legal issues. As an election lawyer from 2004 through 2012, Katie represented candidates, donors, political party committees, and nonprofit groups in high-stakes enforcement actions and litigation. She also has significant experience navigating clients through investigations by the Justice Department and committees of the US Congress.

Katie graduated summa cum laude from George Washington University. She received her JD from Harvard Law School, where she was executive editor of the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy and a teaching fellow in the government department at Harvard College. Following law school, she served as a clerk to Judge Timothy M. Tymkovich on the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Katie is a frequent speaker on topics such as politics, tech, and the overlap between the two, as well as strategies to increase the presence of women in both industries. She lives in San Francisco with her husband Mark Chen and two sons.

The Hon. Cathy Bissoon ’93, U.S. District Judge, Western District of Pennsylvania

Judge Cathy Bissoon graduated summa cum laude from Alfred University in 1990 and received her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1993. She was nominated to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania by President Barack Obama and was sworn in on October 20, 2011. Judge Bissoon, who is both Puerto Rican and Indian, is the first woman of color to sit on the federal bench in Pittsburgh, and was the first Hispanic female Article III judge in Pennsylvania, the first Asian American Article III judge in Pennsylvania and the first South Asian American female Article III judge in the nation.

Before becoming a district judge, Judge Bissoon served as a United States Magistrate Judge for three years. Prior to that, Judge Bissoon was an employment litigator with both Reed Smith and Cohen & Grigsby, and served as the head of the employment group at both firms. Judge Bissoon also served as Reed Smith’s Director of Diversity for six years. Judge Bissoon has earned various accolades throughout the years for her work as a lawyer, for her efforts to increase diversity within the legal profession and for her advocacy on of behalf of and mentoring of historically underrepresented attorneys.
Royce Brooks ’05, Executive Director, Annie’s List

Royce Brooks is the Executive Director of Annie’s List, a statewide organization dedicated to recruiting, training, supporting, and electing progressive women across Texas. Before joining Annie’s List, she served as the first-ever Chief Equity Officer for the City of Atlanta, working with city leaders, researchers and community members to develop a policy agenda addressing structural drivers of inequality.

Royce served as the policy director for Sylvester Turner’s successful 2015 campaign for Mayor of Houston, and for Wendy Davis’s 2014 campaign for Texas governor. She has worked in both houses of Congress, including as a legislative counsel and subcommittee staff director in the United States Senate. She also served as a policy analyst with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a public policy research institution focusing on issues of concern to communities of color. After graduating from law school, Royce was an associate at the former Fulbright and Jaworski. Royce is a graduate of Rice University and Harvard Law School.

Shauna C. Bryce ’96, Founder and Principal, Bryce Legal Career Counsel

Shauna C. Bryce is the founder and principal of Bryce Legal, a career coaching, résumé writing, and outplacement boutique exclusively for lawyers. With more than 20 years in law and legal hiring, Shauna is a nationally recognized expert in career planning, career development, and career transition for lawyers and law students. She practiced in an AmLaw 100 law firm, and AmLaw 200 law firm, and in-house. As a former member of a law firm hiring committee, she knows what it takes for lawyers to build successful careers. She’s worked with lawyers at top law firms, companies, organizations, and government entities—Google, DreamWorks, Major League Baseball, the US Supreme Court, and the White House. Shauna also holds a degree from Johns Hopkins.

Molly Burke ’82, Community Activist; Retired General Counsel, GE Energy Services

Molly Burke was the General Counsel for GE Energy Services, a $17B business providing cleaner, smarter, more efficient energy solutions in more than 100 countries from 1999-2012.

Since leaving GE, Ms. Burke has focused on community service including serving as the Volunteer COO of Michelle Nunn’s Senate Campaign, leading the Voter Protection program for the Democratic Party of Georgia for the 2014 elections, managing the Florida Voter Assistance Hotline in 2016, volunteering at the Georgia Aquarium, CARE USA and serving on Boards including the United Way and Hands On Atlanta Advisory Board.
Kate T. Buzicky ‘07, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota

Kate T. Buzicky is an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota. She prosecutes crimes against children and cybercrime. She served as the District's coordinator for child exploitation for over four years. Previously, Kate served as a JAG officer in the United States Army. She deployed twice to Iraq, working in detainee affairs during her first deployment and as a military prosecutor during her second deployment. In addition to her Harvard Law Education, Kate has a bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies from Princeton University and an MPhil from the University of Oxford. Kate was elected a Rhodes Scholar in 2002.

Hon. Yvonne E. Campos ’88, Judge, Superior Court of California

Judge Campos was appointed Judge of the Superior Court of California in October 2003. She presides primarily over criminal trials in downtown San Diego. She has also presided over limited civil matters and a Juvenile Court dependency department (neglected and abused children). She also served on the Appellate Division of her court.

Judge Campos served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California from 1995 to 2003, including Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Section. President Clinton awarded her a White House Fellowship in 1994 and she served on the staff of Attorney General Janet Reno at the US Department of Justice in Washington, DC. Judge Campos was also in private practice at Morrison & Foerster and Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison. Judge Campos served as a Senate Fellow (Sacramento) and as an LBJ Congressional Intern (Washington, DC).


Judge Campos graduated from Harvard Law School (JD 1988) and Stanford University (AB 1985 With Distinction). She has two children: collegiate daughter and high school son.

María Alejandra Cárdenas LL.M. ’09, Deputy Director, Global Legal Program, Center for Reproductive Rights

Alejandra joined the Center in 2009 and is responsible for supporting the implementation of the strategic plan, the region’s annual planning process, overseeing the Global Legal Program’s budget, as well as the development and design of key litigation initiatives in the Global Legal Program.

Alejandra most recently served as Regional Legal Director for Women’s Link Worldwide and was responsible for the planning and oversight of program design and implementation while overseeing a team working on reproductive rights, transitional justice and sex trafficking. Prior to Women’s Link Worldwide, Alejandra served as a Human Rights Specialist at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, DC where she focused on supervising a team drafting merits and admissibility decisions about petitions filed against LAC States and also served as the Commission's liaison between Bolivia and Peru. Alejandra has published several articles on reproductive rights, the Inter-American human rights system, and international public law, and has over 15 years of experience working on human rights litigation and advocacy.

Alejandra received her LLM from Harvard Law School with a concentration in International Public Law and her undergraduate law degree from the Universidad Externado de Colombia.
Stefani Carter ’05, former Texas State Representative; and Senior Counsel, Estes Thorne & Carr

Stefani Carter is a former Texas State Representative between 2011 and 2015. During that time, she served on the Appropriations, Energy Resources, and Criminal Jurisprudence Committees. She is currently senior counsel at Estes Thorne & Carr, a women-owned, Dallas-based law firm, where she counsels on regulatory matters and specializes in business litigation.

Previously, Stefani served as a principal attorney at Stefani Carter & Associates, where she oversaw and managed a variety of litigation and transactional matters. Stefani was also an associate at Vinson & Elkins and Sayles Werbner, as well as a criminal prosecutor in Collin County, Texas. Stefani also serves on the Board of Directors of a publicly traded real estate investment trust specializing in luxury hotels. In 2016, Stefani also served on the Presidential Transition Landing Team in the US Department of Justice and previously served as a media surrogate for the Romney/Ryan campaign.

In addition to her Harvard Law education, Stefani holds a master’s degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and bachelor’s degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Paola Cecchi-Dimeglio, Chair, Executive Leadership Research Initiative for Women and Minority Attorneys, Harvard Law School

Paola Cecchi-Dimeglio JD, LLM, PhD, is the Chair of the Executive Leadership Research Initiative for Women and Minority Attorneys at the Center for the Legal Profession at HLS and a Senior Research Fellow, at HLS and HKS. A behavioral scientist and lawyer, her work relies heavily on big data, AI and field experiments in organizations. She works with professional service firms and Fortune 500 corporations on how to attract, retain, and promote diverse talent and leaders more effectively by designing and implementing inclusive “nudges” at critical decision points. She is an award-winning author and her work featured on *Harvard Business Review*, *Business Insider*, and *The American Lawyer*, as well as cited in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Atlantic* among others.

Dale M. Cendali ’84, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Dale Cendali is a partner in Kirkland & Ellis LLP’s New York office and chairs the Copyright, Trademark, Internet and Advertising Practice Group. She is a nationally recognized leader in the field of intellectual property litigation. She was named an “Icon of IP” by IP360 and one of Benchmark’s Top 10 Female Litigators. Dale’s practice encompasses copyright, trademark, false advertising, patent, Internet, and trade secrets law, as well as defamation, the right of publicity, privacy, complex contract disputes and similar areas, including electronic discovery.

The *National Law Journal* selected her as one of the “100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.” She has repeatedly been ranked as a “top tier” lawyer by Chambers Global and Chambers USA, which describes her as “one of the best lawyers in the country” in her field. The World Trademark Review named Dale a "revered branding expert," “at the top of anybody’s list of the best trademark lawyers in the country.” Euromoney Legal Media Group has also named Dale as both “Best in Copyright” and “Best in Trademark” in the Americas at its Women in Business Law Awards, and she was named an Outstanding Litigator in New York, as well as one of the Top 10 Women in IP by Managing Intellectual Property. The *Hollywood Reporter* included Dale on their "Power Lawyers 2018: Hollywood’s Top 100 Attorneys" list.

Dale writes and lectures extensively on intellectual property and litigation law topics, has held many senior positions in the bar. Dale serves on public interest boards, including the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund and the Board of Trustees of the American Theater Wing. She is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School.
As an alumnae, she served as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Committee. Dale is a Covington & Burling Distinguished Visitor at Harvard Law School, teaching a class called, Copyright and Trademark Litigation: From the TRO to the US Supreme Court.

Hon. Angela Chadwick ’92, Judge, Fulton County Magistrate Court

Angela began her career as a litigation associate at Troutman Sanders, a global law firm serving business clients from startups to Fortune 500 enterprises. A musician at heart, Angela managed to merge her legal skills with her love for music to secure coveted positions as an entertainment lawyer, first at as an associate at the prominent law firm of Katz Smith & Cohen and later as Senior Director of Business and Legal Affairs at Motown Records and Palm Pictures. Angela then joined the legal department at Verizon (then MCI) where, as Senior Attorney for Commercial Sales and Emerging Markets, she negotiated large-scale technology services agreements.

Angela was recruited to join Atlanta Housing Authority. As Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Managing General Counsel, she led a team of legal professionals who helped facilitate AHA’s transition from a traditional housing authority to the nation’s leader in mixed-income, mixed finance real estate development, spurring game-changing revitalization and reinvestment in Atlanta.

Angela is currently a Fulton County Magistrate Court Judge, presiding over civil and criminal matters in Fulton County, Georgia (which includes much of metropolitan Atlanta).

Angela is a fair housing subject matter expert and has served as an expert and instructor for the National Fair Housing Training Academy. She is also a registered mediator and arbitrator and a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional. In 2014, the National Diversity Council named her one of the Most Powerful and Influential Women of Georgia. She is a member of Leadership Atlanta’s Class of 2015 and a founding board member of The PIVOT Foundation, an organization that helps women enhance their career opportunities.

Joi O. Chaney ’03, Executive and Campaign Director, Equal Pay Today!

Joi Chaney is the Executive Director and Campaign Director of Equal Pay Today! - an innovative collaboration of women’s legal and advocacy groups formed to address the long-standing gender wage gap and engage new constituencies in the fight for equal pay. Joi is also founder and principal of J.O.I. Strategies, which develops strategies for organizations seeking to achieve justice, opportunity, and inclusion for the nation’s underserved communities, beginning with women of color.

Previously, Joi served in the Obama Administration at the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as a counsel in the Office of the Chair. Earlier in her career, she served as Policy Director and Counsel of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, working on judiciary, labor, immigration, commerce, and housing issues, as well as issues impacting women, racial and ethnic minorities, and LGBT persons. She is also an alumnus of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Joi graduated from Howard University and Harvard Law School. She is from Orlando, FL but resides currently in her adopted hometown of Washington, DC. Follow her on Twitter @joitweets and @equalpay2dayorg.
Ellen Ching ’07, Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Ellen N. Ching is a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP focusing her practice on mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructurings and other transactional matters. She has represented private equity funds and publicly traded and privately held companies across a broad array of industries including hospitality, healthcare, shipping and consumer products.

Ellen has been recognized as a “Rising Star” by the New York Law Journal and named as a finalist in Private Funds Management’s “30 under 40.” She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Lawyers Alliance for New York.

Julie Chiu ’88, Owner, Julie Chiu & Associates

Julie Chiu is the owner of Julie Chiu & Associates, a boutique law firm focused on commercial real estate founded 2006 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Previously, Julie was a shareholder of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, and an associate at Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe in San Francisco.

Julie received a BA with highest honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Diploma in Post-Graduate Legal Studies, with distinction, from Stockholm University, where she studied as a Fulbright Scholar.

Aisha Christian ’98, General Counsel, KIPP NYC

Aisha Christian is the General Counsel of KIPP NYC, a non-profit network of free, public charter schools. As General Counsel, Aisha oversees all aspects of legal affairs, including corporate transactions, labor, compliance and board governance. Aisha is also the Founder & CEO of Bigtooth Ventures, a company that provides funding for the purchase of stock options by current and former employees of pre-IPO/venture backed companies. Prior to launching Bigtooth Ventures, Aisha was the General Counsel and interim Head of People for Rent the Runway, the fashion technology company.

Earlier in her career, Aisha was Associate General Counsel at Russell Reynolds Associates, a global executive search and assessment firm, and Senior Counsel at CNBC serving as lead counsel for Mad Money w/ Jim Cramer. Aisha started her legal career as a securities associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell, following her tenure as a law clerk for the Honorable Barrington D. Parker, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (then, Southern District of New York). Aisha has served on several non-profit boards and is the 2017 recipient of The Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys’ Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award. Aisha received her BA from Wellesley College and her JD from Harvard Law School, both cum laude.

Aisha resides in New York City with her ten-year old son.
Carolyn Cochran Clark ’68, Retired Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP

Carolyn Cochran Clark is a retired partner of the international law firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP where she practiced law for over 30 years, serving as the head of the Trusts and Estates Group and the founder of the Non-profit Specialty Team. She was the first woman partner at Milbank, the first woman to serve as President of the national Harvard Law School Association and the Harvard Law School Association of New York City.

Ms. Clark has served on the Boards of the New York Botanical Garden, The Visiting Nurse Service of New York, The Woodlawn Cemetery and the Milbank Memorial Fund. She has served on the Professional Advisory Committees of The Rockefeller University, The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. She has lectured extensively on nonprofit law and estate planning for the American Law Institute and serves on the Members Consultative Group for the Restatement of Trusts and the Restatement of Nonprofit Law. Ms. Clark served on the faculty of the Arts Administration Master’s Program at Teachers College, Columbia University and as Chair of the New York City Bar committee on Non-profit Institutions and as a Regent and the founding Chair of the Committee on Charitable Institutions for the American College of Trusts & Estates Counsel.

She holds a degree from the University of Missouri in Political Science and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

She is the mother of two sons, Gregory and Timothy, and the widow of her law school classmate L. David Clark Jr. who died in April 2016.

Teresa H. Clarke JD-MBA ’89, Chair and CEO, Africa.com

Teresa Clarke has a portfolio of professional activities. She serves on the boards of two public companies, Change Financial in Australia and CIM Finance in Mauritius. She is the Chair and CEO of Africa.com, a media holding company with a range of websites and a digital ad network in Africa.

Teresa was the first African-American woman to be named a managing director in the investment banking division of Goldman Sachs, where she worked for twelve years, undertaking mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance transactions for clients in the industrials and real estate sectors. Teresa founded the Student Sponsorship Programme of South Africa, and chairs the board of the Friends of the Legal Resources Centre of South Africa.

In addition to her Harvard graduate school education, Teresa holds an AB from Harvard College, cum laude, in economics.

Gina L. Clayton-Johnson ’10, Founder and Executive Director, Essie Justice Group

Gina Clayton-Johnson is the Founder and Executive Director of Essie Justice Group (Essie). An award winning social entrepreneur, attorney, activist, and advocate for women, Gina launched Essie (named after her great grandmother, Essie Baily) in 2014 to support and empower women with incarcerated loved ones.

Gina’s experiences as an organizer and civil rights activist in Los Angeles led her to pursue the law. She interned and studied under some of the country’s most respected criminal justice reform organizations and leaders during her time at Harvard. After law school, Gina dedicated herself to working directly with low-income women and families impacted by the criminal justice system.

In addition to a JD from Harvard Law School, Gina holds a BA in American Studies and Ethnicity, with a minor in Education, from the University of Southern California.
Medina Senghore Collie ’01, Actress

Medina’s credits include *Intimate Apparel* (Shakespeare & Co., Berkshire Theatre Awards Best Supporting Actress Nomination), *The Rose Tattoo* (Williamstown Theatre Festival), *Two Gentlemen of Verona* and *As You Like It* (Shakespeare on the Sound), Mac Rogers’ *Sovereign* (Secret Theatre), *The Serpent Woman and Marisol* (The Juilliard School). She is currently filming the second season of the SYFY Network show *HAPPY!*, where she portrays Amanda Hansen. Medina has also appeared on NBC’s *Blindspot* and in *Friend Therapy*, a web series currently available on Chuckler (Indie Series Awards Best Supporting Actress Nomination).

Previously Medina was the Director of IP Strategy at American Express Co. Medina was also a litigation associate at the firms Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McClo. She holds an MFA in Acting from The Juilliard School, a JD from Harvard Law School and a BS in Chemical Engineering from Howard University.

Jennifer M. Collins ’91, Judge James Noel Dean & Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law

Jennifer M. Collins is the Judge James Noel Dean at SMU Dedman School of Law. Prior to joining SMU, Dean Collins was a law professor and the Vice Provost at Wake Forest University.

Jennifer served as an Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice and as an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, DC, specializing in homicide cases. She was also an associate at the law firm of Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin and of counsel at Sidley Austin.

She is the co-author of *Privilege or Punish? Criminal Justice and The Challenge of Family Ties*, and many other articles and essays focusing on issues involving families and the criminal justice system. Her undergraduate degree is from Yale University.

Radhika Coomaraswamy LL.M. ’82, former Undersecretary General, The United Nations

Radhika Coomaraswamy was appointed as Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict in April 2006 and was reappointed in February 2007. In this capacity, she served as an advocate to build awareness and give prominence to the rights and protection of children affected by armed conflict.

Ms. Coomaraswamy is an internationally known human rights advocate who has done outstanding work as Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women (1994-2003). She was appointed Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission in May 2003. She was also a director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, leading research projects in the field of ethnicity, women and human rights. She has served as a member of the Global Faculty of the New York University School of Law and has published widely, including two books on constitutional law and numerous articles on ethnic studies and the status of women.

Ms. Coomaraswamy has won many awards including The International Law Award of the American Bar association, the Human Rights Award of the International Human Rights Law Group, the Bruno Kreisky Award of 2000, the Leo Ettinger Human Rights Prize of the University of Oslo, Cesar Romero Award of the University of Dayton, the William J. Butler Award from the University of Cincinnati, and the Robert S. Litvack Award from McGill University.

Ms. Coomaraswamy is a graduate of the United Nations International School in New York. She received her BA from Yale University, her JD from Columbia University, an LLM from Harvard Law School and honorary PhDs from Amherst College, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Essex and the University of Leuven.
**Hon. Laura A. Cordero ’88, Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

Judge Laura A. Cordero was appointed to the District of Columbia Superior Court in 2005 and currently serves as the Deputy Presiding Judge of the Civil Division. In 2016, Judge Cordero served as the Presiding Judge of the Domestic Violence Unit. She has also served in the Family Court, presiding over a range of cases involving divorce, custody, juvenile delinquency, and involuntary civil commitments.

Judge Cordero’s dedication to public service spans her legal career. Following graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk to Judge James Parker of the US District Court for the District of New Mexico. In 1991, Judge Cordero entered the US Department of Justice Honor Law Graduate Program and was assigned to the Civil Rights Division. Between 1993 and 2005, Judge Cordero served as an Assistant United States Attorney, prosecuting criminal cases in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Judge Cordero earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a BA in Mathematics in 1985, with highest honors from DePaul University, and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1988. For over ten years, Judge Cordero has served as faculty member for Harvard Law School’s Trial Advocacy Workshop and currently serves as a board member of the Truman Scholarship Foundation.

**Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw ’84, Professor of Law, UCLA and Columbia University**

Kimberlé Crenshaw, Professor of Law at UCLA and Columbia Law School, is a leading authority on Civil Rights, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism and the law. She is the founding coordinator of the Critical Race Theory Workshop, and co-editor of the volume, Critical Race Theory: Key Documents That Shaped the Movement. Crenshaw’s groundbreaking work on “Intersectionality” has traveled globally and was influential in the drafting of the equality clause in the South African Constitution.

Crenshaw is the co-founder and Executive Director of the African American Policy Forum, a gender and racial justice legal think tank, and the founder and Executive Director of the Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies at Columbia Law School. She is a leading voice in calling for a gender-inclusive approach to racial justice interventions, having spearheaded the Why We Can’t Wait Campaign and co-authored Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected, and Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women

**Anna Crowe LL.M ’12, Clinical Instructor and Lecturer on Law, International Human Rights Clinic**

Anna Crowe is a Clinical Instructor and Lecturer on Law at the International Human Rights Clinic. Her work focuses on refugee rights – particularly the right to a legal identity – and the right to privacy. She also works in the field of humanitarian disarmament. Anna supervises students on research, fact-finding, and advocacy projects in these areas.

Anna is a graduate of Harvard Law School and an alumna of the International Human Rights Clinic.
Jennifer Daniels ’88, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, The Colgate-Palmolive Company

Jennifer Daniels joined Colgate in 2014 from NCR Corporation, where she was the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from April 2010 to October 2014. Prior to joining NCR, she was the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Barnes & Noble from August 2007 to April 2010.

Previously, Jennifer spent nearly seventeen years at IBM, progressing through increasingly senior roles, including leading all Litigation and as General Counsel of IBM Americas. Her last assignment at IBM was Vice President, Assistant General Counsel, Chief Trust and Compliance Officer, where she was the company’s first Chief Compliance Officer.

Prior to joining IBM, Jennifer worked at law firms in New York. Jennifer is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School.

Rangita de Silva de Alwis LL.M. ’94, S.J.D ’97, Associate Dean of International Affairs, University of Pennsylvania Law School and Special Advisor to President Paula Johnson, President of Wellesley College; Global Advisor, UN Sustainable Development Goals Fund

Rangita de Silva de Alwis is the Associate Dean of International Affairs at University of Pennsylvania Law School where she teaches International Women's Rights. She started the Global Women Leaders Forum and the Global Women’s Leadership Project and also serves as the Academic Director of Penn Law’s Global Institute for Human Rights. Rangita serves on the UN Women High Level Working Group on Women’s Access to Justice. In 2017, Rangita was appointed a Global Advisor to the UN Sustainable Development Goal Fund. She has developed partnerships with OHCHR, UN Women and UNESCO and other multinational organizations. Prior to Penn Law, she was the inaugural director of the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative and the Women in Public Service Project launched by Secretary Hillary Clinton and the Seven Sisters Colleges at Wellesley College which then moved to the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Rangita is a women’s human rights scholar and practitioner with over 25 years of experience working globally with a vast network of academic institutions, government, and nongovernment entities on women’s human rights law and policy making and institutional reform. She has advised UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA, and UNDP on gender based law reform and state accountability under the relevant human rights treaties and the intersections of the different treaties and treaty bodies. She has published widely with the United Nations, and in various leading law journals including with *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism; Texas Journal of Gender and the Law; University of Pennsylvania East Asia Law Journal; Duke Journal of Gender and the Law; UCLA Pacific Rim Journal; UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Relations; University of Pennsylvania International Law Journal; and the Berkeley Journal of International Law.*

She was a Fulbright Scholar with the Asian University of Women; Distinguished Visiting Lecturer at Wellesley College; Visiting Scholar at Wellesley Centers for Women; and the Salzburg Global Fellow and an Honorary Professor of China Women’s University. She serves on several Boards including the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Harvard University, the Landesa Board of Directors, and is a trustee of the Harpswell Foundation.
Mandy DeFilippo ’00, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley

Mandy DeFilippo is a Managing Director and Head of Risk Management for the Fixed Income & Commodities Division for Europe, Middle-East and Africa (EMEA) at Morgan Stanley. Mandy joined Morgan Stanley in 2007, as a banker in the equity capital markets team within the Global Capital Markets division. In 2013, she became Chief Operating Officer and Chief Risk Officer for Global Capital Markets in EMEA, and in 2015, her role expanded to cover both EMEA and Asia-Pacific and Japan regions globally. She moved into her current role in the Fixed Income Division in 2017.

In her current role, Mandy sits on the regional and global management committees for the Fixed Income Division, and on a number of other governance related committees in the Firm, including Franchise and Risk committees. Mandy is an active participant in industry-wide organizations in the European market, including initiatives to establish market standards for the industry. She is the Chair of the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA), a role to which she was elected in May 2018. She is also a member of the Conduct and Ethics Sub-Committee of the FIC Markets Standards Board (FMSB). Before joining Morgan Stanley, Mandy was a US corporate and securities lawyer at Allen & Overy LLP in London.

Nancy-Ann DeParle ’83, Partner & Co-Founder, Consonance Capital Partners; former Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff to President Barack Obama

Nancy-Ann DeParle is a partner and co-founder of Consonance Capital Partners, a private equity firm investing in innovative health care companies in the lower middle-market. She is also a director of CVS Caremark and HCA Health. From 2011-January 2013, she was Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy in the Obama White House, and from 2009-2011, Counselor to the President and Director of the White House Office of Health Reform, where she spearheaded President Obama’s successful effort to enact the Affordable Care Act.

Earlier in her career, DeParle was a senior advisor and managing director of private equity firm JPMorgan Partners and its successor. She was also a Senior Fellow at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

A native of Rockwood, Tennessee, DeParle received a BA with highest honors from the University of Tennessee, where she was Student Body President, and a JD from Harvard Law School. She also received a BA and MA in Politics and Economics from Balliol College of Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar.


Jenée Desmond-Harris, a 2006 graduate of Harvard Law School, is an Op-Ed editor at the New York Times. While she was an antitrust associate at K&L Gates, she contributed to TheRoot.com, Time Magazine, and MSNBC.com as a freelance writer. She eventually joined the staff of TheRoot.com, where she became a senior editor and the publication’s White House correspondent. Next, she covered race, gender, law, and politics as a senior correspondent at Vox.com.

She was 2015-2016 John S. Knight journalism fellow at Stanford University, where she spent a year researching ways to bring academic insights to coverage of race in America. She now lives in Palo Alto, California.
Michele DeStefano ’02, Professor, University of Miami School of Law; Guest Faculty, Harvard Law School, Executive Education and IE Law School; Founder, LawWithoutWalls and MoveLaw

Recognized by the ABA as a Legal Rebel, Michele is a Professor at the University of Miami School of Law, guest faculty at Harvard Law School, and the founder of LawWithoutWalls, a multi-disciplinary, international think-tank of more than 1,000 lawyers, business professionals, entrepreneurs, and law and business students who create innovations at the intersection of law, business, and technology. She is also co-curator of the Compliance Elliance Journal, an e-journal of articles in compliance and ethics. Michele is an author, speaker, consultant, and facilitator on innovation, culture creation, teaming, and cross-practice, cross-border initiatives. Through her company MoveLaw, Michele runs bespoke, experiential learning workshops grounded in a human-centered design to transform how lawyers collaborate and create culture change.

Michele researches and writes about the growing intersections between law, business, and legal innovation. Her book, Legal Upheaval: A Guide to Creativity, Collaboration, and Innovation in Law leverages more than 100 interviews with General Counsels at international corporations and Heads of Innovation at law firms. Michele earned her BA (Sociology and English) magna cum laude from Dartmouth and her JD magna cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Dorothy D. DeWitt ’94, President, HLS Women’s Alliance; Counsel and Chief Operating Officer, Citadel Securities, Seconded from Davis Polk

Dorothy D. DeWitt is the President of the Harvard Law School Women’s Alliance, which represents 13,000 HLS alumnae members reflecting approximately 32% of alumni. Dorothy serves as Counsel and Chief Operating Officer of Citadel Securities, on long-term secondment from Davis Polk. Her career has focused on alternative investment management and financial regulation, including broker-dealer, swaps dealer, hedge fund and rating agency regulation.

Previously, she worked for S&P Global and JP Morgan as counsel managing major regulatory change initiatives. Prior to that, Dorothy spent nearly a decade as a portfolio manager, Director of Research and analyst at Global Asset Management (GAM) in London and Cadogan Management and ING Furman Selz in New York, respectively, specializing in arbitrage, credit and event driven investment strategies. Dorothy later served as General Counsel to Cadogan Management, an investment firm with $8b in assets under management. Dorothy began her career as a law clerk in the Southern District of New York followed by a stint as a litigation associate at Davis Polk.

Dorothy holds a BA from the University of Texas and a JD from Harvard Law School.

A. Verona Dorch ’95, EVP, Chief Legal Officer, Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary, Peabody

A. Verona Dorch is Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary for Peabody. In this role, she has executive responsibility for providing comprehensive legal counsel for Peabody’s business activities and leads the company's global legal, government affairs and compliance functions.

She previously served as Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary for Harsco Corporation, a leading global industrial services company. She also has experience in corporate and securities law from top-tier law firms and with Sumitomo Chemical Co. following a multi-year secondment in Tokyo, Japan.

Ms. Dorch currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Girls Inc. in St. Louis and the United Way of Greater St. Louis, is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and has been involved in board memberships with the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Public School Foundation and YMCA.

Ms. Dorch was named to Black Enterprise Magazine’s 2018 300 Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America List, the
Most Powerful Women in Business 2017 list by *Black Enterprise* Magazine, and was shortlisted by the *Financial Times* in 2016 for two honors: Most Innovative Legal Team and Most Innovative General Counsel. She was named among the Most Influential Women in Corporate America by *Savoy* magazine in 2016. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Dartmouth College and Juris Doctor Degree from Harvard Law School.

**Bea Krain Drechsler ’87, Founding Partner, Drechsler & Drechsler LLP**

Bea Krain Drechsler is a Co-Founding and Co-Managing Member of a boutique law firm specializing in commercial real estate transactions. Bea represents clients in the acquisition, development, leasing and financing of commercial real estate. Prior to forming Drechsler & Drechsler LLP with her husband, Robert Drechsler 1988, Bea worked as a partner in the Real Estate Group at Kaye Scholer LLP.

Bea serves on the National Board of the Harvard Law School Women’s Alliance, is Co-Chair of the New York Chapter of the Harvard Law School Women’s Alliance, and is a Board Member of the Harvard Law School Association of New York City. Bea is also a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and WX – Women Executives in Real Estate, as well as a Founding Member of the Leadership Council of the Athena Center for Leadership Studies at her alma mater, Barnard College. Bea and Rob also own and manage properties located in New York Tri-State Area.

**Hon. Fernande R.V. Duffly ’78, retired Associate Justice, MA Supreme Judicial Court**

Justice Fernande (Nan) R.V. Duffly served as an associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts until her retirement in July 2016. Prior to her appointment, Justice Duffly served for 8 years as associate justice of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, and for 11 years as associate justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. She is a member and past President of the National Association of Women Judges, and served as NAWJ’s delegate to the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates and as liaison to the ABA’s Commission on Women in the Profession. As a member of the ABA, Justice Duffly served as a Commissioner on the Commission on Women and on the Hispanic Legal Rights Commission, and was active in the Minority Caucus. She currently serves as an elected member of the ABA Council of the section on Civil Rights and Social Justice, and as a member of the advisory board of the Women’s Power Summit and the Legal Advisory Board of The Campaign to Impeach Donald Trump Now. She is a founding member of the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts.

Justice Duffly became the first female litigation partner and the first partner of color at Warner & Stackpole (now K&L Gates). As an attorney, Justice Duffly served on numerous boards and committees that sought to promote equal access to justice, including the Boston Bar Association's committees on pro se litigation and attorney volunteerism; the Volunteer Lawyers Project; Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; the Probate and Family Court's committee on pro se access to the courts; and the Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on substance abuse.

The first Asian American woman appointed to any court of the Commonwealth, Justice Duffly has mentored judges, lawyers and law students, and has worked to increase collaboration among judges, legislators, educators and practitioners to increase diversity in the profession. A frequent speaker and lecturer, she has advocated for increasing the number of women on state and federal courts in the United States, as well on courts of other countries.
Dan Eaton ’89, President, Harvard Law School Association; Partner, Litigation Department, Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek

Dan Eaton is President of the Harvard Law School Association, overseeing a vibrant network of 40+ alumni Clubs and Shared Interest Groups, providing social and intellectual engagement opportunities for the 40,000 Harvard Law School alumni around the globe.

Dan Eaton is a partner in the Litigation Department of the San Diego law firm of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek where his practice focuses on defending and advising employers. Dan received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Georgetown University in 1984. After working in Washington, DC for US Senator Arlen Specter, he attended Harvard Law School and received his degree, cum laude, in 1989.

For over a decade, Dan has taught classes in business ethics and in employment law to upper level undergraduate students at the San Diego State University Fowler College of Business. Dan has served on numerous non-profit and government boards, including the City of San Diego Civil Service Commission and the California State Bar Second Rules Revision Commission.

Dan has authored numerous articles, on employment law and other issues, including his biweekly Law at Work column in the San Diego Union-Tribune. Dan also has appeared as a legal analyst for most of his career on San Diego radio and television stations.

Carolyn A. Edgar ’93, Managing Counsel – Technology, Intellectual Property and Social Media, BNY Mellon

Carolyn Edgar is Managing Counsel – Technology, Intellectual Property and Social Media at BNY Mellon Carolyn works on technology and procurement transactions, including software licenses, application services, SaaS, Cloud, and consulting services agreements, software development agreements, information services and business process outsourcing agreements.

Prior to joining BNY Mellon, Carolyn was Vice President and Legal Counsel for The Estée Lauder Companies, leading a team negotiating similar kinds of agreements, and advising its board, CIO and executive leadership team on intellectual property, technology and cybersecurity issues. Carolyn began her legal career in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis, where she was named to the partnership in 2002.

Carolyn is a graduate of the University of Michigan ’87 and Harvard Law School ’93. A published author and sought-after speaker, Carolyn recently completed her course work at the City College of New York towards a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, and looks forward to receiving her degree next Spring.

Carolyn is on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and received its Corporate Counsel of the Year award in 2012. She lives in New York City with her two children.

Amanda K. Edwards ’07, Houston City Council Member

Amanda K. Edwards serves as the Houston City Council Member in At-Large Position 4. She is also an attorney and native Houstonian with a passion for building communities through public service. Amanda serves as Vice Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. She also serves on the Economic Development Committee and the Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure Committee.

Since joining City Council, Amanda initiated and led the Mayor’s Technology & Innovation Task Force to build a more robust innovation economy in Houston, and now sits on the Houston Exponential Board of Directors. She also serves on the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council, where she serves as Co-Vice Chair of its High Capacity Transit Task Force in an effort to address the region’s mobility needs via multi-modal transit options. Amanda has championed the City’s Complete Communities Initiative; promoted public art through her Super Bowl Community & Youth Public Art Mural Project; and launched the Council Member Edwards’
Community Empowerment Signature Series to empower Houston teens, adults, and seniors to be the solution in their respective communities.

Amanda is a graduate of Eisenhower High School in Aldine ISD. She earned a BA in Political Science from Emory University, where she served as president of the undergraduate student body and was later inducted into the Emory University Hall of Fame. Amanda completed her education by earning her JD from Harvard Law School. Amanda has served on a litany of boards, and remains active with service organizations including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the Houston Chapter of The Links Inc., and the American Leadership Forum. She resides in Midtown and attends St. Monica Catholic Church in Acres Homes.

**Stacy (Weinstein) Ehrlich ’93, Partner, Kleinfeld Kaplan & Becker LLP**

Stacy (Weinstein) Ehrlich is a partner at Kleinfeld Kaplan & Becker LLP in Washington, DC. Her practice focuses on counseling and advocating on behalf of pharmaceutical, food, dietary supplement, tobacco, cosmetic, and medical device companies on a variety of matters involving FDA, USDA, and FTC, as well as state agencies. Stacy regularly speaks and writes on various food and drug law topics and has authored chapters in the Food and Drug Institute (FDLI) publications, Food and Drug Law & Regulation, How to Work with the FDA, and Top 20 Food and Drug Cases & Cases to Watch. She currently serves on the FDLI Board of Directors and has been named to Best Lawyers in America for FDA Law.

In addition to her Harvard Law education, Stacy holds an undergraduate degree in English from Emory University. On the side, Stacy teaches yoga, group cycle, and boot camp classes and enjoys snowboarding, mountain biking, hiking, and cheering for her Stanley Cup-winning Washington Capitals with her husband Mark (HLS ’94) and two teenage children, Kayla (18) and Logan (17).

**Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod ’92, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals**

For the past ten years, Jennifer Walker Elrod has served as a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, after being confirmed by a voice vote in 2007.

Prior to serving as a Circuit Judge, Judge Elrod was appointed and then twice elected Judge of the 190th District Court of Harris County, Texas, where she spent over five years presiding over more than 200 jury and non-jury trials.

She serves on the Board of Advisors for the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy. In addition to her degree from HLS, Judge Elrod has a degree in economics from Baylor University, where she serves on the Board of Regents.

**N. Beth Emery ’77, Senior Vice President & General Counsel, Gridliance**

Beth Emery is Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary for the Gridliance GP LLC, a Blackstone Portfolio Company that is the nation’s first competitive electric transmission company focused on partnering with small utilities, principally not-for-profit cooperatives, municipal utilities, and joint action agencies, to develop high-voltage transmission projects. Beth has been the initial in-house general counsel for two other companies, the California Independent System Operator Corp. and CPS Energy, the municipal utility of San Antonio, Texas. Beth served as the first female director of public company EnergyConnect Group Inc., an electric demand-response provider. In addition to her in-house positions, Beth was in private practice in Washington, DC and served as an attorney advising the Rural Electrification Administration and legal advisor to one of the first Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioners.
Beth earned a BA with highest honors in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma in 1974 and her JD from Harvard Law School in 1977. She is admitted to practice in Texas and the District of Columbia.

In addition to leadership roles in bar associations, Beth serves as an alternate on the board of the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

Lisa M. Fairfax ’92, Leroy Sorenson Merrifield Research Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School

Lisa M. Fairfax is the Leroy Sorenson Merrifield Research Professor of Law and the Founder and Director of the Corporate Law and Governance Initiative at the George Washington University Law School. Professor Fairfax teaches courses in the business area including Corporations, a Securities Law Seminar, and Contracts II. In addition to her many law review articles and book chapters, she has authored a book entitled, *Shareholder Democracy: A Primer on Shareholder Activism and Participation*.

Professor Fairfax is a member of the Investor Advisory Committee of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the SEC Historical Society Board of Trustees, and the BYU Law School Board of Advisors. She is a former member of the National Adjudicatory Council of the Financial Industry Regulation Authority (FINRA), where she served as chair of its subcommittee on waivers, and a former member of the NASDAQ Market Regulation Committee of FINRA. Professor Fairfax is a former member of the Committee on Corporate Laws of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, which Committee has jurisdiction over the Model Business Corporation Act. She is a former chair of the both the Securities Regulation Section and the Business Associations Section of the American Association of Law Schools. Prior to joining the GW Law faculty, Professor Fairfax was a Professor of Law and Director of the Business Law Program at the University of Maryland School of Law. Before entering academia, Professor Fairfax practiced corporate and securities law with the law firm of Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston and the District of Columbia.

Professor Fairfax graduated from Harvard Law School and Harvard College with honors.

Susan H. Farbstein ’04, Clinical Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Susan H. Farbstein is a Clinical Professor at Harvard Law School, where she directs the International Human Rights Clinic. Her current work focuses on Southern Africa, transitional justice, accountability litigation, community lawyering, and economic, social, and cultural rights. She has served as co-counsel in landmark human rights suits, including cases against the former Bolivian president and defense minister for extrajudicial killings in Bolivia; against Shell Oil for aiding and abetting torture and extrajudicial killings in Nigeria; and against major multinational corporations for aiding and abetting human rights violations in apartheid South Africa.

She has authored numerous amicus curiae briefs to the US Supreme Court on a variety of legal questions, from corporate accountability for human rights abuse to the immunity of foreign government officials. In 2015 she was selected by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly as one of the Commonwealth’s “Top Women of Law.” In 2018 she was selected by the Harvard Women’s Law Association as a “Woman Inspiring Change.” She holds a BA from Princeton University, an MPhil from the University of Cambridge, and a JD from Harvard Law School.
Rebecca Fate ’20, Student, Harvard Law School

Rebecca Fate is currently a second year at Harvard Law School. On campus, she is involved in Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review and the Women’s Law Association. This past summer, she was a constitutional litigation intern at Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a DC based non-profit focused on Establishment Clause litigation.

Prior to attending HLS, Rebecca received her bachelor’s degrees from the University of Central Florida. She is originally from a small town in southern Oregon.

Chai Feldblum ’85, EEOC Commissioner

Chai Feldblum has served as a Commissioner of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission since 2010. Prior to her appointment to the EEOC, Commissioner Feldblum was a Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center for 18 years and prior to that, a lawyer with the national office of the ACLU. During those years, she played a leading role in drafting and negotiating various laws and bills, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and the Employment Nondiscrimination Act.

At the EEOC, Commissioner Feldblum has focused on a range of employment civil rights issues, including disability rights, pregnancy accommodation, and coverage of LGBT people under Title VII. Starting in 2012, Commissioner Feldblum began to focus on harassment prevention. Together with her colleague Victoria Lipnic, she co-chaired a Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace in 2015 and co-authored and issued a report with recommendations on harassment prevention.

Commissioner Feldblum clerked for Judge Frank Coffin of the First Circuit Court of Appeals and for Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun. She received her JD from Harvard Law School and her BA from Barnard College.

Lisa C. Ferrell ’90, CEO and Founder, North Bluffs Development Company

Lisa C. Ferrell is the CEO of regionally recognized real estate development corporation and an Attorney. Ferrell is a former State Legislator who served as Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee overseeing the $9 billion state budget. She won over 75% of the vote in 5 of her 6 elections, raised the most money of any legislative candidate in the state at that time with 95% of the donations coming from small donors. Ferrell has served as an advisor to foreign governments on the formation and administration of legislative bodies.

After leaving elected office, Ferrell founded a real estate development company that has driven over $50 million in investment to the redevelopment of urban riverfront. Ferrell serves as an Advisor to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. She is an experienced Board Member with extensive experience in conventional and public financing and public and private regulatory and audit oversight. She has lived and worked in France, Switzerland and Japan. Ferrell has a JD from Harvard Law School and BA in Economics from Smith College.
Kenitra I. Fewell '05, Major, United States Air Force

Kenitra I. Fewell is currently assigned to the Military Commissions Defense Organization as a Defense Counsel. Her mission is to provide legal representation for clients detained by the United States Government at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Major Fewell has served on active duty in the Air Force JAG Corps since 2006. She has held several positions including Chief of General Law, Chief of Military Justice, Area Defense Counsel, Disability Counsel, and Senior Defense Counsel. Prior to joining the military, Major Fewell clerked for the Honorable Adolpho A. Birch, Jr. of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Isabel Finley '19, Student and President, HLS Women’s Law Association

Isabel Finley is a 3L at Harvard Law School, where she is President of the Women's Law Association and a Research Assistant to Judge Nancy Gertner. At Harvard, she has worked on cases as a Student Attorney for the Prison Legal Assistance Project and as a judicial extern in Massachusetts Juvenile Courts through the Child Advocacy Clinic. This past summer, Isabel worked as both a Summer Associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP, and as a Legal Fellow for the Purple Campaign, a recently founded non-profit working to combat workplace sexual harassment and assault. Previously, she interned for the Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer in the Southern District of New York. Prior to law school, Isabel worked as a Legal Analyst in the New York State Attorney General's Office, after graduating magna cum laude from Barnard College in 2015 with a degree in Political Science. Her primary legal and professional interests center around the rights of women and children in schools, institutions, and the workplace, and she intends to pursue related legal work following graduation.

Sula R. Fiszman '84, Partner, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

Sula Fiszman is a partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius. Her practice involves the representation of banks, other financial institutions and funds in connection with complex senior secured finance transactions, subordinated and second lien lending deals, workouts, restructurings, and bankruptcies involving a broad range of industries, including media and communications, technology, restaurants and hospitality, food and beverage, convenience store and retail service station chains. Sula has experience with complex cross-border structured finance, including Sharia complaint transactions. Sula is also a member of the Board of Directors of Trinity Boston Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that supports underserved youth, their families and their teachers in Boston.

In addition to her Harvard Law degree, Sula has a Master’s degree in Public Policy and a BA with Highest Honors from The University of Chicago.
Karen Freeman-Wilson '85, Mayor of Gary, Indiana

Karen Freeman-Wilson has been the Mayor of her hometown of Gary, Indiana since January 2012 becoming the first female to lead the city of Gary and the first African-American female mayor in the state of Indiana. Mayor Freeman-Wilson has served in the public arena most of her professional life having previously served as the Indiana Attorney General, the Director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and the presiding judge of the Gary City Court. She is also a leader in the national drug court movement having served as the CEO of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and Executive Director of the National Drug Court Institute.

Mayor Freeman-Wilson is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. She is the First Vice President of the National League of Cities and Chairperson of the Criminal and Social Justice Committee of the US Conference of Mayors. She also chaired the committee that authored the US Conference of Mayors’ publication on building police and community trust. Mayor Freeman-Wilson is a member of Israel C.M.E. Church, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the Links Inc., the NAACP, the Urban League of Northwest Indiana and the Indiana Bar.

Mayor Freeman-Wilson and her husband Carmen Wilson, II have a blended family of four children.

Jocelyn C. Frye ‘88, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

Jocelyn Frye is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress where she helps lead policy development for the Women’s Initiative, focusing on a wide range of women’s economic security and employment issues such as equal pay, work-family conflicts, sexual harassment, and equal employment opportunity enforcement.

Prior to joining the Center, Frye served for four years in the Obama Administration as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Policy and Special Projects for the First Lady, where she oversaw the broad issue portfolio of the First Lady. Before joining the Obama Administration, Frye served as General Counsel at the National Partnership for Women & Families where she concentrated on employment and gender discrimination. Frye has testified before Congress and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on numerous occasions on federal enforcement of employment discrimination laws, and analyzed the effectiveness of federal equal employment enforcement efforts. Prior to her work at the National Partnership, she worked for four years as an associate at Crowell & Moring concentrating in the white-collar crime practice area.

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from Harvard Law School. She is a proud native of Washington, DC, where she still resides with her husband.

Jennifer Lane Gachiri ’09, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York

Jennifer Lane Gachiri is a federal prosecutor in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. In that role, she has investigated and prosecuted numerous felony matters. She previously clerked for the former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the Honorable Richard W. Roberts, and for the Honorable Damon J. Keith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She also worked as a senior associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison LLP, where she assisted trial counsel for a Fortune 50 client in a $150M FINRA arbitration involving disputed securities claims.

Ms. Gachiri is a Visiting Faculty Member at Harvard Law School, a Board Member of both FedKids and EDSnaps, and Secretary of the Civil Rights Committee of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association. She earned her BA, with honors, at the University of Pennsylvania, where she was awarded the Alice Paul Award for outstanding service to women in the Penn community.
Jodi Grant ’93, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance

Jodi Grant is Executive Director of the Afterschool Alliance, a public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all students have access to quality, affordable afterschool programs. Grant oversees all aspects of the Afterschool Alliance’s work—setting its goals and strategies for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, working with the field to help programs tap into federal funding streams, and supervising research to help stakeholders support, create and expand quality afterschool programs.

Grant served as Director of Work and Family Programs for the National Partnership for Women & Families. She served as General Counsel to the Senate Budget Committee and as Staff Director for a Senate Committee. Her legislative accomplishments include expanded support for the child tax credit, the Child Health Insurance Program and class size reduction. She served as liaison to the National Governors’ Association, where she worked closely with Republican and Democratic governors.

Grant graduated from Yale University and received her law degree from Harvard University. She currently serves as a Trustee of the America’s Promise Alliance, and on the Steering Committee of the Coalition for Community Schools.

Sarah Grant ’19, Student and Captain, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves

Sarah E. Grant is a 3L and a Captain in the Marine Corps Reserves. She graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2011, earned an MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge in 2012, and served on active duty as an Intelligence Officer until 2016.

Sarah interned in the National Security Division at DOJ after her 1L year and was a Summer Associate at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, DC this past summer. She is Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard National Security Journal, a regular contributor to Lawfare, and on the board of the HLS American Constitution Society chapter.

Danielle C. Gray ’03, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina

Danielle Gray is Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. She leads the company’s Legal, Audit, Government Affairs, Health Policy, and Compliance teams, and serves as the primary liaison to the Board of Trustees. Prior to joining Blue Cross NC, Danielle was a litigation partner in O’Melveny & Myers LLP’s New York and Washington, DC offices.

Danielle served in the administration of President Barack Obama for five years in senior legal and policy positions. As Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary, Danielle helped coordinate policy and communications across federal departments and agencies. As Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, Danielle advised the President on key economic policy decisions. As Associate Counsel to the President, Danielle served as one of the principal lawyers advising on the Affordable Care Act and played a lead role in judicial selection and confirmation proceedings—including for Justices Sotomayor and Kagan. And as Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, she helped supervise litigation of high-impact civil cases at the Justice Department.

Danielle received her JD from Harvard Law School, where she was an Editor of the Harvard Law Review, and her BA from Duke University. She served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Merrick Garland on the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and to Justice Stephen Breyer on the US Supreme Court.
D. James Greiner, The Honorable S. William Green Professor of Public Law, Harvard Law School

Jim is the Honorable S. William Green Professor of Public Law. He teaches courses on civil procedure, expert witnesses, and access to justice. Before coming to the law school in 2007, Jim completed his PhD in statistics at Harvard University. Prior to this, Jim practiced law for six years, three for the Department of Justice (Federal Programs Branch), and three for Jenner & Block LLC. He tried to focus his practice on employment discrimination, voting rights, and the Decennial Census, but alas, he also had to learn how airplanes get on and off aircraft carriers (in the A-12 litigation), as well as how to deal with structural injunctions in long-running housing desegregation cases. Jim's research focuses on the Access to Justice Lab, where he serves as Faculty Director. The Access to Justice Lab implements randomized field experiments to find out what works for individuals and families who cannot afford to hire lawyers. The Access to Justice Lab is the only entity in the United States that focuses on randomized control trials in the legal profession.

Maura Barry Grinalds '91, Litigation Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Maura Barry Grinalds, JD '91 (magna cum laude), BA '85 (magna cum laude) is a Litigation Partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP in New York. She represents corporations and individuals in a wide variety of complex disputes, including securities, corporate, commercial, litigation and class actions in federal and state courts throughout the country, and domestic and international arbitration proceedings. A member of the AAA Large Case Committee, Maura has extensive experience in arbitration proceedings, including full evidentiary hearings and judicial proceedings to compel or enjoin arbitrations and enforce awards. She also defends companies and individuals in federal securities class actions and derivative litigation, regulatory proceedings and investigations before the US Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as in merger-related shareholder class actions and consumer class actions.

Maura is a two-time recipient of the Legal Aid Society award for outstanding pro bono public service and an active volunteer for the Innocence Project. She served a six-year term on the Departmental Disciplinary Committee of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. She is the Global Co-chair of Skadden's Women's Initiative Committee and a member of the Partner Selection Committee and Diversity Committee. She repeatedly has been included in The Best Lawyers in America. Maura is a co-chair of the New York Chapter of the Harvard Law School Women's Alliance and a board member of the New York Chapter of the Harvard Law School Association. Maura also serves as a director of the Sciences Po US Foundation.

Rachel I. Gurvich '07, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina School of Law

Rachel I. Gurvich (magna cum laude) is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she teaches Research, Reasoning, Writing, and Advocacy. Before entering academia, Gurvich was counsel at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP in Boston, where she specialized in patent and appellate litigation and maintained an active pro bono practice. In 2013, she completed a six-month rotation as a Special Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Boston College Law School.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Gurvich is active on Twitter (@RachelGurvich), where she provides practice advice and legal writing tips to lawyers and law students across the country. She also helped found an online community of female attorneys, judges, and legal academics who tweet under the hashtag #LadyLawyerDiaries.

In addition to her Harvard Law degree, Gurvich holds a BA with highest distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She clerked for the Honorable Kermit V. Lipez on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.
Amy Gutman '93, OpEd Project Senior Facilitator and Senior Communications Advisor to Wellesley College, President’s Office

Amy Gutman is a writer, teacher, and communications strategist for mission-driven organizations, with a focus on women, law, higher education, and public health. Her own work has appeared in many print and online publications including the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Salon, The Atlantic, Forbes, and Psychology Today, and she is the author of two suspense novels — Equivocal Death, a People Magazine Page Turner of the Week, and The Anniversary, both published by Little, Brown.

As a senior facilitator for The OpEd Project, she teaches in the US and around the world for institutions that have included Harvard University, Columbia University, the Ford Foundation, the Aspen Institute, and many others. She is a senior communications advisor to the President’s Office at Wellesley College and previously served as Special Assistant for Communications to then-Harvard Law School Dean (now US Supreme Court Justice) Elena Kagan and as Senior Communications Advisor to the Dean at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Karen M. Hardwick ’88, General Counsel, University of the District of Columbia

Karen Hardwick currently serves as General Counsel of the University of the District of Columbia, the only public university in the nation’s capital.

Karen launched her legal career at Hogan and Hartson (now Hogan Lovells), where she was distinguished as the first African-American woman to rise through the ranks from first year associate to earn promotion to equity partnership. Her practice at Hogan focused on high-stakes commercial litigation and complex investigations for companies in the technology, commercial real estate and insurance industries. After nearly 20 successful and fulfilling years in private practice, Karen set out in pursuit of new challenges. Before taking the job with UDC, she served as General Counsel and Executive Vice-President of the Anacostia Waterfront Development Corporation and later as City Attorney for the Annapolis, Maryland. While at AWC, Karen played an integral role in bringing about the award-winning revitalization of Washington’s Southwest Waterfront and Capital Riverfront at Nationals Park neighborhoods.

Outside of the office, Karen also led the signature training program for Leadership Greater Washington, that provides transformative experiential learning opportunities for senior leaders from the corporate, government and nonprofit sectors.

Karen is a 1988 graduate of the Harvard Law School and a 1985 graduate of the University of Virginia’s School of Engineering. She lives with her husband Adrian Gardner ’88 in the District of Columbia and Annapolis, MD.

Erika N.L. Harold ’07, Attorney, Meyer Capel; Republican Nominee for Illinois Attorney General

Erika N.L. Harold is a litigator at Meyer Capel PC in Champaign, Illinois, where she handles complex commercial and civil litigation matters. Erika also serves on the national board of directors of Prison Fellowship, the nation’s largest outreach to inmates and their families, and advocates for criminal justice reform and engages in prison ministry. The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Erika to serve on the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Equality and the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, and she currently serves on both of those entities.

Erika is a graduate of the University of Illinois and used the scholarship money she won as Miss America 2003 to pay for her legal education at HLS. Erika was delighted to return to HLS to be part of the teaching faculty for HLS’s 2017 and 2018 Trial Advocacy Workshops. In March of 2018, Erika won the Republican nomination for Illinois Attorney General, earning almost 60% of the vote, and was endorsed in the primary by the Chicago Tribune as having “the drive, approachability and eloquence not only to set policy for this office but to explain its mission and exhort the people of Illinois to join it.”
Meena Harris '12, Founder, Phenomenal Women Campaign

Meena is a Commissioner on the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, and Head of Strategy & Leadership at Uber, where she oversees transformation initiatives across business units to positively impact brand, customer loyalty, and employee engagement. Previously she was a data privacy and cybersecurity attorney at a major global law firm. Last year, Meena launched the Phenomenal Woman Action Campaign, which promotes activism and empowers women.

Lindsay Harrison '03, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP

Lindsay C. Harrison is a partner in the Jenner & Block’s Appellate & Supreme Court group in Washington, DC. She is a member of the Firm’s Management Committee, Complex Commercial Litigation Steering Committee, and co-leader of its Hospitality & Gaming practice. Her practice spans a diverse range of matters and clients, including high-stakes legal challenges under the Administrative Procedure Act. At the age of 30, she argued her first case in any court in the Supreme Court, where she won an important victory for immigrants. The *National Law Journal* has named her as a DC Rising Star—one of 40 “game-changing lawyers age 40 and under” who are “leaders in the law” in the nation’s capital. She has also been named to the BTI Consulting Group’s Client Service All-Star List and the National LBGT Bar Association’s Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40.

Yee Htun, Clinical Instructor and Lecturer on Law, International Human Rights Clinic, HLS

Yee Htun is a Clinical Instructor and Lecturer on Law at the International Human Rights Clinic. She works extensively on gender justice issues and has been involved with law reform and legislative efforts to advance women's rights in Myanmar. Prior to teaching at Harvard Law School, she served as the Inaugural Director of Myanmar Program for Justice Trust and was selected by women Nobel Peace Laureates from Nobel Women's Initiative to coordinate and lead the first-ever global campaign to stop rape and sexual violence in conflict. Yee has a Juris Doctor from Dalhousie University and an undergraduate degree in Criminology and Women's Studies from Simon Fraser University.
Michelle C. Ifill '85, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc.

Michelle C. Ifill is the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc., responsible for primary legal oversight and support of the Chief Administrative Office, which includes sourcing, global real estate, sustainability, aviation & fleet management. Ms. Ifill's team also has responsibility for a variety of information technology, cyber security, intellectual property and financial services areas.

Before this most recent appointment, Ms. Ifill was Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for the Verizon Enterprise Solutions business unit. In this capacity, she was responsible for representing the legal and regulatory interests for Verizon's $18 billion worldwide sales organization.

Ms. Ifill is a Co-Chair of the Verizon Legal Diversity and Inclusion Council and the founder of the Women of Excellence Network, a professional development and relationship-building organization. She is an active member of Corporate Counsel Women of Color and the National Bar Association as Co-Chair of their annual General Counsel Invitational. Also involved in the mentoring of students and newer professionals, Ms. Ifill is an Advisory Board Member of the Ron Brown Scholars Program and is the Governance Chair of the Board of Trustees of SUNY Purchase College Foundation. As for a more recent initiative to bring the Harvard Law School community together, Ms. Ifill was the catalyst for the Inaugural High Tea for HLS Black Alumnae held this past summer in New York City.

Ms. Ifill received a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University and her law degree from Harvard Law School and lives in Westchester, NY with her husband and teenage daughter.

Ellora Thadaney Israni '19, Student and Co-Founder, she++

Ellora Thadaney Israni is a current 3L at Harvard Law School, where she is also the Managing Editor of the Harvard Law Review and a student attorney with the Criminal Justice Institute. She earned her undergraduate degree in Computer Science from Stanford University, where she co-founded she++, a student-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports young minorities in technology.

After college, Ellora helped start Facebook's Civic Engagement team, which ran voter turnout campaigns during the 2016 elections that registered an additional 2 million Americans to vote. She has done internships with the Legal Aid Society in New York City and the Los Angeles County Public Defender, and she has written for the New York Times about the use of technology in the criminal justice system. Next year, she will be clerking on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Ginger E. Jacobs '98, Partner and Founder, Jacobs & Schlesinger LLP

Ginger Jacobs is the founder and managing partner of Jacobs & Schlesinger LLP, a boutique immigration and appellate law firm in San Diego, California. She represents immigrants, corporations, and non-profits in all areas of immigration law. Her true passion is "state-side human rights" work, including asylum and Violence Against Women Act cases, as well as U visas for the survivors of violent crimes.

Ginger is deeply involved in non-profit advocacy, pro bono work, and public policy work. She was one of the original members of President Obama's Immigration Policy Committee during the 2008 election. She is pro bono counsel to Alliance San Diego and is a frequent speaker at community events - in English and Spanish. In 2007, Ginger was awarded the American Immigration Lawyers Association Presidential Commendation for coalition-building in her community.
Danièle Jean-Pierre ’01, Assistant General Counsel, U.S. Agency for International Development

Ms. Jean-Pierre began her legal career as an associate at Latham & Watkins LLP in Washington, DC, New York and Paris in the finance group, where her practice focused on the arrangement and syndication of domestic and cross-border secured credit facilities, project finance, and general corporate matters. Ms. Jean-Pierre then joined American Capital Ltd., a private equity firm and global asset manager as an Associate General Counsel.

In 2010, Ms. Jean-Pierre transitioned to public service as US Diplomat for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and currently serves as an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel in Washington, DC. Prior to this position, she served as a Diplomat and the Chief Legal Officer for the USAID Mission in Senegal (2015-2017) and as a Diplomat and Chief Legal Officer for the USAID Mission in Haiti (2011-2015) where she managed a complex legal portfolio associated with the $2.2 billion budget for the Haiti post-earthquake reconstruction efforts.

Ms. Jean-Pierre has also been active with the Harvard alumni community in Haiti and in 2013 arranged for the Prime Minister of Haiti to speak at Harvard Law School and participate in a town hall discussion moderated by Harvard Professor Charles Ogletree.

Ms. Jean-Pierre received her JD from Harvard Law School. She graduated with an MA in International Policy Studies and a BA in International Relations both from Stanford University. Ms. Jean-Pierre is a member of the New York and District of Columbia Bars and is fluent in French and English.

Kristi Jobson ’12, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Chief Admissions Officer, Harvard Law School

Kristi Jobson is the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Chief Admissions Officer at Harvard Law School. As a student at HLS, Kristi participated in the Board of Student Advisers and the Women’s Law Association, served as a research assistant to faculty, and led the Harvard Journal of Law & Gender as co-Editor-in-Chief.

Following graduation, she clerked for judges sitting on state and federal courts in Boston (Hon. Cynthia J. Cohen ’75, Hon. Patti B. Saris ’76, and Hon. Norman H. Stahl ’55). Prior to joining the JD Admissions Office, Kristi was an associate at Ropes & Gray in Boston, litigating shareholder actions and complex commercial disputes. She also maintained an active pro bono practice, with a particular emphasis on issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

Elizabeth Papp Kamali ’07, Assistant Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Elizabeth Papp Kamali is an Assistant Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where she teaches Criminal Law, English Legal History, Medieval English Law, and a seminar on Mind and Criminal Responsibility. She is a faculty member of Harvard University’s Standing Committee on Medieval Studies. Her research focuses on the medieval English common law and the history of criminal law, with a particular interest in the early criminal trial jury.

In addition to her Harvard Law education, Prof. Kamali received an AB from Harvard College and a PhD in History from the University of Michigan. Between college and law school, she worked at Orion Consultants, where she advised Wall Street broker/dealers on their relationships with institutional investors, and volunteered as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in foster care.
Rachel Herrick Kassabian ’97, Chair, Internet Litigation Practice, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP

Rachel Herrick Kassabian is a partner in Quinn Emanuel’s Silicon Valley office. She has been with the firm for more than 17 years, and currently serves as Chair of the firm’s Internet Litigation Practice. In that role she represents clients in a wide range of intellectual property and commercial litigation matters, with a special focus on Internet technology, Internet sector businesses and startups. In particular, over the past decade Ms. Kassabian has successfully defended various service providers asserting safe harbor under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), and has developed special expertise in trade secret litigation and counseling. Ms. Kassabian also advises startups and other tech clients on intellectual property issues and best practices.

Outside the office Ms. Kassabian enjoys spending time with her family, supporting non-profit women’s organizations, and traveling as much as her schedule will allow.

Irene Khan LL.M. ’79, Director-General, International Development Law Organization

Irene Khan is Director-General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). The first woman to hold this office, she was elected by Member Parties on November 17, 2011 and took up her position formally on January 1, 2012.

An international thought leader on human rights, gender and social justice issues, Irene Khan was Secretary General of Amnesty International from 2001 - 2009. Prior to that, she worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for 21 years at headquarters and in various field operations. She was Visiting Professor at the State University of New York Law School (Buffalo) in 2011.

Ms. Khan sits on the boards of several international human rights and development organizations. She is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and prestigious awards, including the City of Sydney Peace Prize in 2006 for her work to end violence against women and girls. Her book, The Unheard Truth: Poverty and Human Rights, has been translated into seven languages.

Born in Bangladesh, Irene Khan studied law at the University of Manchester and Harvard Law School

Sarah Kim JD-MBA ’05, Partner, Clayton Dubilier & Rice LLC

Sarah Kim is a Partner with Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC, a leading private equity firm with over $21 billion in assets under management. She is focused on the healthcare sector and currently serves on the board of Vets First Choice and naviHealth. In addition to these companies, she has played a key role in a number of the firm’s investments including HD Supply, ServiceMaster, David’s Bridal, and Diversey. Prior to CD&R, Sarah held positions at Metalmark Capital, McCown De Leeuw, and Goldman Sachs.

She received a BA in economics and political science from Yale University and a JD/MBA from Harvard. She also serves on the board of trustees of the New York Foundling and the Advisory Board of the Harvard Association for Law and Business.
Karen Matsushima King ’97, Managing Director and the Chief Legal Officer, Silver Lake

Karen M. King is a Managing Director and the Chief Legal Officer of Silver Lake. She joined Silver Lake fourteen years ago and has been involved in all major transactions consummated by the firm. Karen represented Silver Lake on the Board of Serena Software where she served on the Compensation Committee. Prior to joining Silver Lake, Karen was at Simpson Thacher and Bartlett, focusing on capital markets transactions. Karen worked in the New York and London offices and then became one of nine attorneys to launch STB’s Palo Alto office.

In 2013, Karen was given the Women of Achievement award by Legal Momentum. In 2015, she was named by the Recorder as one of the Women Leaders in Tech Law. And more recently, she was named by PE Hub as one of “10 women smashing PE’s glass ceiling”.

Karen is an advisor to the Shatter Fund, a venture firm dedicated to investing in women-led companies. She is Chair of the Board, and was the Head of the Search Committee for the American Leadership Forum - Silicon Valley, where she is also a Senior Fellow. She is also on the Silicon Valley Leadership Council of the Global Fund for Children, an organization with which she travelled to Haiti on a donor visit. In addition, she is a Trustee of Menlo School, and a Trustee of the US Olympic and Paralympic Foundation, and she serves on the Investment Committee for Sacred Hearts Schools – Atherton.

As a graduate of Harvard Law School, Karen served as Vice-Chair of the 20th Reunion Committee for her class. Prior to HLS, she earned her bachelor’s degree in Public Policy Studies from Duke University. She also received a certificate in German and studied abroad in Berlin. Karen serves on the Board of Advisors to Duke’s Trinity College.

Deborah Gordon Klehr ’04, Executive Director, Education Law Center

Deborah Gordon Klehr is the Executive Director of the Education Law Center, a non-profit legal advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring access to quality public education for all children in Pennsylvania. Deborah brings extensive expertise on education law and policy issues, including fairness in school discipline, fair funding for public education, and other school access and improvement issues. She was selected for and served on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania’s Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee.

Deborah joined ELC in 2005 after clerking for US District Court Judge Raymond J. Dearie in the Eastern District of New York. She previously taught kindergarten and first grade in Hoboken, NJ. Deborah is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School.

Deborah serves on the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights and was recently elected to serve as a member of The American Law Institute. She serves on the Board of Directors of Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Greater Philadelphia and Congregation Rodeph Shalom. She is a member of the Forum of Executive Women.

Sheila Kuehl ’78, Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Sheila Kuehl is currently in her second term on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and is Chair of the Board, as well as Chair of the LA Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors.

Supervisor Kuehl served eight years in the CA State Senate and six years in the CA State Assembly where she was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly, and the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature. She served as chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Natural Resources and Water Committee, and Budget Subcommittee on Water, Energy and Transportation, as well as the Assembly Judiciary Committee. She authored 171 bills that were signed into law.

She was a law professor at Loyola, UCLA and USC Law Schools and co-founded and served as managing attorney of the California Women’s Law Center.
Supervisor Kuehl was the one of the founders and Chair of Celebration 25 in 1978, the first celebration and reunion of the women of HLS. In her youth, she was known for her portrayal of the irrepressible Zelda Gilroy in the television series, “The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis.”

Lenora M. Lapidus ‘90, Director of the Women’s Rights Project, American Civil Liberties Union

Lenora Lapidus is the Director of the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. She litigates gender discrimination cases in courts throughout the country, engages in public policy advocacy, and speaks on gender equity issues in the media and to the public. Her work focuses on challenging employment discrimination, ensuring educational equity, and ending gender-based violence.

She advocated for the EEOC to investigate the low number of women hired by studios to be directors for film and television, leading to an in-depth investigation. In addition, she co-founded and serves on the steering committee of Equal Pay Today, an innovative collaboration among state, regional, and national women’s rights organizations formed to close the gender wage gap, and is a member of the Women’s Forum of New York.

Ms. Lapidus has received several awards and fellowships, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from Pathways to Peace, Trailblazer Award from Women and Hollywood, 21 Leaders for the 21st Century from Women’s eNews, and the Wasserstein Fellowship for outstanding public interest lawyers from Harvard Law School. She graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and summa cum laude from Cornell University.

Lori E. Lesser ‘93, Head of IP Transactions, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

Lori E. Lesser is a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where she heads the IP transactions group and co-heads the privacy/cybersecurity group. She is on the board of the Partnership Fund for New York City and GreaterNY and the advisory board of ProPublica.

At Harvard, she serves on the Radcliffe Institute’s Dean’s Advisory Council and the HLS Dean’s Leadership Council, the board of the Harvard Alumni Association and is a past president of the HLS Association of New York City. She is an alum of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

Loretta E. Lynch ’84, Former U.S. Attorney General

Loretta E. Lynch was sworn in as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States by Vice President Joe Biden on April 27, 2015. Her priorities as Attorney General included national security and terrorism, combatting human trafficking, cyber security and improving the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.


In 1999, President Clinton appointed her to lead the office as United States Attorney—a post she held until 2001. In 2002, she joined Hogan & Hartson LLP (now Hogan Lovells) as a partner in the firm’s New York office. While in private practice, Ms. Lynch performed extensive pro bono work for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, established to prosecute those responsible for human rights violations in the 1994 genocide in that country. As Special Counsel to the Tribunal, she was responsible for investigating allegations of witness tampering and false testimony.
In 2010, President Obama asked Ms. Lynch to resume her leadership of the US Attorney’s Office in Brooklyn. Under her direction, the office successfully prosecuted numerous corrupt public officials, terrorists, cybercriminals and human traffickers, among other important cases.

Susan Vivian Mangold ’87, Executive Director, Juvenile Law Center

Susan Vivian Mangold is Executive Director at Juvenile Law Center, the nation’s first children’s legal office. Based in Philadelphia, Juvenile Law Center advocates for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the justice and child welfare systems.

Susan graduated from Harvard Law School and Harvard College. During law school, she was Executive Director at Harvard Legal Aid and co-founder of the Children’s Rights Project. During college, she was co-director of the Big Brother/Sister Program through Phillips Brooks House and then founded Cambridge Youth Summer Enrichment Program, now Summer Urban Programs.

Susan was a staff attorney at Juvenile Law Center for five years following graduation from HLS and then was Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Academics at University at Buffalo Law School, State University of New York from 1994-2015.

John F. Manning ’85, Morgan and Helen Chu Dean and Professor of Law, Harvard Law School


Glenda E. Martinez ’90, Principal, The Law Office of Glenda E. Martinez

Glenda E. Martinez is a Principal at The Law Office of Glenda E. Martinez. She provides consulting services in all aspects of labor and employment law and human resources. She also advises clients on media law and commercial contracts. Previously, she was senior vice president and associate general counsel at Univision Communications Inc. and headed its Legal Department’s Los Angeles Office. Before joining Univision in 1995, Glenda was an associate at the law firm of Morrison and Foerster in Los Angeles, California, where she represented clients in labor and employment law.

Glenda served as a commissioner in the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission from 2006 to 2013 and held the positions of president and vice president. She has also served on several non-profit boards. Currently, she serves on the boards of Upward Bound House and the Central American Resource Center, where she holds the position of Secretary.

In addition to her Harvard Law education, Glenda has a BA from Yale University, cum laude.
Kelley McGill '20, Student, Harvard Law School

Kelley McGill is a 2L at Harvard Law School. She is an HLS Admissions Fellow, a member of the Harvard University Council for Student Sustainability Leaders, a mediator with the Harvard Mediation Program, and a participant in the Harvard Women's Law Association Big-Little Sisters Program. In her 1L year, she also served as a line editor for the Harvard Environmental Law Review and as a policy editor for the Harvard Law and Policy Review.

This past summer, Kelley was a litigation clerk for the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Previously, Kelley was a project manager for Linnean Solutions, a sustainability consulting firm in Cambridge. Kelley holds a BS in Finance and a BA in International Studies from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Sharon McGowan '00, Chief Strategy Officer and Legal Director; Eden/Rushing Chair, Lambda Legal

Sharon McGowan is the Chief Strategy Officer and Legal Director of Lambda Legal, the country's largest and oldest legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and individuals living with HIV.

Prior to joining Lambda, Sharon served as the Principal Deputy Chief of the Appellate Section of the Civil Rights Division in Department of Justice, where she supervised attorneys working on a broad range of civil rights appellate matters in the US Supreme Court and federal courts of appeals. Sharon also served as co-chair of the Division’s Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Working Group. Sharon was repeatedly recognized by the Attorney General for her efforts on LGBT issues, receiving awards for her role in convincing the Department of Justice to stop defending the so-called “Defense of Marriage Act” (DOMA), in developing the arguments advanced by the United States in support of nationwide marriage equality, and in guiding the Department of Justice to its position that discrimination on the basis of sex encompasses discrimination on the basis of gender identity.

She also served as Acting General Counsel and as Deputy General Counsel for Policy at the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) during the Obama Administration. As Acting General Counsel, Sharon ensured OPM's rapid and robust implementation of United States v. Windsor, resulting in married federal employees receiving health care and retirement benefits within days of the Supreme Court's decision, regardless of whether they lived in a state that recognized their marriage at the time. Earlier in her career, Sharon was a Staff Attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project, and an associate in the Washington, DC office of Jenner & Block. Sharon clerked for the Honorable Norman H. Stahl on the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and for the Honorable Ginger Berrigan on the US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Ginger McKnight-Chavers '88, Writer

Ginger McKnight-Chavers is an author, whose first novel, In the Heart of Texas (She Writes Press), won a 2016 USA Best Book Award for African-American Fiction. A native of Dallas, Texas, Ginger practiced corporate and arts/entertainment law for many years before becoming a full-time writer. She was an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York, and practiced in-house at Warner-Lambert Company, Black Entertainment Television and Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts.

Currently a full-time writer, Ginger also teaches law and business basics for writers at Sarah Lawrence College’s Writing Institute (where she was a Kathryn Gurfein Writing Fellow). Ginger was a contributor to Oil and Water: And Other Things That Don't Mix, and has published essays, short stories and articles for Essence, New York Family, The Huffington Post, The TexPatch, and other outlets. She is currently working on her second novel, Oak Cliff, and is a freelance political writer for ShareBlue Media. Ginger holds a degree in International Economics from Georgetown University.
Chi Adanna Mgbako ’05, Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Walter Leitner International Human Rights Clinic, Fordham Law School

Chi Adanna Mgbako is Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Walter Leitner International Human Rights Clinic at Fordham Law School. Chi and her students work on human rights projects focusing on gender justice in many countries, including Ethiopia, India, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uganda and the United States.

She is the author of To Live Freely in This World: Sex Worker Activism in Africa and has published widely in academic journals and the popular press, including the Yale Journal of International Affairs, Georgetown Journal of International Law, The International New York Times and The Guardian.

Chi is a former Harvard Henigson Human Rights Fellow with the International Crisis Group and a graduate of Harvard Law School and Columbia University.

Martha Minow, 300th Anniversary University Professor, Harvard University

Martha Minow, the 300th Anniversary University Professor at Harvard University, has taught at Harvard Law School since 1981, where her courses include civil procedure, constitutional law, family law, international criminal justice, jurisprudence, law and education, nonprofit organizations, and the public law workshop.

An expert in human rights and advocacy for members of racial and religious minorities and for women, children, and persons with disabilities, she also writes and teaches about privatization, military justice, and ethnic and religious conflict.

Minow served as Dean of Harvard Law School between 2009 and 2017, as the inaugural Morgan and Helen Chu Dean and Professor. Appointed by President Obama in 2009, she serves as vice-chair of the Legal Services Corporation.

Zia Mody LL.M. ’79, Senior Partner, AZB & Partners, India

Zia Mody is the Founder and Senior Partner of AZB & Partners and one of India’s foremost corporate attorneys. She did her LLM from Harvard Law School and was then admitted as a member of the New York State Bar by examination in 1980. Zia worked as a corporate associate at Baker & McKenzie, New York, for five years. She then moved back to India to set up practice, establishing the Chambers of Zia Mody in 1984, which then became AZB & Partners in 2004.

Zia features on Fortune India as The 50 Most Powerful Women in Business in India (2016 & 2017). She has also been awarded the “Professional of the Year - 2017” at the UK India Awards. She has been recognized as a Top 13 female Acritas Stars globally by Acritas Star 2018. AsiaLaw Profile has called Zia one of the ‘Market Leading Lawyers’ in the fields of Mergers & Acquisitions, General Corporate Practice (2016-2018).
Danielle Moody ’19, Student, Harvard Law School

Danielle Moody is a 3L at Harvard Law School. On campus, Danielle serves as a student attorney with the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, a JD Admissions Fellow, and an active member of the Harvard Black Law Students Association.

Before law school, she worked as a full-time AmeriCorps member in Chicago. Danielle graduated from Spelman College with a degree in English.

Michele Pinder Moorman ’95, Director of People and Recruiting, Chaffetz Lindsey LLP

Michele Pinder Moorman is the Director of People and Recruiting at Chaffetz Lindsey LLP, a boutique litigation firm based in Manhattan. She oversees all HR, talent management and recruiting efforts for the lawyers and business services teams at the firm. She also is the Founder of Michele Moorman Coaching where she provides career and leadership coaching primarily to mid-career individuals in a variety of industries.

Prior to her current roles, she led the talent management and learning and development efforts for associates and counsel in the Americas region of White & Case LLP. Michele began her legal career as an associate in the banking and securities groups at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and subsequently joined Squadron Ellenoff Plesasnt and Sheinfeld (now Hogan Lovells) where she counseled media clients on mergers and acquisitions and joint venture transactions. She then joined Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. as Director & Associate General Counsel. After practicing law for 12 years, Michele decided to commit herself full time to attorney professional development and served as the Director of the Career Planning Center at Fordham Law School before joining White & Case.

Michele graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and received her BA in Political Science from Yale College. She is a 2018 Writer in Residence for Ms. JD and a member of the Advisory Committee for the New Lawyers Institute at the NYC Bar Association for which co-designed the Institute’s career development curriculum. Michele is also a trained life and leadership coach through Accomplishment Coaching. She currently resides in NYC with her husband, daughter and retired greyhound Zadie.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Munnell ’79, Principal, EHMunnell

Elizabeth Munnell (BA ’73) is a business development coach and consultant for lawyers and law firms. She is also the co-creator of a case study driven business skills training program for law firm associates.

Before forming EHMunnell in 2009 she practiced law for 30 years, 24 as a partner at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge (now Locke Lord LLP), where she was one of the founders of EAPD’s Boston office and its nationally recognized media and communications debt finance, private equity and M&A industry practice group.

Betsy serves on the Board of the American Bar Association’s Legal Career Central. At HLS, she offers a one-on-one career coaching program for Women’s Law Association 2Ls who are transitioning to large firm practice.
Vernā Myers ’85, Inclusion Strategist & Cultural Innovator, The Vernā Myers Company

Vernā Myers is an inclusion strategist, cultural change catalyst, influencer, thought leader, social commentator, and author. She’s known for her high-energy keynotes, her captivating insights, and her ability to help people bridge differences and connect more meaningfully.

Founder of The Vernā Myers Company, Vernā speaks at conferences and events around the globe and helps Fortune 500 companies and other powerhouse clients succeed by building more inclusive workplaces.

Vernā is the author of *Moving Diversity Forward: How to Go From Well-Meaning to Well-Doing* and *What If I Say the Wrong Thing? 25 Habits for Culturally Effective People*. Her inspiring TED talk, *How to Overcome Our Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them*, offers three ways any person can become an active participant in countering bias in themselves and in others to create a more just world. Vernā has also contributed to Refinery 29 and Huffington Post, and has been cited in *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, the *Harvard Business Review*, and TED NPR Radio.

For the last two decades The Vernā Myers Company has helped organizations eradicate barriers based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and other differences with the aim of establishing a new, more productive and just status quo. Vernā calls Baltimore home and when she’s not working, she’s unwinding on long road bike rides, visiting with family, or traveling the globe with her son, Tres.

Jessica Neuwirth ’85, Founder, Donor Direct Action; Founder and Co-President, ERA Coalition

Jessica Neuwirth is the founder and Director of Donor Direct Action, an initiative to strengthen women’s rights organizations in front line countries around the world with increased access to fundraising, media visibility, and political contacts. She is also the founder and Co-President of the ERA Coalition/Fund for Women’s Equality, working to promote passage and ratification of an Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. She is the author of *Equal Means Equal: Why the Time for An Equal Rights Amendment is Now*.

Previously, Jessica has worked in the United Nations as Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and as an expert on sexual violence and international criminal justice for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where she led the drafting team for the judgment in the Charles Taylor case, and as an associate. Jessica is also a co-founder of the international women’s rights organization Equality Now and worked as an associate at Clearly, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. In addition to her Harvard law degree, Jessica holds a degree from Yale College in History.

Ambassador Crystal Nix-Hines ’90 (ret.), Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP

Crystal Nix-Hines joined the firm in 2008 as Of Counsel and left the firm in 2014 after President Obama appointed her to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, France. Ambassador Nix-Hines (Ret.) rejoined the firm in 2017 as a Partner in the Los Angeles Office, where she is spearheading the launch of the firm’s newly formed Crisis Law & Strategy Practice Group. She has an accomplished record in the governmental, legal and media sectors, including a stint with US Department of State; a job as both a lawyer and television script writer at Disney; and as a reporter for *The New York Times*.

As an ambassador to UNESCO, Ambassador Nix-Hines established a proactive, entrepreneurial and constructive mandate for the US Mission that highlighted American leadership and improved organizational governance and effectiveness. She successfully led United States’ efforts in Paris to secure reelection to UNESCO’s Executive Board. She also launched a series of innovative initiatives, including two global public-private partnerships – TeachHer, encouraging 21st century skill development to reduce the gender gap in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design and Math careers, and PeaceWorx to prevent youth radicalization to violent extremism through education.
During her legal career, she has worked as a senior litigator in numerous trial and appellate cases, including three successful cases before the US Supreme Court. Ambassador Nix-Hines began her legal career as a law clerk to the late Judge William Norris of the Ninth Circuit and to former Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall and Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

Ambassador Nix-Hines earned a BA from Princeton University and a JD from Harvard Law School, where she graduated with honors and served as Supervising Editor of the Harvard Law Review. During her nine-year tenure as a Trustee of Princeton University, she advised the University on a range of governance issues, and served on its Executive and Nominating Committees, and chaired its Student Life Committee.

Shu-Yi Oei ’03, Professor of Law & Dean's Distinguished Scholar, Boston College School of Law

Shu-Yi Oei is Professor of Law at Boston College Law School. She teaches and writes in the areas of tax policy and economic regulation. Shu-Yi's recent work has examined innovations in human capital investments and the taxation and regulation of new industries such as the gig economy. Her research has also focused on tax reform, the relationship between tax administration and economic security, and privacy and transparency in tax administration.

Prior to joining the Boston College Law faculty in 2017, Shu-Yi taught at Tulane Law School, where she was the inaugural holder of the Hoffman F. Fuller Professorship in Tax Law and also received the 2014 Felix Frankfurter Distinguished Teaching Award, Tulane Law School’s highest teaching honor. Before entering academia, Shu-Yi practiced tax law in Boston, representing clients in federal, state and cross-border tax matters.

Shu-Yi received her JD from Harvard Law School in 2003 and her AB from Brown University in 1999. Shu-Yi also holds a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School.

Christine Osvald-Mruz ’95, Partner, Lowenstein Sandler LLP

Christine Osvald-Mruz is a partner at Lowenstein Sandler LLP and has been with the firm since law school graduation. She currently specializes in executive compensation and employee benefits law. In her time at the firm, Chris has practiced corporate law (mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and limited liability company law) and has co-chaired a firm initiative known as STRIDES, Advancing Women in Business.

She holds an AB degree from Princeton University and is the mother of four boys.

Susan D. Page ’89, Retired Ambassador

Ambassador Susan D. Page was sworn in as ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan on November 16, 2011. Following her assignment as the first US ambassador to the world’s newest nation, she served as Chargé d’Affaires a.i., to the US Mission to the African Union/Permanent Representative to the UN Economic Commission for Africa (2015-16).

Ambassador Page was also deputy assistant secretary of State for African Affairs (2009-2011) and Senior Advisor to the Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan (2014-2015). Page has received several awards from the State Department for her work on the Great Lakes region of Africa and on Sudan and South Sudan.

Ambassador Page began her foreign affairs career at the US Department of State in 1991 and served as Attorney-Adviser for Politico-Military Affairs (1991-1993), USAID Regional Legal Adviser in Kenya and Botswana covering East and Southern Africa (1993-1998) and as US Embassy Political Officer in Rwanda (1999-2001). She has also worked for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as a senior legal expert in Rwanda and Sudan. From 2002 to 2005 Page was Legal Adviser to the IGAD
Secretariat for Peace in Sudan and played a key role in the mediation and peace process that resulted in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Page also served as Regional Director for Southern and East Africa at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) (2007-2009).

In 2017, Page was appointed Assistant Secretary General and Special Representative of the UN Secretary General (SRSG) for the UN Mission for Justice Support in Haiti; prior to that, Page was Deputy SRSG responsible for the Rule of Law at the predecessor mission in Haiti, MINUSTAH. On May 4, 2018, The UN Secretary General appointed Page as his Special Adviser on Rule of Law, Global Focal Point Review Implementation.

In addition to her 1989 JD from HLS, Ambassador Page received her AB in English With High Distinction from the University of Michigan and a Rotary International Postgraduate Fellowship to Nepal where she conducted research on women’s and children’s rights. Ambassador Page is originally from Chicago; she is married, has one son. She is fluent in French and an excellent euchre player.

Megha Parekh ’09, Senior Vice President & Chief Legal Officer, Jacksonville Jaguars

Ms. Parekh is responsible for oversight of all legal matters (including transactions, compliance, disputes, risk management and government relations), people development and training, information technology and overall stadium capital planning. Prior to joining the Jaguars, Ms. Parekh worked in the New York office of the law firm Proskauer, which is an international law firm known for its sports practice.

Ms. Parekh was named in December 2012 and 2013 to Forbes Magazine’s 30 Under 30 Sports List, which honored the country’s top sports athletes and executives under the age of 30 who “represent the entrepreneurial, creative and intellectual best of their generation.” Ms. Parekh has also been named a Woman of Influence (2014), Ultimate Attorney (2016) and to the Sports Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 (2018) since coming to Jacksonville. Ms. Parekh joined Proskauer in 2009 after graduating magna cum laude from Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

M. Alejandra Parra-Orlandoni ’15, Associate General Counsel, McKinsey & Company | QuantumBlack

M. Alejandra Parra-Orlandoni is an Associate General Counsel at McKinsey & Company, where she focuses on advising QuantumBlack, an advanced analytics firm within McKinsey operating at the intersection of strategy, technology, and design. She advises key stakeholders on legal issues relating to intellectual property, artificial intelligence, privacy, and data security and negotiates analytics-driven consulting services and related agreements. She also provides counsel on issues of professional and reputational risk.

Prior to joining McKinsey, Alejandra was an associate at Gunderson Dettmer and at Arnold & Porter, where she advised companies from a broad spectrum of technology industries. While at Harvard Law, Alejandra was a Harvard Graduate School Leadership Institute Fellow and also conducted research for the Program on International Law and Armed Conflict.

Before attending law school, she served as a Surface Warfare Officer in the US Navy for six years, during which she completed two deployments in support of the Global War on Terror. In addition to her Harvard Law education, Alejandra holds a degree in Control Systems Engineering from the US Naval Academy and in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology-Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Joint Program, where she worked on a Navy-funded project designing behaviors for autonomous underwater vehicles.
Patricia Paul '92, Member and Founder, CrossdalePaul LLC

Patricia Paul is the Co-Founder of CrossdalePaul LLC, a boutique legal recruiting firm that places attorneys with in-house legal departments and law firms, at all levels from General Counsel to associates, and in industries ranging from FinTech to fashion. She is honored to serve as the co-chair of the New York Chapter of the Harvard Law School Women's Alliance, as a board member of the Harvard Law School Association of New York, and as a Vice President of the Harvard Law School Association. She also speaks and writes on technology policy and personal data issues. Prior to becoming a legal search consultant, Patricia was a litigation associate at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, and before that practiced public interest law. Patricia graduated from Harvard Law School in 1992, and Barnard College in 1989.

Stephanie Phillipps '76, Senior Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP

Stephanie Phillipps is a senior partner at Arnold and Porter in Washington, DC. She “grew up” at Arnold and Porter, joining the firm right after graduation from HLS in 1976. Ms. Phillipps obtained her BS in Economics from Harvard in 1973.

She is a recognized expert in the telecommunications field and helped build the law firm’s telecommunications, internet and media practice into one of the leading such practices in the US. Ms. Phillipps has successfully counseled multinational corporations on complex merger review proceedings, has helped companies work through regulatory issues on the launch of new products, and has advised on privacy, consumer protection, and public policy issues. Ms. Phillipps was the first African American woman partner at Arnold and Porter and helped establish the firm’s initial affinity group which helped minority lawyers become acclimated to firm life. Ms. Phillipps has served on several law firm committees throughout her tenure and has served on numerous non-profit boards. Ms. Phillipps is married with two adult children.

Navi Pillay LL.M. ’82, S.J.D ’88, President, International Commission against the Death Penalty

Navi Pillay is the President of the International Commission against the Death Penalty and President of the Advisory Council of the Nuremberg Principles Academy.

In 1967, Pillay became the first non-white woman to open her own law practice in Natal Province and served as an Attorney and Conveyancer until 1995. In 1995, the year after the African National Congress came to power, Mandela nominated Pillay as the first non-white woman to serve on the High Court of South Africa. She was soon elected by the United Nations General Assembly to serve as a judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. She served for eight years, including four years as president. She was the only female judge for the first four years of the tribunal. In February 2003, she was elected to the first ever panel of judges of the International Criminal Court and assigned to the Appeals Division. On July 24, 2008, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon nominated Pillay to succeed Louise Arbour as High Commissioner for Human Rights.

She has received countless awards for her groundbreaking work, including honorary degrees from: Durban University of Technology, Durham University, the City University of New York School of Law, the London School of Economics, Rhodes University, University of Leuven and the Erasmus University Rotterdam. In 2009, Forbes ranked her as the 64th most powerful woman in the world. In addition to her Harvard degrees she holds the BA and LLB from the University of Natal.
Elizabeth B. Prelogar ’08, Assistant to the Solicitor General, Department of Justice

Elizabeth B. Prelogar is an Assistant to the Solicitor General in the Department of Justice, a position she has held since 2014. In that role, Elizabeth has argued six cases in the US Supreme Court and filed dozens of briefs at the merits and certiorari stage of cases.

Elizabeth received her law degree in 2008 from Harvard Law School, where she was an articles editor of the Harvard Law Review, the national champion in the ABA Moot Court competition, and a finalist in the Ames Moot Court competition. After graduating from law school, Elizabeth clerked for three years, first for Judge Merrick B. Garland on the DC Circuit, then for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court, and finally for Justice Elena Kagan during her first Term on the Supreme Court. Elizabeth subsequently joined Hogan Lovells as an appellate associate. In 2016, Elizabeth was named one of DC’s top 40 lawyers under age 40 by Bisnow.

Before attending law school, Elizabeth completed a master’s degree in creative writing at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and a bachelor’s degree in English and Russian at Emory University. She lived for a year in St. Petersburg, Russia, studying press censorship on a Fulbright Fellowship, and she spent a year traveling to classrooms around Idaho as Miss Idaho 2004 to raise awareness about showing sensitivity to individuals with disabilities.

Cathleen I. Price ’96, Cooperating Senior Attorney, Equal Justice Initiative

Cathleen Price is an attorney whose work confronts the disasters of excessive punishment and over-reliance on the penal system. Since 1997, she has worked on behalf of death-sentenced prisoners, other offenders who have been subject to excessively harsh punishments, and communities marginalized by poverty and chronic discrimination. Following a clerkship with Justice Fred L. Banks, Jr. of the Mississippi Supreme Court, the bulk of her career has been spent with the Equal Justice Initiative, a dynamic non-profit law project that is widely recognized as one of the foremost human rights advocacy organizations in the United States.

Ms. Price continues to litigate on behalf of individuals, advocate before legislators and other policymakers, and serve as faculty at training seminars on the death penalty and related topics. In addition to direct legal assistance, Ms. Price provides consultation and educational assistance to a range of activists and organizations whose work challenges the despair of our system of criminal justice. She also teaches in the American Studies department of Columbia University in New York, where she received her BA in 1992. In 2004, Harvard Law School awarded her its Gary Bellow Public Service Award.

Laura L. Putney ’95, TV Producer and Writer, Warner Bros. Television

Laura L. Putney is a Writer and Producer on the television show Manifest, produced by Warner Bros. to air on NBC this Fall.

After 6 years as a full time labor and employment lawyer in New York, with Kauff McGuire & Margolis, Laura moved to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career, but continued working for her New York firm from home, arbitrating cases for and against the entertainment guilds, conducting EEO trainings, investigating harassment and discrimination claims, and advising clients on use of minors in reality television.

As an actress, she worked in film and television, appearing in titles like Cake with Jennifer Aniston, ER, First Monday, and JAG, where she played the lawyer for CIA for two seasons. She also wrote and performed sketch comedy in a live show similar to the SNL format. For the past five years, Laura has worked exclusively as a writer/producer for television. She has written on The Mysteries of Laura for NBC, Lethal Weapon for Fox, Life Sentence for CW, and now, Manifest for NBC.
Edith Ramirez ’92, Partner, Hogan Lovells US LLP

Edith Ramirez is co-head of Hogan Lovell’s global antitrust practice and a member of the firm’s privacy and cybersecurity practice group. With more than 20 years of combined government and private sector experience, she represents clients in antitrust, privacy, and cybersecurity law enforcement investigations and litigation matters, concentrating primarily in the technology and healthcare sectors.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, she was Chairwoman of the US Federal Trade Commission, where she focused on promoting competition, safeguarding consumer privacy, and protecting vulnerable communities from deceptive and unfair practices.

In addition to her HLS degree, she has an AB in History from Harvard College.

Rena Hozore Reiss ’86, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Marriott International Inc.

Rena Hozore Reiss is Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Marriott International, Inc. She is a member of Marriott’s executive team and leads a global legal team with offices worldwide supporting all facets of Marriott’s business.

Rena previously served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Hyatt Hotels Corporation, overseeing the Hyatt legal department and Hyatt’s risk management and corporate transactions teams.

Prior to joining Hyatt, Ms. Reiss was a Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Marriott, a partner at Counts & Kanne, Chartered, in Washington, DC and served as an Associate General Counsel for the Miami Herald Publishing Company.

Rena sits on the Georgetown University Hospitality Law Advisory Board and is a member of GC50 and the Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee. She received her AB from Princeton University. She and her husband Steve, a journalist, have two adult children. Rena’s dad was a member of the Class of 1950 at HLS and her daughter Amalia is HLS Class of 2017.

Josie Duffy Rice ’13, Senior Strategist, The Justice Collaborative

Josie Duffy Rice is a lawyer, journalist, and essayist. As senior reporter for The Appeal, she covers prosecutors, prisons, and other criminal justice issues. She is also currently a senior strategist for The Justice Collaborative. Before coming to The Justice Collaborative she was a staff writer at Daily Kos, where she focused on prosecutorial accountability and criminal justice. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Josie previously worked on voting rights and criminal justice policy.

Josie's writing on race, gender, culture, and politics has been featured in The New York Times, Slate, Gawker, Ebony, Daily Kos, Rewire, Interactive One, and Spook Mag, among others. She has also been featured in The Nation, New York Magazine, and Scalawag.

Josie is also the co-founder and former editor-in-chief of Seven Scribes, a website that featured essays, fiction, interviews, investigative journalism, and cultural analysis by young writers of color. She is a former staff attorney at the Center for Popular Democracy.

In 2014 Josie was named one of City and State's 40 Under 40 in New York City. She was also Harvard Law School's 2013 Commencement speaker. She has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Columbia University. Josie lives in Atlanta with her husband and son.
Dorothy E. Roberts ’80, George A. Weiss University Professor of Law & Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

Dorothy E. Roberts is the 14th Penn Integrates Knowledge Professor and George A. Weiss University Professor at University of Pennsylvania, with joint appointments in the Departments of Africana Studies and Sociology and the Law School. She is the inaugural Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights. She is also Founding Director of the Penn Program on Race, Science & Society.

An acclaimed expert on race, gender, and law, she is author of *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty; Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare; Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century*; and more than 100 scholarly articles and book chapters, as well as co-editor of six books. She recently received the Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

H.C. Robinson ’06, Associate Professor of Law and Sociology, Northeastern University

H.C. Robinson is associate professor of law and sociology at Northeastern University. She teaches courses focusing on the way technology influences the law and plays a key role in the law school’s Center for Law, Innovation and Creativity (CLIC). Her current research concerns the interaction between technological change and legal decision-making in the construction of social order. Her PhD thesis at MIT (2017) examined work in an “algorithmic labor market” based on a field study of Uber drivers in Boston.

Prior to joining the Northeastern faculty in 2018, she was a visiting assistant professor in the Science in Society Program at Wesleyan University. Before completing her PhD, she spent three years on the faculty at Vermont Law School.

Mary Robinson LL.M. ’68, President, Mary Robinson Foundation–Climate Justice

Mary Robinson is President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice. She served as President of Ireland from 1990-1997 and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997-2002. She is a member of the Elders and the Club of Madrid and the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the President of the United States Barack Obama. She sits on the advisory board of Sustainable Energy For All (SE4All) and is also a member of the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. Between 2013 and 2016 Mary served as the UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy in three roles; first for the Great Lakes region of Africa, then on Climate Change and most recently as his Special Envoy on El Niño and Climate.

A former President of the International Commission of Jurists and former chair of the Council of Women World Leaders she was President and founder of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative from 2002-2010 and served as Honorary President of Oxfam International from 2002-2012.

Mary Robinson serves as Patron of the Board of the Institute of Human Rights and Business, is an Ambassador for The B Team, in addition to being a board member of several organizations including the Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the European Climate Foundation. She serves as Chancellor of the University of Dublin since 1998. Mary’s memoir, *Everybody Matters*, was published in September 2012.
Lindsay L. Rodman ’07, Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow (Canada)

Lindsay L. Rodman is the inaugural Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow (Canada). After graduating from Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government in 2007, she joined the law firm of Arnold & Porter LLP. From there, she decided to join the Marine Corps as a judge advocate, and spent nearly 8 years on active duty. During her career, she was forward based in Okinawa and deployed to Afghanistan as an Operational Law Attorney before being stationed at the Pentagon. In the Pentagon, she was assigned to Headquarters, Marine Corps, and then became Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. She was also selected as a White House Fellow in 2014, and served as Director for Defense Policy and Strategy at the National Security Council during her fellowship year. Lindsay transitioned into the Reserves in late 2015, and joined the Obama Administration as a political appointee in the Pentagon.

She is a graduate of Harvard Law School, the Kennedy School of Government, and Duke University.

Ramona E. Romero ’88, General Counsel, Princeton University

Ramona Emilia Romero joined Princeton University as General Counsel in December 2014. In that role, she provides legal counsel to the University’s Board of Trustees, President and senior administrative officers, and leads the Office of the General Counsel. She joined Princeton after nearly four years as General Counsel of the US Department of Agriculture, a role to which she was confirmed by the US Senate in December 2010. Before joining the Obama Administration, Ramona worked at DuPont in a variety of legal roles, and spent a decade as a commercial, white collar and government contracts litigator at Crowell & Moring LLP.

Throughout her career, she has been a volunteer leader in many professional and community organizations, including The Justice at Stake Campaign, the American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula, and the Hispanic National Bar Association, which she served as National President. Currently, she is on the boards of the McCarter Theatre Center and Greater Trenton, Inc. Ramona has twice been identified by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the United States, and has received numerous other recognitions and awards.

She holds a BA from Barnard College and a JD from Harvard Law School.

Alicia Lowery Rosenbaum ’95, Senior Corporate Attorney, Global Sales Marketing Operations, Microsoft

Alicia Lowery Rosenbaum is a senior corporate attorney with Microsoft’s Global Sales, Marketing & Operations group. She supports strategic technology integration, adoption and deployment discussions across Microsoft’s cloud based platform businesses. Alicia is responsible for leading commercial transactions and product integration negotiations with large multi-national customers. She is deeply interested in the intersection between technological advances, such as artificial intelligence, and public policy designed to ensure a net positive effect. Given that, Alicia is incredibly lucky to find herself responsible for managing data privacy negotiations with customers and public policy discussions with government agencies regarding cloud based applications involving the sensitive and personal data of every day citizens. She currently serves as the lead attorney for the greater part of Microsoft’s East Coast commercial Cloud Business and is the Trusted Advisor for Microsoft’s $2 Billion-dollar business supported in those regions. Alicia has served as the Diversity lead for the US Subsidiary of Microsoft and is an active Alumni of the Fellowship Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.

Alicia holds a BA from the University of Michigan and a JD from Harvard Law School.
Hillary A. Sale ’93, Professor of Law and Affiliated Faculty McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University

Hillary A. Sale is a Professor of Law at Georgetown Law, and an Affiliated Faculty Member at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. She teaches courses on Leadership, Women and Leadership, and Corporate Law and Governance. In the spring of 2017, she was the Sullivan & Cromwell Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where she taught Women’s Leadership and Corporate Boards and Governance.

She is an expert on and frequent speaker to industry groups and academic audiences about leadership and corporate governance and was selected by the St. Louis Business Journal as a “2014 Most Influential Business Women.” Professor Sale has taught in multiple executive education programs, including the Harvard Law School Law Firm Leaders Program and various programs through the Washington University Olin School of Business.

Professor Sale is a member of the FINRA Board of Governors, where she serves on the Nominating and Governance, Compensation, and Regulatory Operations Committees. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of Foundation Press, and the Advisory Board of DirectWomen, a nonprofit with the mission of increasing the presence of women on public company boards. She is Chair of the DirectWomen Board Institute and also works in industry training executives on leadership, governance, and risk management.

Professor Sale is a leading scholar in the areas of corporate governance and the role of corporate and securities law in shaping board decision-making and strategies and has authored many award-winning articles. Sale is co-author of the book Securities Regulation and is a member of the Committee on Corporate Laws of the ABA, where she co-chaired the task force for the Sixth Edition of the Corporate Director’s Guidebook. Professor Sale is also a Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel.

Before entering academia, Sale was a law clerk to The Honorable Richard S. Arnold, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, practiced with the law firm of WilmerHale LLP, and was Chief of Staff and Director of Operations for Evelyn F. Murphy, the Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1993 and holds a master’s degree in Economics from Boston University, where she also completed her BA summa cum laude in 1983. From 1997-2009, she was a member of the University of Iowa College of Law, where she was the F. Arnold Daum Chair in Corporate Finance and Law, and from 2009-2018, she was the Walter D. Coles Professor of Law and a Professor of Management at Washington University in St. Louis.

Martha Samuelson ’79, CEO and Chairman, Analysis Group Inc.

Ms. Samuelson is CEO and Chairman of Analysis Group Inc., a leading economics consulting firm. Since joining the firm in 1992, Ms. Samuelson has played a key role in the company’s growth and diversification. Under her guidance, Analysis Group has become a global firm with more than 850 professionals across 14 offices in North America, Europe, and Asia. It has been named (by Vault) as one of the top 50 consulting firms in the US for several years running.

Ms. Samuelson was named as one of Global Competition Review’s Women in Antitrust 2016, and is frequently included in the International Who’s Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists and Euromoney’s Guide to the World’s Leading Competition and Antitrust Lawyers/Economists. She has served as a vice chair of the ABA’s Trial Practice Committee of Antitrust Law, and participated as the defense economist during the New York State Bar Association’s Annual Antitrust Symposium mock trial, titled Multi-Sided Markets: Smoke & Mirrors or Dynamic Competition? Ms. Samuelson is also the Chair of the Boston Medical Center Hospital Board of Trustees and sits on the board of directors of the Yale School of Management.

Ms. Samuelson holds a JD from Harvard Law School; an MS in management from the MIT Sloan School of Management; and a BA in English from Yale University.
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Leah Saris is an associate at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC. Leah practices in Covington’s White Collar group, representing corporations in cross-border internal and government investigations related to anti-corruption laws including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”). Leah is an interim board member of the HLSA Recent Graduate Network (RGN) and was president of the Board of Student Advisers (BSA) while at HLS.

The Hon. Patti B. Saris ’76, Chief U.S. District Judge

United States District Judge Patti B. Saris became Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on January 1, 2013. She was Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission in Washington, DC from January 2011 to January 2017.

After graduating from law school, she clerked for the Supreme Judicial Court, and then went into private practice. When Senator Edward M. Kennedy became chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, she moved to Washington, DC and worked as staff counsel. She later became an Assistant United States Attorney, and eventually chief of the Civil Division. In 1986, Judge Saris became a United States Magistrate Judge, and in 1989, she was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. In 1994, she was appointed to the United States District Court.

She is a graduate of Radcliffe College ’73 (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and Harvard Law School ’76 (Cum Laude).
Elizabeth S. Saylor ’01, Partner, Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady

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Prior to joining the firm in 2006, Ms. Saylor worked as a Skadden fellow at The Legal Aid Society and clerked for the Hon. Robert D. Sack of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. She is Board Chair of A Better Balance, a nonprofit that promotes equality and expands choices for men and women at all income levels so they may care for their families without sacrificing their economic security.

Jennifer Selendy ’95, Founding & Managing Partner, Selendy & Gay PLLC

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Jennifer has an active public interest practice, focusing on poverty and women’s rights, climate change, and education. She has been recognized with a Pro Bono Service Award, and has volunteered her services on multiple matters for New Leaders for New Schools. Since 2012, she has served as the Board Chairman for the National Center for Law & Economic Justice. Jennifer is also the co-founder and Board Chairman of The Speyer Legacy School, an independent K-8 school for gifted children that focuses on identifying and educating low-income high achieving children in New York City.

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Previously, Amy worked as a litigation associate at WilmerHale and served as Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at Boston 2024, the city's bid committee for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Amy also clerked for Judge Anita B. Brody on the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

In addition to law degree, Amy earned her MBA from Harvard Business School and holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University.
Bettina Elias Siegel ‘91, Writer and Advocate; Blogger, The Lunch Tray

Bettina Elias Siegel is a nationally recognized writer and commentator on food policy as it affects children. Her writing has appeared in a wide variety of publications including the New York Times, the Houston Chronicle, and her widely read blog, The Lunch Tray. Bettina is also frequently featured or quoted in the media, including by the Washington Post, the New Yorker, Politico, Texas Monthly, the Today Show, The Doctors, Anderson, NPR, ABC News and NBC News.

In 2015, Bettina was named one of the country's "20 Most Influential Moms" by Family Circle magazine. Bettina advocates for policies to improve children's school food environments and has launched three Change.org petition campaigns relating to children and food, all of which went viral and ended in victory. Bettina sits on the advisory board of the UConn Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity, and in 2019 she'll be publishing her first book, Kid Food, with Oxford University Press.

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Cari Simon is the Title IX and Victim's Rights Attorney at The Fierberg National Law Group. Cari's nationwide practice focuses on the civil representation of victims of sexual violence on campus and in K-12 schools.

Cari clerked for Judge Morgan Christen of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and was the inaugural fellow at the Harvard Law School Gender Violence Program. Cari spent several years serving as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill, including directing the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus and the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus.

While at Harvard Law School, Cari served as the President of the Harvard Women's Law Association and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Journal of Law & Gender.

Kristin Sostowski ’01, Director, Gibbons P.C.; President-Elect, National Association of Women Lawyers

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Kristin currently serves as President-Elect of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL), the nation’s oldest professional organization devoted to the interests and progress of women lawyers and women’s legal rights. In addition to her Harvard Law School education, Kristin received her BA from Swarthmore College with High Honors. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Steve Herbes ’01, and three daughters.

Clara S. Spera ’17, Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

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At Harvard Law School, she focused her research and activities on gender discrimination, reproductive justice, and the legal issues surrounding the adjudication of campus and military sexual harassment. In addition to her Harvard Law education, Clara holds degrees from the University of Chicago and the University of Cambridge.
Silda A. Wall Spitzer ’84, Co-Founder, CEO, and Publisher, NewYorkMakers.com

Silda Wall Spitzer is Co-founder, CEO and Publisher of NewYorkMakers.com. She also has extensive experience as a financial firm and impact investing strategist, most recently with NewWorld Capital Group as Director and Principal, then Senior Advisor; and previously as Managing Director at Metropolitan Capital Advisors, a woman-owned investment firm. Silda also founded and led Children for Children, a nonprofit organization engaging children of all backgrounds from an early age in volunteering/service. She practiced M&A/corporate law for a decade, first at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom and then at Chase Manhattan Bank.

Silda is currently Vice Chair and Board member for Urban Green Council; member of the Board of Trustees for Meredith College; and member of the President’s Council of Ceres, the Advisory Committee of Safer Made (venture fund), and the Advisory Boards of The Sustainable Endowments Institute and the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior. She has co-authored several essays, including *Impact Investing: Trading Up, Not Trading Off* and *The Pleasures and Perils of Private Company Investing*. Silda is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Economic Club of New York, and the New York State and City Bar Associations. She holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA *summa cum laude* and Honorary Doctorate from Meredith College. Most importantly, she is the grateful mother of three daughters, the eldest of whom, Elyssa, is also an HLS Alumnae (2017).

Deirdre Stanley ’89, EVP & General Counsel, Thomson Reuters

Deirdre Stanley is Executive Vice President, and General Counsel of Thomson Reuters. In this capacity Deirdre is a member of the Thomson Reuters Executive Committee and serves as Secretary to the Board of Directors.

Deirdre, who became General Counsel of Thomson Reuters upon its formation in 2008, joined The Thomson Corporation as General Counsel in 2002. Prior to that time, Deirdre held various legal and senior executive positions, including Deputy General Counsel, at IAC (previously, USA Networks Inc.). From 1997 to 1999, Deirdre served as Associate General Counsel for GTE Corporation (a predecessor company to Verizon), where she headed the mergers and acquisitions practice group. She began her career as a corporate associate with the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

Deirdre is a non-executive director of Consolidated Edison, Inc. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Hospital for Special Surgery, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Executive Leadership Council. In addition to her Harvard Law education, Deirdre holds a degree from Duke University.

Ally Coll Steele ’16, President and Co-founder, The Purple Campaign

Ally Coll Steele is the President and Cofounder of the Purple Campaign, a non-profit whose mission is to end workplace sexual harassment by implementing stronger corporate policies, establishing better laws, and empowering people to create lasting change in their own workplaces and communities.

Prior to launching the Purple Campaign earlier this year, Steele worked as a litigator in private practice in Washington DC, where she also spent time on Capitol Hill as a staffer in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Before law school, Steele worked for several years in electoral politics, including on President Obama’s 2008 campaign, for US Senators Patty Murray and Tim Kaine, and most recently as the Deputy Voter Protection Director in Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign headquarters.

Steele received her law degree *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where she served on the Board of the Women’s Law Association. Learn more about the Purple Campaign’s efforts to end workplace sexual harassment at [www.purplecampaign.org](http://www.purplecampaign.org).
Laura Stein '87, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Affairs, The Clorox Company

Laura Stein serves as executive vice president, general counsel and corporate affairs of The Clorox Company, a global consumer packaged goods company. She is responsible for global legal, compliance, corporate responsibility, government and community affairs, communications, enterprise risk management, internal audit, crisis management and business continuity planning matters. Stein serves on Clorox’s executive committee, is president of Clorox’s Foundation and has sponsored the Clorox women’s employee resource group. Stein is a director and chair of the corporate governance committee of the board of Franklin Resources Inc., a global investment management firm known as Franklin Templeton Investments, and a director and chair of the environmental, safety and security committee of the board of Canadian National Railway, a North American transportation company. Among other leadership roles, Stein serves on the Advisory Board of Harvard Law School’s Center on the Legal Profession and has served on the Harvard Law School Visiting Committee. Stein speaks six languages and received her JD from Harvard Law School, and her BA and MA degrees from Dartmouth College.

Brande Stellings '93, Inclusion and Culture Advisor

Brande Stellings advises companies and boards on workplace culture and inclusion as an independent consultant. Until recently, she served as SVP, Advisory Services at Catalyst, leading Catalyst's consulting practice and corporate boards practice. Through these roles, Brande worked closely with companies to accelerate the advancement of women through the pipeline and to the boardroom. In 2017 Brande was appointed as an independent member of the Fox News Workplace Professionalism and Inclusion Council, reporting to the company’s Board of Directors. She speaks to corporate audiences and is quoted frequently in the media, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, PBS and Fortune, as an expert on women’s leadership and diversity.

Earlier in her career, Brande practiced law at NBC Universal Inc., where she served as Vice President, Litigation, and at Cravath, Swaine & Moore as a litigation associate. Brande serves on the Advisory Board of DirectWomen (Accelerating Board Opportunities for Women) and on the board of Akanksha Fund Inc, which supports education in India and is an ex-officio director of Legal Momentum (The Women’s Legal Defense and Education Fund). Brande received her JD cum laude from Harvard Law School and graduated magna cum laude from Yale College.

Margaret D. Stock '92, Managing Attorney, Cascadia Cross Border Law Group LLC

Margaret D. Stock, Lieutenant Colonel (retired), is an attorney at Cascadia Cross Border Law Group LLC, where she devotes her practice to immigration and citizenship matters. She transferred to the Retired Reserve of the US Army in June 2010 after serving 28 years as a Military Police Officer in the Army Reserve. While a part-time professor and Reservist assigned to the US Military Academy in West Point, Ms. Stock was temporarily asked to work for the US Army Accessions Command, where she developed and implemented the Department of Defense’s recruiting program, Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI). In 2008, she earned the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Pro Bono Award for founding the AILA Military Assistance Program, a pro bono program to help military members, veterans, and their families with immigration law matters. She was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow in 2013 for her work related to immigration and national security issues. Finally, Ms. Stock was the Independent candidate for the United States Senate in Alaska in 2016.

Ms. Stock has testified before Congress numerous times on issues such as the DREAM Act, the guestworker program, and the Hinder the Administration’s Legalization Temptation (HALT) Act. She earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard-Radcliffe and holds a JD from Harvard Law School, a MPA from Harvard Kennedy School, and a Master’s in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. Ms. Stock is admitted to practice law in the state of Alaska, the US District Court for the District of Alaska, and the US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has also served as a member of the

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**Sarah Eaton Stuart ’91, Founder and CEO, Really Mindful Group LLC**

Sarah Stuart is Really Mindful Group’s CEO as well as a top mindfulness instructor. Before training in mindfulness, Sarah worked in-house as a lawyer at Reebok (Boston & Rotterdam); the National Basketball Association (New York & Paris); and Simon & Schuster (New York). She was also an associate at New York law firm Davis Polk and a law clerk for New York Federal District Court Judge Kimba Wood.

Sarah received her law degree from Harvard Law School *cum laude*, where she was an editor of the Harvard Law Review, and her undergraduate degree in Law and Public Policy from Brown University, *magna cum laude* with Honors and Phi Beta Kappa, where she was a member of the Varsity Squash Team.

Sarah completed her Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Fundamentals training at the Center for Mindfulness, founded by Jon Kabat-Zinn, at the UMass Medical School. Her executive coaching training was with CTI/Co-Active and her Executive MBA is from the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University. Sarah has taught mindfulness at top global law firms, companies, investment banks, universities and sports organizations/leagues.

**Kathleen M. Sullivan ’81, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP**

Kathleen M. Sullivan is partner and chair of the national appellate practice at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP, the first woman name partner at any AmLaw 100 law firm. She is well-known as one of the nation’s top appellate litigators, and has been named by the *National Law Journal* one of The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America.

Before joining the firm, Ms. Sullivan was a law professor at Harvard Law School and at Stanford Law School, where she served as Dean from 1999 to 2004, the first woman dean of any of Stanford’s seven schools. In addition to her Harvard JD, Ms. Sullivan holds degrees from Cornell University and Oxford University, which she attended as a Marshall Scholar. She has served as a member of the HLS Visiting Committee and in 2016 was the recipient of the HLSA Award.

**Angela Sun ’01, Director, The Western Union Company**

Angela Sun spent ten years at Bloomberg LP, most recently serving as Head of Strategy and Corporate Development, and was the architect of the Bloomberg Gender Equality Index. Angela currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Western Union Company and is a member of the Audit Committee. She also was recently appointed to the Board of One.Thing.Less, a Zurich-based company that gives individuals a platform to manage the use of their personal data. Previously, she served as a Senior Policy Advisor for Economic Development in New York during the Bloomberg Administration and as a consultant at McKinsey & Company in the financial services and healthcare sectors.

Angela is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves as a Trustee of Second Stage Theater, the Museum of Arts and Design, and Women’s World Banking, the largest global network of microfinance institutions and banks dedicated to the economic empowerment of women. She also serves on the NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights Advisory Council.

Angela graduated from Harvard College, holds a JD from Harvard Law School and is a Vice Chair of the Harvard Gift Committee.
Jennifer Taub ’93, Professor of Law, Vermont Law School

Jennifer Taub is professor at Vermont Law School, where she teaches courses in Contracts, Corporations, Securities Regulation, and White Collar Crime. Formerly an associate general counsel at Fidelity Investments, she is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School. Her research focuses on corporate governance, financial market regulation, and white collar crime.

Taub is the author of the book Other People’s Houses (Yale Press 2014) which suggests that the 2008 crisis was a repeat performance of the S&L debacle of the 1980s. She is also the co-author of Corporate and White Collar Crime, Cases and Materials, 6th ed. (Wolters Kluwer 2017). She has testified before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs concerning bank capital and liquidity requirements and before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Financial Services concerning capital formation, transparency, and regulatory accountability. In addition to scholarly publications in journals and peer-reviewed books, her writing has been featured on a variety of blogs including the New York Times' Dealbook and the Baseline Scenario. Professor Taub has served as a legal expert on CNN and has been interviewed for print, radio and video media including by the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Guardian, Bloomberg, NBC, ABC, CBSSportsWatch, Marketplace Radio, WNYC, New England Public Radio, and Vermont Public Radio.

Taub is a member of the board of several nonprofit organizations including APPEAL (Association for the Promotion of Political Economy and the Law), The Society of Investment Law, and Free Speech for People. She is also the co-founder of the Tax March, which helped to organize series of marches and rallies of 120,000 people in more than 150 locations nationwide on April 15th, 2017.

Mami Terai LL.M. ’96, Founder, Law Office of Mami Terai PC

Mami Terai is a founder of Law Office of Mami Terai PC located at Rockefeller Center, Manhattan that prouly assists international business from large financial institution to entrepreneurs achieving their American dreams. The firm handles legal matters to successfully launch business in US from incorporation, partnership agreement, employment law compliance, commercial lease to immigration. Notably, Ms. Terai is well known in immigration law field, serving Board of Publications of American Immigration Lawyers Association since 2012 and Judge to NYU Immigration Moot Court since 2015.

Ms. Terai is also a frequent speaker at business organizations such as Japanese Chambers of Commerce and General Assembly in New York, NY as well as a commentator at special TV programs by Japan’s major TV network. Prior to law practice, Ms. Terai served at the Japanese Prime Minister’s Office for 11 years from overseeing legal matters to organizing large international conferences working with US National Academy of Sciences.

Ms. Terai also has an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School (’97) and LLM in Trade Regulations from NYU School of Law (’01) where she served as a Graduate Editor for Journal of International Law and Politics.

Linda Chatman Thomasen ’79, Partner, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

Ms. Thomasen, who was the first woman to serve as the Director of the Division of Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission, is a partner in Davis Polk’s Litigation Department and practices in the Washington DC office. Her practice concentrates in matters related to the enforcement of the federal securities laws. She has represented clients in SEC enforcement investigations and inquiries, in enforcement matters before other agencies, including the Department of Justice (various US Attorneys Offices) and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, in investigations and inquiries from self-regulatory agencies, including FINRA, and in internal investigations. These matters, which are typically non-public, have covered a broad range of securities related subject matters, including insider trading, foreign corrupt practices, financial reporting, manipulation and regulatory compliance. Her clients have included major financial institutions, regulated entities, public companies and senior executives.
Ms. Thomsen returned to Davis Polk in 2009 after 14 years of public service at the SEC. While there she held a variety of positions and ultimately served as the Director of Enforcement from 2005 through February 2009. During her tenure as the Director of Enforcement, she led the Enron investigation, the auction rate securities settlements, the stock options back dating cases and the expansion of the enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practice Act.

She is a graduate of Smith College (AB ’76, Government (High Honors)) and Harvard Law School (JD ’79).

**Katherine M. Turner ’04, Partner, Williams & Connolly LLP**

Katherine M. Turner is a Partner at Williams & Connolly LLP. She joined the firm as an associate in 2005, following her service as a law clerk to the Honorable Bruce M. Selya of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Katherine focuses her practice on complex civil litigation (with a specialty in defense of accounting firms in professional liability cases) and Congressional investigations. She is a founder and Co-Chair of the firm’s Women’s Initiative, and also serves on the firm’s Hiring Committee and Intake Committee.

While at the law school, she served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review and participated in the Ames Moot Court Competition. Prior to attending the law school, Katherine received her BA in 2001 from Georgetown University, where she majored in English.

**Kristin Turner ’17, Head of Partnerships, Upsolve; Access 2 Justice Tech Fellow, Harvard Law School**

Kristin currently serves as the inaugural Access 2 Justice Tech fellow from Harvard Law School. Her work explores the intersection of law and technology and how the law can best leverage innovation. She is housed at the tech startup Upsolve — a nonprofit that partially automates the pro se ch. 7 bankruptcy process for low-income debtors. As an alumna, Kristin serves on the Executive Committee for the Harvard Law School Association and as the president of the Recent Graduate Network.

While at HLS, Turner explored the fields of social entrepreneurship, venture philanthropy, and social impact bonds (also known as Pay for Success Contracts). She served as a member of the Harvard Defenders, the Women’s Law Association, the Law School Parody, the 2016 – 2017 president of the Black Law Students Association, and a semifinalist in Harvard Business School’s New Venture Competition 2016.

Kristin holds a BA from the University of Southern California.

**Rebecca Tushnet, Frank Stanton Professor of the First Amendment, Harvard Law School**

Rebecca Tushnet is a professor of law at Harvard Law School. After clerking for Chief Judge Edward R. Becker of the Third Circuit and Associate Justice David H. Souter on the Supreme Court, she practiced intellectual property law at Debevoise & Plimpton before beginning teaching. Her publications include *Worth a Thousand Words: The Images of Copyright Law* (Harvard L. Rev. 2012); *Gone in 60 Milliseconds: Trademark Law and Cognitive Science* (Texas L. Rev. 2008); and *Copy This Essay: How Fair Use Doctrine Harms Free Speech and How Copying Serves It* (Yale L.J. 2004). Her work currently focuses on copyright, trademark and false advertising law. Her blog, at tushnet.blogspot.com, has been on the ABA’s Blawg 100 list of top legal blogs for the past three years. Professor Tushnet helped found the Organization for Transformative Works, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting and promoting fanworks, and currently volunteers on its legal committee. She is also an expert on the law of engagement rings.
Dehlia Umunna MPA ’11, Clinical Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

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Prior to coming to Harvard, Professor Umunna spent several years at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) as a trial attorney. At PDS, she was a felony one trial attorney, representing indigent clients in hundreds of cases from misdemeanor charges of theft, assault, and drug possession, to kidnapping, child sexual abuse, rape, and homicide. She is the very proud mother of daughter, Ifeanyi, and son, Edozie.

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Natalie D. Vernon is an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York. After law school she clerked for the Honorable Michael J. Melloy on the US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Natalie previously worked at Google, where she helped lead the company’s efforts around the 2012 election and launched initiatives with state and local governments, and in the White House Office of Political Affairs, where she was responsible for twenty states in the South and Southwest. She also worked with the Botswana Ministry of Health and the Consumer Protection Division in the Iowa Attorney General’s Office.

In law school Natalie was President of the Women’s Law Association. Originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, she holds a BA and an MPA from the University of Pennsylvania.

Lily Vakili ’92, Senior Counsel, Faber, Daeufer & Itrato

Lily is a practicing lawyer and a front woman for the Lily Vakili Band. A peripatetic background – born in Honduras and raised in Florida, Thailand, Puerto Rico and Iowa – contributed to an early interest in social norms, cultural imperatives, and performance as both a form of establishing identity and a necessity of assimilation.

A first career in theatre and dance was followed by a second career as a corporate lawyer. As Senior Counsel with Faber, Daeufer & Itrato, she advises biotech companies in connection with strategic collaborations, complex product licensing, research and development projects, and clinical and commercial supply chain agreements.

A third act (running concurrently with the second), as bandleader and songwriter, has brought Lily back to the world of performance art. She has released 2 albums and produced several music videos and documentary shorts.
Patricia J. Villareal ’80, Partner and Founder, PatVillarealLaw PLLC

Pat Villareal is an internationally recognized authority in securities litigation, corporate governance, and director and officer fiduciary duty matters. She has three decades of experience representing Fortune 500 public and private companies, boards of directors and individual directors and officers.

Pat has been lead lawyer for Oncor Electric Delivery and its Board on the bankruptcy of its parent, EFH and the Sempra Energy acquisition of EFH's interests in Oncor; for Dell Inc. and its Board on securities, derivative and ERISA litigation and regulatory investigations; Potash Corporation on its successful defense to a hostile BHP takeover bid; and Electric Data Systems and its Board on parallel securities, derivative and ERISA litigation and regulatory litigation. She has done extensive counseling on corporate governance, fiduciary duty and D&O indemnification and insurance matters for public companies, boards of directors, and financially challenged companies.

Pat has been ranked by Chambers USA as a “Leader in the Field” and Band 1 in securities litigation in 2017 and every year since 2006. In 2014, Chambers ranked her as a nationally recognized practitioner in securities litigation and praised her as “an absolute go to” securities litigator. Pat was selected as a 2018 Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America 2015 for her work in SEC, Telecom and Energy enforcement in Dallas, Texas and as a Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation: The Definitive Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys in 2014 and 2015 for outstanding work in securities litigation.

Sally Wang ’11, CEO and Co-Founder, DocFlight

Sally Wang is a health tech entrepreneur and lawyer, with an interdisciplinary career that spans law, policy, business, science & technology. She is the CEO & Co-founder of DocFlight, an international healthcare platform connecting Chinese patients with the best of US medicine.

Previously, she was Chief Strategy Officer, EVP of IP & Regulatory at a mid-size healthcare startup. She clerked for the Honorable Charles S. Haight at SDNY, practiced IP litigation at Fitzpatrick Cella, and worked on healthcare policy at US Senate HELP Committee and Food and Drug Administration.

Sally has written and spoken on numerous aspects of technology and entrepreneurship, digital health, healthcare and IP law, including co-authoring American Bar Association's title on Health IT law. She has presented at General Assembly, BluePrint Health, MassChallenge, Harvard, Yale, MIT, Wharton, Food and Drug Law Institute and published at BIO International, Harvard Journal of Law and Technology, and the Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics.

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Amy E. Weaver ’95, President, Legal and Corporate Affairs, General Counsel, Salesforce

Amy Weaver leads the global legal, compliance, internal audit, corporate security and government affairs teams at salesforce.com. She is a member of the company’s executive committee.

Prior to joining Salesforce, Weaver was executive vice president and general counsel of Univar Inc., where she was responsible globally for all legal and corporate affairs. Previously Weaver was senior vice president and deputy general counsel at Expedia, Inc. Weaver practiced law at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and at Perkins Coie LLP. Prior to entering private practice, she served as a legislative aide to a member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council as a Luce Scholar and as a judicial clerk on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Weaver is actively involved in the World Economic Forum and is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Weaver is the Executive Sponsor for the Salesforce Women's Network. She also sits on the Advisory Boards of the Pro Bono Institute and YearUp Bay Area -- a nonprofit organization that provides urban young adults with skills, training and internships.
Weaver has a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA from Wellesley College.

Jennifer Weddle ’00, Shareholder and Co-Chair, American Indian Law Practice, Greenberg Traurig LLP

Jennifer Weddle is the Co-Chair of Greenberg Traurig’s American Indian Law Practice and has wide-ranging experience in complex regulatory and jurisdictional issues, with a focus in Indian law, handling a variety of matters for tribal and non-tribal clients. She has a dynamic, interdisciplinary practice that centers on providing solutions for complex jurisdictional problems. Much of her practice focuses in the areas of tribal economic development and natural resources development.

Jennifer is a frequent appellate advocate, including her US Supreme Court work in Nevada v. Hicks (2001); Ute Mountain Ute Tribe v. Padilla (2012); Grand Canyon Skywalk Development, LLC v. Grand Canyon Resort Corporation (2013); Saginaw-Chippewa Tribe v. NLRB (2016); Lewis v. Clarke (2017) and US v. Washington (2018). She served as President of the National Native American Bar Association in 2016-2017, as Chair of the Federal Bar Association Indian Law Section for two terms, and President of the Colorado Indian Bar Association for four years. She serves as President of Law School … Yes We Can, a Colorado mentorship program for diverse college / law students, and also serves on the ABA Advisory Commission on the Law Library of Congress and on the Board of Colorado Open Lands. She has served as chair of the HLSA Native American Alumni Committee since 2006.

She earned her undergraduate degree in Classical Languages and Literature from the University of Michigan.

Anne Weisberg ’85, Women’s Initiative Director, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Anne Weisberg is Director of the Women’s Initiative at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP where she is responsible for designing and implementing a gender strategy that fosters a high performing, inclusive work environment for all. She has worked at BlackRock and Deloitte on women’s leadership and talent management strategies, and at the non-profit Catalyst, where she advised law firms and directed Women in Law: Making the Case.

Anne has written extensively on the topic of women and the workforce, including co-authoring the best-selling *Mass Career Customization: Aligning the Workplace With Today’s Nontraditional Workforce* (HBS Press 2017) and co-authoring with Carol Buckler ’84, *Everything a Working Mother Needs to Know* (Doubleday 1994). She is an adjunct professor of management at the NYU-Stern School of Business, where she teaches a course on inclusive leadership.

She and her husband reside in New York and have five children between them.

Marissa Wesely ’79’80, Chief Executive Officer, Win-Win Strategies

Marissa Wesely is the Chief Executive Officer of Win-Win Strategies, a non-profit that connects the power of business with the deep assets of women’s organizations to empower women globally. A long-standing advocate for women’s rights and empowerment in diverse settings, she was a 2014 Fellow at Harvard’s Advanced Leadership Initiative and a 2015 Fellow at the Wilson Center’s Global Women’s Leadership Initiative.

Before 2014, Marissa was a corporate partner in the global law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and has received many awards relating to her work on diversity in the legal profession, including the ABA’s 2014 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Board of Directors of Global Fund for Women and the MATCH International Women's Fund.

Marissa lives in New York City with her husband, and has one daughter who is the Cartoon Editor of The New Yorker.
Sivan Whiteley ’02, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Square

Sivan Whiteley is Square’s General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, where she oversees a worldwide team responsible for the company’s legal, regulatory, compliance, and security operations. Square is a cohesive commerce ecosystem that helps sellers start, run, and grow their businesses, and the Cash App is similarly creating an ecosystem of financial services for individuals. Sivan joined Square in 2013 and previously served as Square’s Associate General Counsel. Prior to Square, Sivan served as Associate General Counsel at Better Place Inc., as Commercial and Product Counsel at eBay Inc., and was a litigator at Bingham McCutchen LLC.

Sivan holds a BA magna cum laude in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, and a JD cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Alex Whiting, Professor of Practice, Harvard Law School

Alex Whiting is a Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School where he teaches, writes and consults on domestic and international criminal prosecution issues. From 2010 until 2013, he was in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague where he served first as the Investigations Coordinator, overseeing all of the investigations in the office, and then as Prosecutions Coordinator, overseeing all of the office’s ongoing prosecutions. Before going to the ICC, Whiting taught for more than three years as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, again with a focus on prosecution subjects. From 2002-2007, he was a Trial Attorney and then a Senior Trial Attorney with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague. Before going to the ICTY, he was a US federal prosecutor for ten years, first with the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division in Washington, DC, and then with the US Attorney’s Office in Boston where he focused on organized crime and corruption cases. Whiting attended Yale College and Yale Law School, and clerked for Judge Eugene H. Nickerson of the Eastern District of New York. His publications include Dynamic Investigative Practice at the International Criminal Court (2014), INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW: CASES AND COMMENTARY (2011), co-authored with Antonio Cassese and two other authors, and In International Criminal Prosecutions, Justice Delayed Can Be Justice Delivered (2009).

Lis Wiehl ’87, New York Times Best-selling Author and Legal Analyst

Lis Wiehl is a New York Times best-selling author, journalist, former federal prosecutor, and respected legal analyst and commentator. A legal analyst and reporter for Fox News for fifteen years, Lis is currently an anchor for the Law & Crime Network and the host of the podcast Pursuit of Justice with Lis Wiehl.


Prior to joining Fox News in New York City, Wiehl served as a legal analyst and reporter for NBC News and NPR’s All Things Considered and was the co-host of the nationally syndicated show The Radio Factor. Wiehl served as a Federal Prosecutor in the United States Attorney’s office and was an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Washington. Lis Wiehl was the Deputy Investigative Counsel for the Democrats during the Impeachment of President Clinton.

Wiehl earned her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School and her Master of Arts in Literature from the University of Queensland. Currently she is also an Adjunct Professor at New York School of Law. Lis Wiehl lives in New York. For more information visit: www.liswiehlbooks.com.
Beth A. Williams ’04, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy

Beth A. Williams was sworn in as Assistant Attorney General on August 21, 2017, after unanimous confirmation by the Senate.

Ms. Williams graduated from Harvard College magna cum laude, with a degree in History and Literature. She earned her law degree from Harvard Law School, where she served as Executive Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy. After graduation, she served as a law clerk to Judge Richard C. Wesley of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

From 2005-2006, Ms. Williams served as Special Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where she assisted with the confirmations of Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. and Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. to the United States Supreme Court.

Prior to becoming Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Williams was a litigation and appellate partner at a national law firm, where her practice focused on complex commercial, securities, and First Amendment litigation. Ms. Williams litigated cases in federal and state courts across the country. She also served as chair of the firm’s Women’s Leadership Initiative in Washington, DC. Ms. Williams received the firm’s Pro Bono Service Award seven years in a row for her dedication to pro bono work.

Joan C. Williams ’80, Distinguished Professor of Law and Founding Director, Center for WorkLife Law, University of California, Hastings College of the Law

Joan C. Williams has played a central role in reshaping the conversation about work, gender, and class over the past quarter century. Williams is a Distinguished Professor of Law, Hastings Foundation Chair, and Founding Director of the Center for WorkLife Law at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Williams’ path-breaking work helped create the field of work-family studies and modern workplace flexibility policies.

Williams’ 2014 book What Works for Women at Work was praised by The New York Times Book Review. Following its success, Joan was asked to create short videos sharing the strategies discussed in the book. The videos are among the top three videos and are featured by Virgin Airlines as in-flight entertainment. Most recently, Williams co-authored a workbook companion to What Works for Women at Work.

Williams is one of the 10 most cited scholars in her field. She has authored 11 books, over 90 academic articles, and her work has been covered in publications from Oprah Magazine to The Atlantic. Her awards include the Families and Work Institute’s Work Life Legacy Award (2014), the American Bar Foundation’s Outstanding Scholar Award (2012), the ABA’s Margaret Brent Women Award for Lawyers of Achievement (2006), and the Distinguished Publication Award of the Association for Women in Psychology (2004). In 2008, she gave the Massey Lectures in the History of American Civilization at Harvard. She is also the author of White Working Class: Overcoming Class Cluelessness in America.

Leslie Williams ’84, Entrepreneur and Retired Attorney

Leslie Williams is an entrepreneur and retired attorney with deep involvement in environmental nonprofit work. Born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, she came to the United States to attend Wellesley College in 1977. After graduating from Wellesley in 1981 and Harvard Law School in 1984, Williams practiced law for a number of years. She retired from her law practice to raise her daughter in the ’90s.

From 2006 to 2012, she founded and managed The Perennial Chef, a high-end retail prepared food and catering business in Westchester County, NY. Williams has been involved in a number of entrepreneurial and nonprofit activities, such as joining the Earthjustice Board of Trustees. Williams also currently serves on the boards of Riverkeeper and the Food and Environment Reporting Network.
Michelle Wu ’12, Boston City Councilor At-Large

Michelle Wu has been a voice for progressive leadership in the City of Boston, and a champion for inclusion and opportunity for all residents. First elected to the Boston City Council in November 2013 at the age of 28 as an At-Large Councilor, Wu is the first Asian-American woman to serve on the Council. In January 2016, she was elected President of the City Council by her colleagues in a unanimous vote, becoming the first woman of color to serve as Council President. Today, she serves as the Chair of the Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation, as well as the Chair of the Committee on Census and Redistricting.

Councilor Wu graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. She is fluent in Mandarin and Spanish, and lives in Roslindale with her husband Conor, and their two young sons.

Sandra S. Yamate ’84, CEO, Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession

Sandra S. Yamate is the CEO of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession (IILP). IILP is dedicated to creating a more diverse and inclusive legal profession. Sandra spent ten years as the Director of the American Bar Association’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession and the preceding three years as the first Executive Director of the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms. Prior to that, Ms. Yamate was a litigator in Chicago for ten years.

Sandra is the Chair of the National Judicial College and serves as a member of the board of the National Association of Women Lawyers. She also serves on the Leadership Advisory Council of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, chairs the HLS Asian American Alumni Network, is an advisory member of the State Bar of California Council on Access and Fairness, and a member of the New York City Bar Association’s Enhance Diversity in the Profession Committee.

Sandra helped found the Asian American Institute, the National Women’s Political Caucus of A Sansei, Sandra earned her JD from Harvard Law School as well as an AB in Political Science *cum laude* and History *magna cum laude* from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.