

# **Candidates and Officers for 2024-2025**

# **Annette Stewart**

FWA President, 2023-2025\*

Annette Stewart is a financial services professional. For close to twenty years, she has worked in financial services firms such as Citadel, Goldman Sachs and is currently at Royal Bank of Canada. Annette has spent her career focused on derivatives regulation, front-to-back trading process, overall firm process improvement, project management, legal trade confirmations & currently working on strategic risk & regulatory initiatives.

Her perspective on finance and leadership is shaped by her experiences as both a financial services professional and involvement in multiple nonprofit organizations. She is currently the President of the Financial Women's Association.

Overall, Annette has enjoyed new learning opportunities and has grown her career through her love for learning and collaboration.

Annette received her undergraduate degree from Texas State University and completed her Juris Doctorate at the University of Iowa College of Law where she participated in the University of Iowa's international law program in France and London. She is also a graduate of the University of Michigan Ross School of Business Executive Program for her MBA.

Annette volunteers on the Board for the FWA, serves on the University of Iowa College of Law Foundation Board, Phi Chi Theta Foundation & participates as an advisor for several non-profit organizations which includes Sigma Kappa.

Annette enjoys traveling and free time with her husband, Jeff Fausey, and daughter Paige.

To learn more about Annette please check out her LinkedIn at http://www.linkedin.com/in/annette-stewart-10b9903

# **Albana Theka**

President-Elect 2023-2025\* (President, 2025-2027)

Albana Theka is the Director of Analytics and Data Strategy at Building Service 32 BJ Health Fund, the fund administering health benefits for over 200 thousand lives for the 32BJ SEIU union. In this role she partners with Executive leaders to lead the delivery of data products and engineering solutions that impact financial decisions and member experience.

Prior to this role Albana served as the Sr. Director of Data and Analytics at New York City Health and Hospitals and led the Financial Sustainability Analytics Center of Excellence. Prior to that, Albana spent 12 years in finance, operations, and strategy leadership roles at NYU Langone Health and led their financial analytics for multi-million-dollar budgets.



Before making a transition to Healthcare, Albana also spent 5 years at Ridgewood Savings Bank, a New York City based retail bank.

Albana is a champion for women in finance and is a Board member and the President Elect 23-25 for the Financial Women's Association, a non-profit organization that promotes the professional development and advancement of all women across the financial community.

Albana holds a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from St. Francis College and an Executive MBA from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn NY. Albana's hobbies are singing and traveling with her family.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: voted during the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members to be FWA President 2025-2027

### Hermina "Nina" Batson

Immediate Past President 2023-2025\* (FWA President 2021-2023)

Nina Batson has been an active Financial Women's Association (FWA) member since 2009. Before serving as FWA President from 2021-2023, Nina was the FWA's President-Elect, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Engagement and Resources Division, and Membership Chair for several years.

Nina is a Director and the Global Head of Internal Audit Regulatory Engagement at Barclays. With over 30 years of banking and finance experience, she has worked for MUFG, Goldman Sachs, BNP Paribas, and JPMorgan Chase. Her extensive background includes commercial paper conduit financing, compliance, tax operations, accounting, risk



management, regulatory reporting, syndications, conduit administration, supply chain finance, audit-related aspects, and all types of securitization execution.

CIO Views Magazine recognized Nina as one of the 10 Most Successful Black Businesswomen Making a Difference in 2023. She has also been recognized by Crain's New York Business in 2022 as one of 105 Notable Black Leaders and Executives. Nina is also a recipient of Markets Choice Awards' Women in Finance: Excellence in Social Responsibility Award, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Keeping the Dream Alive liberty bell award, and various [military] coins for Making a Difference.

Further, Nina participates in the Equity and Opportunity Advisory Council of the New York State Department of Financial Services. Nina holds Series 79 and 63 certifications and received a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Certificate in Accounting from Hofstra University.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: voted during the 2022 Annual Meeting of Members to be immediate FWA Past President 2023-2025

# **Kelsey Halloran**

Secretary 2023-2025\*

Kelsey Halloran is a Senior Director in the Risk & Investigations practice at FTI Consulting. She has more than nine years of experience assisting companies and legal counsel with complex matters relating to internal accounting investigations, FCPA investigations, and risk and compliance assessments.

Ms. Halloran has extensive experience on a variety of forensic accounting investigative assignments and is well versed in identifying red flags and other anomalies to help identify unusual trends to identify potentially questionable business transactions. Her work often includes complex efforts to determine the mechanics of the alleged



frauds and testing of transactions to ensure compliance with laws, regulations, and company policies and procedures.

In addition, Ms. Halloran has experience tracing significant flows of funds among accounts and related entities in connection with fraud investigations and misuse of company or government funds. She has been retained as an expert on matters involving internal investigations and tax controversy.

Ms. Halloran holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Tennessee, as well as a M.S. in Accounting from Auburn University. She is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of New York and a Certified Fraud Examiner. Ms. Halloran is a member of the Financial Women's Association of New York where she currently serves as Secretary of the Board.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: voted during the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members to be FWA Secretary 2023-2025

### Madhumita Chakrabartti

Treasurer 2023-2025\*
Finance Committee Chair

Madhumita is a passionate crusader of causes that benefit human beings and the environment. During her 30 plus year career in corporate finance she has expressed her passion and commitment by contributing her skills and expertise to a wide variety of nonprofits. Among these are the Living Legacy Project, Butterflies USA, Seeds of Peace, Amnesty International, Clearwater Sloop, Walkabout Clearwater Sloop, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, Princeton Folk Music Society, Tribes Hill Artists Co-Operative, McCarter Theater, and the Financial Women's Association, for which she served as a Treasurer (2022-2023) and a mentor for numerous young women at Seton Hall University.



During the last several years, Madhumita's focus shifted to more formally supporting nonprofits. She formed Madhumita Chakrabartti Consulting, a financial advisory firm serving nonprofits and independent business owners.

Currently she is the VP of Finance and Operations at GreenLight Fund in Boston, MA. Prior to that, she was the Director of Finance and Operations at The Petey Greene Program in Princeton, NJ – a nonprofit that is transforming pre-collegiate education for currently and formerly incarcerated learners and educating justice-oriented citizens. Before that, Madhumita was Director, Financial Planning and Analysis at Parker Health Group, a nonprofit aging services organization. Her corporate finance career included executive positions at Covance (now LabCorp), Covidien (now Medtronic), and Starwood Hotels (now Marriott).

Madhumita holds a master's in public accounting and a master's in business administration in finance from Pace University, and a bachelor's in English literature from Calcutta University. She is a graduate of the Robin Hood Foundation and CommonGood Careers' Non-Profit Financial Management "LeaderLink" program.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: voted during the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members to be FWA Treasurer 2023-2025

## **Carol Chan**

#### **Finance Committee**

Carol Chan is a finance executive with a global mindset and a proven track record of providing creative solutions to complex problems to meet the long-term objectives of various stakeholders. As Deputy Chief Investment Officer/Finance Director at EY US LLP, Carol oversees the strategic management and operational aspects of the \$27+ billion of retirement trust assets. She works directly with the Retirement Investment Committee on developing investment policies, recommending investment strategies, conducting external investment manager due diligence, portfolio construction and risk management. Most recently, Carol earned recognitions by CIO Magazine as CIO NextGen and Institutional Investor as a recipient of the DEI Leadership Award.



Carol holds an MBA from the London Business School, a BS in Accounting from the Wharton School and a BA in Economics from the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a CFA charter-holder and a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society New York.

### **Barbara Callahan**

# Finance Committee Development Committee Chair

Barbara Callahan is currently the Undergraduate Director for the Buccino Leadership Institute at Seton Hall University where she oversees the first and second year programming. Prior to this role, Barbara was a financial executive with over 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. Barbara has a broad skill set with a deep financial acumen acquired through diverse leadership roles in Investor Relations, Treasury and Accounting.

As a member of the Financial Women's Association, Barbara is currently the Chair of the Development Committee, and a member of the NJ Regional Group and the mentoring program at Seton Hall University. Barbara currently serves as the Board Treasurer for the Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue.



Barbara was most recently Senior Vice President and Head of Investor Relations at CIT Group where she directed all communications with the investment community and led the program through CIT's multi-year strategic transformation. Prior to this role, Barbara was an Assistant Treasurer where she gained extensive experience in capital markets funding as well as liquidity and capital risk management. During this time, Barbara was involved in executing a comprehensive strategic plan designed to transition CIT from a capital markets reliant specialty finance company to a deposit funded Bank. At CIT, Barbara served on the Corporate Diversity Council and co-sponsored the Women's Employee Resource Group.

Barbara holds a B.S. in Accounting from Seton Hall University and an M.B.A. in Corporate Finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

### **Tannisha Troutman**

#### **Audit Committee**

Tannisha has more than 18 years of experience serving financial institutions in the insurance and investment management industry, ranging in size and complexity from large multinational life insurers and asset managers to Insurtechs. Tannisha has extensive experience with life insurance operations, the valuation of complex embedded derivative liabilities, business combinations, carveouts, SEC and foreign filer compliance and internal control systems. Tannisha is IFRS certified and serves as a leader in the U.S. for Deloitte's efforts around the accounting for insurance contracts under FASB's Long Duration Targeted Improvements (LDTI), including serving on the firm's LDTI audit steering committee.



Tannisha co-Leads the NJ Talent Council and the Model Risk Management Audit, Advisory and Actuarial Team; is a member of the NJ Inclusion Council, the Tri-State Due Diligence committee, and a Well-Being Ambassador. Tannisha has spoken at industry conferences for the Insurance Accounting & Systems Association (IASA) and the Bahamas Institute of Charted Accountants (BICA).

Tannisha currently serves on the SpringBoard of Good Shepherd Services, and on the steering committee of the Harlem YMCA's Black Achievers in Industry (bai). She has led various community events including build-a-bike for the United Service Organizations (USO) and Junior Achievement (JA) Days for several K-12 public schools.

Tannisha is a graduate of Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Tannisha is a member of various professional organizations including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New Jersey State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the National Association of Black Accountants.

### **Pawneet Abramowski**

#### **Audit Committee**

Pawneet Abramowski is a recognized Compliance and Risk Management Executive with over 25 years of comprehensive public and private sector experience, offering unparalleled knowledge in shaping the organization's risk and compliance ecosystem to achieve strong business outcomes with a digital transformation.

In 2017, she established PARC Solutions LLC, an advisory firm with expertise in business strategy development, repositioning of products/services to align with regulatory standards. The advisory firm attains this by devising an infrastructure framework to help financial institutions and other disruptors to formulate long-term business



strategies with valuable results for a durable competitive edge in the market. She has been responsible for the business's digital transformation, approach and delivery focused on modernizing how the clients utilize technology across the organizations while balancing risk and security.

Ms. Abramowski has successfully steered businesses in managing complex regulatory challenges. In her roles as the Head of Financial Crimes Risk Management, Chief Compliance Officer, she designed and drove the execution of most significant regulatory deliverables within and across geographies, businesses, and functions. Previously, she also held Compliance leadership roles at CIT Group Inc., RBC Capital Markets & Morgan Stanley. Prior to private sector roles Ms. Abramowski spent several years in an investigative and intelligence capacity with government agencies ending with the Federal Bureau of Investigation working on global terrorism cases.

Ms. Abramowski is also an Adjunct Professor of Law/Distinguished Lecturer at Case Western Reserve University School of Law's Financial Integrity Institute teaching and, in the U.S., and globally. She is an SME trainer providing training to government and financial industry professionals in North America, Europe, and the Middle East. She is quoted regularly as a Financial Crimes, Compliance and Risk expert in media publications on key topics and is a regular speaker in the financial services industry focusing on supporting innovation by finding a balance between risk and business growth.

Ms. Abramowski also served as an Independent Board of Director for a NASDAQ listed company and Advisory Director for Fintech companies. Ms. Abramowski has been a member of the Financial Women's Association, serving as a Director on the Board and is the Co-Chair of the Directorships & Corporate Governance Committee.

Ms. Abramowski holds an MBA from Adelphi University Robert B. Willumstad School of Business and an MA in Government and Politics and BA in Public Administration from St. John's University.

# **Janna Treybick**

#### **Audit Committee**

Janna Treybick is a PwC Director in the Trust Solutions Innovation & Technology (TSIT), Market Information & Data Analytics (MIDA) practice. Janna is the Data Solutions leader overseeing development, implementation and execution of digital solutions, audit transformation initiatives and specialized projects for the Asset & Wealth Management sector. She has been specializing in securities valuation & existence testing, valuation operations controls, global business development, individual projects & program management, audit transformation & digitization initiatives, and resource & engagement economics management. Janna has extensive experience providing specialized services and automated solutions to the audit



engagement teams. She is an accelerator who played a leading role in establishing the Investments Center of Excellence (COE) and creating innovative processes supported by leading-edge technology. She has been overseeing MIDA operations, finance, business development, and audit transformation initiatives. Currently Janna leads a team of data analysts creating, implementing and supporting customized data solutions for the global engagements. Janna also leads MIDA Internship Program and serves as a relationship leader and career coach to MIDA team members.

Prior to joining MIDA, Janna was auditing mutual funds and alternative investments funds. Janna is a member of the AICPA and holds a New York State CPA license.

### **Ariel Boverman**

# **Nominating Committee**

Ariel Boverman uses her HR expertise to guide executive leaders through organizational change. As a trusted business partner with a seat at the table, she connects workforce effectiveness where enterprise goals and talent strategy meet. Experienced in highly regulated industries and merger integrations, she provides the enterprise-wide perspective that leaders rely on as a north star. In building the relationships with executives that transform organizations--Ariel's counsel is always wrapped in compassion and transparency, with a little wit to get everyone through.



In addition to working for Fortune 500 companies like Wells Fargo Advisors, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and Marsh & McClennan, Ariel lives her passion for helping people succeed in active board and volunteer work. She currently serves on the board of the Financial Women's Association as Chair, Nominating Committee and Co-Chair, Pacesetters, the proprietary leadership development program for President's Circle Company high potential women.

She supports the goals of HR professionals at all levels, as former Chair of the NYC Society for Human Resource Management's mentoring program and as an active Mentor for the Financial Women's Association.

Ariel holds a Master's degree in Human Resources Management /Labor Relations from New York Institute of Technology School of Management, and a BA from Queens College-CUNY in Political Science. A constant learner, she recently earned a Diploma in Transformational Coaching from NYU's School of Human Capital Management, and a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Certificate from University of South Florida, MUMA School of Business.

In her free time, Ariel loves engaging with diverse people and cultures which means you're likely to find her being a "tourist in her own city," taking a ton of photos or plotting her next trip.

# **Ichun Lai**Nominating Committee

Ichun Lai is Principal at Propel Global Advisory that focuses on accelerating the responsible adoption of Al/ML in financial services. Ichun enjoys a distinguished career in shaping strategy and execution driving results across functions and cultures. She has led wide-ranging change projects and initiatives in finance, technology, services, and cross-functions at tier-1 firms including Goldman Sachs, Cigna, Tokio Marine, BMO Capital Markets, and SMBC. Her projects typically involve corporate and business, and spanning Asia, Europe, and the Americas.



Ichun is a tireless champion of diversity, equality and inclusion and a dedicated FWA member since 2009. She is currently a member of the Nominating Committee of the Board. Previously, Ichun chaired the Nominating Committee in 2020/2021, co-chaired the Japan conference in Tokyo in 2018, co-chaired the Membership Programming Subcommittee in 2012-2014, and served as a President's Circle Relationship Manager in 2015- 2016 and 2020-2021.

Ichun received her MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management in the U.S. and her B.A. in Sociology from National Taiwan University. She grew up in Taiwan, and has lived in Tokyo, Colorado, Arizona, Philadelphia, and now with her husband in Brooklyn, New York.

# Nelun de S. Wijeyeratne

# **Nominating Committee**

Nelun de S. Wijeyeratne is a financial services executive with expertise developing strategies and launching new programs. Most recently, she was Vice President in Affordable Lending at JP Morgan Chase & Co. Nelun has deep experience in the private and public sectors with a focus on providing affordable and inclusive financial services. She was a director in Standard & Poor's Public Finance group, managing the Affordable Housing Program, and won a corporate achievement award for innovation for her work. During her tenure as a senior manager in the financial services industry, she led project teams in the corporate, public, and not-for-profit sectors, focused on affordable housing, risk assessment, and micro, small and medium enterprise (SME) lending.



Nelun is also a strong advocate for financial inclusion and women's empowerment. She brings her passion and global perspective to seek solutions and provide better access to financial services for this underserved market segment. Nelun has been a long-term active member of the Financial Women's Association (FWA) and has brought her expertise and leadership skills to her roles at the FWA. She has been the co-chair of the Impact Investment committee for numerous years and expanded its focus to ESG. She has worked with the committee to deliver programing on a broad range of topics, including thought leaders in the space. Nelun is on the FWA board and a member of the Nominating committee. She is also a relationship manager of the President's Circle and a member of the Global Agenda committee.

Nelun holds an MBA from the Yale School of Management.

# **Katrin Dambrot**

### **Operations Resource Committee**

#### **Past FWA Service:**

I have had the privilege and honor of serving the FWA in many capacities and look forward to continuing to serve:

- President-Elect -2014-2015
- President of FWA 2015-2017
- Immediate Past President- 2017-2018
- Chair of ORC 2018-2021
- Previously also served on the FWA's Board of Directors as
   Vice President Career and Business Advancement and
   International Affairs (2012-2014) and was the 2014 Organizer and Co-Chair of its
   International Conference in Berlin, Germany as well as organizer of two Annual Dinners
   and several Holiday Benefits. Served as co-chair of the Not-For-Profit Committee of the
   FWA from 2008 to 2012.
- In my role as FWA President, I also served on the Dean's Advisory Council of the Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, CUNY.
- Instrumental in the launch of both the Pacesetters program as well as Back-to-Business program
- Have also been called upon to mentor two Baruch mentees

#### **Other Organizational Service:**

- Chair-Elect of the Board of Governors of Antioch University (7/1/24-6/30/26), Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors (2014 to present), and Chair of its Audit Committee.
- Member of the Board of the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Gala Chair in 2022 and 2023.
- Have also served as a judge for the American Marketing Association's EFFIE awards and
  was past chair of the AMA/New York Volunteer Action Committee as well as chair of the
  Morris County Association for Foreign Trade. Also served as a mentor for Columbia
  University Graduate School of Business' Global Social Venture Competition.

#### **Professional:**

Principal of Dambrot and Company, founded in 1989 to facilitate strategic thinking for senior management teams. I have consulted on product/service development and marketing strategy with such firms as Citibank, D&B, PwC, Prudential, New York Life Investment Management, Staples, IBM, Schering Plough, Cambrex and many others as well as with pro-bono to foreign governments and the UN. Fluent or conversant in several languages.



# **Stephanie Hauge**

# **Operations Resource Committee**

As the principal in a small consultancy, The NonProfit Helper, Stephanie facilitates key decision making and strategic planning for non-profit boards and leadership. Her previous roles include Director, Corporation and Foundation Relations for Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey for almost nine years, the Director of Finance and Administration for the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and Related Entities for almost five years and a corporate career of almost 30 years spanning accounting and financial leadership and executive roles in pharmaceutical (Warner Lambert), medical devices (Fresenius Medical Care), and telecommunications (over 20 years at AT&T) industries. She consulted on the start up team for Virgin Mobile as their acting



controller and served as CFO and treasurer for the dotcom internet media company, theglobe.com.

She holds an MBA in Finance with a certificate in International Studies, a B.S. in Accounting from the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall and a Masters in Theology (Research option) from SHU's School of Theology. She served nine years on the Board of Trustees of Caldwell University, its Executive Committee, the Academic Affairs Committee and chaired its Finance Committee and its Audit Committee respectively. She served on the SHU Advisory Council for several years, and as a member of the Non Profit Institute of SHU's Center for Public Policy's financial management certificate curriculum development committee, and taught in this program and the MPA program. She is a past president of the Financial Women's Association of NY (2009-10), served also as VP and as Treasurer (two years), and served on the Board as Chair of the Development Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee (2017-2023). She co-chairs the FWA in NJ regional committee. She mentored college students through FWA's Baruch mentoring program for almost 10 years and currently mentors students in the FWA in NJ Seton Hall program. She is a member of the Advisory Council of the Buccino Leadership Program at SHU's Stillman School of Business and mentors women in that program. She is very engaged in her Church in music ministry and as Director of the RCIA program. With her husband Jon they reside in Morristownship NJ and travel to Sweden when possible to be with their daughter, Greta and her husband Peter and three young grandchildren, Oliver, Henry and Elin.

# **Susan Migliaccio**

## **Operations Resource Committee**

Susan guides financial, operations, and technology executives through complex issues with a close eye on financial and operational efficiencies. Projects have ranged from general business advisory and audit to crisis management and resolution across various industries including, consumer services, industrial products, technology, entertainment & media, and financial services. She has highly developed engagement leadership skills, including managing and motivating high-performing teams across the Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.



Susan has held various leadership roles within the Financial Women's
Association, including past Treasurer and Audit Committee chair, and
she currently serves as a member of the Operations Resource Commitee. Susan is a graduate of
St. Joseph's University and a Certified Public Accountant in New York and Pennsylvania.

# **Jacqueline Linden**

## **Educational Initiatives Chair**

Jacqueline (Jackie) is a senior financial services industry executive with over 30 years of global banking experience at Citigroup where she held key strategic leadership roles in treasury, finance, and risk management. Jackie is a subject matter expert in treasury and liquidity risk management, and brings in-depth knowledge of financial products and a deep background in financial risk management governance.

Jackie has continued to leverage her financial services expertise, business acumen and strategic leadership skills as a board member for the Financial Women's Association (FWA) of New York for the past three years including as a member of the Operations Resource



Committee, and chairing and serving on the Nominating Committee of the FWA Board. She has also held numerous leadership positions at the FWA. She is currently Programming co-chair on the Leadership Council and a President's Circle relationship manager for Citizens Bank. Jackie also represents the FWA on Leaderboard, an organization whose goal is advancing women to the Boardroom. She was previously the Head of FWA's Business and Government Affairs Division, and co-chaired the Directorship and Corporate Governance Committee.

A strong advocate for women's advancement, inclusion and economic empowerment, Jackie is most passionate about giving back and supporting and advancing young women though educational initiatives. She has been an FWA mentor to a Baruch undergraduate student as well as a student at the High School of Economics and Finance since 2021, and is also a member of the FWA Financial Backpack Committee, where she has conducted training on financial literacy to NYC high school students. She previously was an FWA mentor through the FWA Member-Member Mentoring program. It is this passion for supporting the success of women in financial services, which motivated her to run for the role of Educational Initiatives Chair of the FWA Board for 2024 to 2025 fiscal year.

Jackie holds a BA in Economics from Barnard College, Columbia University and an MBA in Finance from New York University, Stern School of Business. She lives in NYC with her husband, and has a grown son, who also works in the financial sector.

# **Jason Dodd**

# Marketing and Communications Chair

Jason Dodd is a marketing leader, strategist, and entrepreneur with a proven track record of over 20 years. He has led and developed successful marketing initiatives for B2B, financial services, and technology companies. As a Principal at Tiziani Whitmyre, a Boston-based marketing agency, he has helped life science and technology companies build demand for their products and services, driving sales and increasing profitability through brand development, content, and digital marketing.



Jason has a history of innovation throughout his marketing career. He founded H2O, a leading branding and visual communication agency,

and later transformed it into the Creative Division of Peppercomm. This venture provided creative solutions to clients across the finance, media, and non-profit sectors. As a principal of Magnesium Interactive, Jason pioneered strategic marketing expertise, leading teams in developing brand strategies, crafting marketing communications, and building interactive solutions to drive client engagement. His previous experience included providing creative direction and conceptualizing advertisements and campaigns for a leading international magazine.

Throughout his career, Jason has built a strong track record of success at the forefront of critical marketing areas, including Brand Strategy, developing and implementing brand strategies that position clients for growth; Content Marketing, creating high-quality content that engages target audiences and drives business results; and Interactive Marketing, leveraging digital channels to reach and connect with customers.

Recognized and active in the marketing industry, Jason serves in leadership positions, such as board member and Chair of the Strategic Marketing Committee of the Financial Women's Association (FWA), and is a member of Vistage, CEO Stars and the American Marketing Association.

### **Erin Preston**

# Membership Chair

Erin Preston has been a member of the FWA since 2016. Since joining, Erin has participated as a mentee in the FWA M2M program and has served as a mentor in the FWA/Baruch Mentoring Program since 2019. She has participated as a committee member on the Wall Street exchange program for 2022 and 2023.

Erin is a legal/compliance professional with 17+ years of experience as a regulatory subject matter expert. Erin currently serves as the Chief Compliance Officer for Wedbush Securities, a full-service broker-dealer and registered investment adviser. In addition to her full-time role as CCO for Wedbush, Erin is the CCO for Wedbush affiliates, Onward



Advisors and Wedbush & Co. Prior to joining Wedbush, Erin was the Chief Compliance Officer with nabSecurities and the Associate General Counsel, AML Compliance Officer and CCO for Dash Financial Technologies.

Erin is active in several professional organizations including National Society of Compliance Professionals and serves as a Chapter Leader – Marketing for the Westchester/Fairfield chapter of Ellevate.

# **Debbie Curran**

#### President's Circle Chair

Debbie's career at New York Life has spanned over 40 years and has included various roles in Finance across business unit controllership, investment accounting & reporting, financial accounting & reporting and accounting policy, as well in the former International Insurance finance organization. Debbie is currently the business controller for New York Life's \$700 billion asset management businesses, with responsibility for financial accounting and reporting for the asset management and all other non-insurance strategic businesses of the Company and is a member of the Board of Directors for NYL Trust Company. She is a member of various internal committees, including the Finance Operating Committee, the MAR/SOX Committee, and the



General Ledger Close Committee. Debbie was previously the head of Investment Accounting & Reporting for the company's then \$270+ billion portfolio of investments for New York Life's domestic insurance operations, during which time she was also a member of the board of directors of New York Life Capital Corp. and a member of the Asset Pricing Committee.

From 2014 – 2017, Debbie co-chaired *The Women's Initiative* Employee Resource Group at NYL, which spans over twelve locations and over 1,000 members. Afterwards, she continued as a senior advisor to that group and was a member of the company's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council. Debbie also served as a liaison for New York Life to the Financial Women's Association (FWA). She also created and served as executive sponsor for the Corporate Controller's Department Professional Development Committee and the Finance CPA/CPE Committee, and until recently, was a longstanding member of the Finance Talent Advisory Committee. Debbie currently co-sponsors the Finance Peer Leadership Circle mentorship program.

Outside of New York Life, Debbie is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the FWA and is also co-chair of their President's Circle (corporate sponsorship) committee. She previously served as an FWA Relationship Manager for BNY Mellon and was co-chair of the Pacesetters Development program for the FWA. Debbie is also a member of Deloitte's Women in Insurance Peer Exchange group. In the past, she has served as Financial Secretary and Treasurer of her church and as the President and Membership Chair of the fundraising organization for the music program at Marlboro (NJ) High School. She is a graduate of CUNY and holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Economics. Debbie lives at the Jersey Shore and has two grown daughters; she enjoys traveling, gardening, reading and music.

# **Patti Domm**

### Director at Large

Patti Domm is an Emmy award winning journalist and former CNBC Markets Editor. She is currently a media consultant and writer, specializing in the financial markets, Wall Street and the economy. She was awarded an Emmy for her work during the financial crisis for NBC Nightly News. Prior to joining CNBC, Patti was the equities editor for the Americas at Reuters, where she had also served as Wall Street editor. Patti has a long history of service to the FWA. Both as a former board member and committee member, she was active in producing high profile events with financial leaders, as well as marketing and special projects for the FWA.



Patti plans on helping the FWA with its programming in the coming year, using her experience as a journalist to create more impactful events. She is principal of Patti Domm Associates.

# **Erica Benjamin**

# Director at Large

Erica Benjamin is a Managing Director at Bank of Montreal, a large global bank Headquartered in Toronto. Currently she is the Head of the Enterprise Program Management Office, primarily focusing on Regulatory Initiatives. Prior to this role, Erica was a lead member of BMO's Integration Management Office, delivering the acquisition of Bank of the West, a large regional Bank. Erica joined BMO in the Capital Markets Group in 2013, working as the Chief Administrative Officer. She was responsible for Client Services, Professional Development, Real Estate, Business Operations and Administration. Prior to joining BMO Capital Markets, Erica was Executive Vice President at Nomura Securities where she had global responsibility for



the Client Onboarding and regulatory reform teams. She began her career at Lehman Brothers where she held various roles within Operations and Client Data support functions.

In addition, Erica is an active member in the Women's Bond Club, Financial Women's Association, Women in Capital Markets and various internal Employee Resource Groups such as Alliance for Women, Black Professionals Network, and LBGTQ+. Outside of work, Erica holds various board and chair positions within the Girl Scouts of America and Parent Teacher Association organizations.

Erica received an MBE from New York University and a Bachelor's degree from State University at Stonybrook.