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APRIL 7, 6:00PM – 8:30PM | Opening Ceremony

ALUMNI FELLOWS PANEL

[Isabella Bellera Landa \('20\)](#), Associate, White & Case LLP
[Ryan A. Green \('19\)](#), Vice President, Corporate Counsel, Broadridge Financial Solutions
[Ruth Merisier \('19\)](#), Associate, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP
[Francisco J. Morales Barrón \('17\)](#), Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
[Lois T. Saldana \('19\)](#), Assistant Attorney General, Executive Division, Office of the NYS Attorney General

*Moderated by Members of the ALI Planning Committee: Sally Bergmann, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP;
Rupa Briggs; and Adrienne Eason-Wheatley, The Bank of New York Mellon*

**APRIL 21, 8:30AM – 11:00AM | Management 101: Developing and Demonstrating
Leadership Skills to Lead Legal Teams**

[Patricia Brown Holmes](#), Managing Partner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP
[George W. Flowers](#), Principal, Invisible Hurdle LLC

MAY 5, 6:00PM – 8:30PM | Executive Presence in Action: Leadership and Authenticity

[Christine Clapp](#), President, Spoken with Authority

MAY 12, 6:00PM – 8:30PM | Fellows Private Event

[Alita T. Wingfield](#), Managing Director and Head of Compliance Training, Morgan Stanley

**MAY 19, 8:30AM – 11:00AM | Law Firms Are Businesses Too –
How Your Firm’s Business Model and Finances Affect You**

[Adrienne Eason-Wheatley](#), Managing Counsel, The Bank of New York Mellon
[Alanna Rutherford](#), VP - Legal, Global Products, Technology, & Business Solutions, VISA
[Steven F. Molo](#), Partner, MoloLamken LLP
[Ackneil M. Muldrow, III, \(Trey\)](#), Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Moderated by ALI Planning Committee Member [Jonathan Barbee](#), MoloLamken LLP

JUNE 2, 8:30AM – 11:00AM | Having the Difficult Conversations – Feedback and More

[Jo Livermore](#), Lead HR Business Partner, Columbia Threadneedle Investments
[Lorraine McGowan](#), Partner, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
[Alanna Rutherford](#), VP - Legal - Global Products, Technology, & Business Solutions, Visa
[Mustufa Salehbhai](#), Managing Director & Global Head of Legal, Morgan Stanley

**JUNE 9, 6:00PM – 8:30PM | The Art of Building Relationships to
Catapult Your Career to the Next Level**

NETWORKING WITH IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ATTORNEYS TO FOLLOW

[James Lewis](#), Executive Director, Office for Diversity and Inclusion
[Tiffany J. Smith](#), Partner, WilmerHale
[Jason Spears](#), Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel, Cartica Management LLC

Moderated by ALI Planning Committee Member [Oscar T. Saunders](#), MGG Investment Group LP

JUNE 16, 8:30AM – 11:00AM | Closing Ceremony



JONATHAN BARBEE

MoloLamken LLP

Jonathan Barbee is an accomplished trial lawyer with a focus on intellectual property and technology-related litigation. He represents inventors, innovators, startups, and research institutions, both as plaintiffs and defendants. With a degree in electrical engineering, Mr. Barbee litigates complex patent, trade secrets, and copyright matters across an array of technologies and industries, including the high tech, medical devices, and pharmaceutical industries. Mr. Barbee has extensive experience in all phases of litigation, including commencing suit, discovery, motion practice, expert witnesses, depositions, oral argument, and trial.

Prior to joining MoloLamken, Mr. Barbee was counsel at Kobre & Kim LLP and WilmerHale LLP. After graduating from law school, Mr. Barbee clerked for the Honorable Barbara S. Jones of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and the Honorable Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.



ISABELLA BELLERA LANDA ('20)

White & Case LLP

Isabella is a Senior Associate in White & Case LLP's International Arbitration and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups. She represents and advises private companies, foreign sovereigns and their agencies and instrumentalities in the resolution of complex international disputes. She has represented clients in arbitrations before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), as well as litigations in US federal district and appellate courts. In association with local counsel, Isabella has also advised clients regarding litigations and regulatory investigations across Latin America.

Isabella has experience in disputes in a wide range of industries, including energy, technology, sovereign debt, infrastructure, and textiles. A native of Venezuela, Isabella is multilingual in English, Spanish, Italian, and French. Her dual training and experience in civil and common law jurisdictions allow her to understand the differences between various legal systems and structure advice accordingly. She is also actively involved in pro bono matters at the Firm.

During law school, Isabella assisted the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking in drafting the Basic Principles on the Right to an Effective Remedy for Trafficked Persons through her law school's International Human Rights Clinic. Isabella is a graduate from Duke Law School and Universidad de Carabobo (Venezuela).



CHRISTINE CLAPP
Spoken with Authority

Christine Clapp is the president of Spoken with Authority, a Washington, D.C.-based presentation skills consultancy that elevates the presence and expands the influence of professionals, and promotes inclusion in their organizations. Since 2008, Christine and her team of seven expert coaches have provided virtual and in-person training programs and coaching engagements to dozens of law firms and thousands of attorneys and legal professionals. Christine is the co-author of *Presenting Virtually: A Guide to Public Speaking in Online Contexts* (2020) as well as *Presenting at Work: A Guide to Public Speaking in Professional Contexts* (2014), and a collaborator with David Henderson and Bjørn Stillion Southard on *Let 'Em Speak*, a podcast that explores the intersection of presentation skills and inclusion. She holds two degrees in communication: a bachelor's degree from Willamette University, and a master's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. She taught public speaking to undergraduate and graduate students at The George Washington University for thirteen years.



ADRIENNE EASON-WHEATLEY

The Bank of New York Mellon

Adrienne Eason-Wheatley is Managing Counsel for The Bank of New York Mellon, where she provides pre-litigation, strategic guidance to C-Level executives and manages civil litigation matters arising from all of the bank's major business lines, including asset servicing, corporate trust, capital markets, securities finance, treasury services, investment management, and wealth management. She also manages FINRA arbitrations for Pershing.

Prior to joining BNY Mellon, Adrienne was a litigation partner at Latham & Watkins, where she advised C-Level executives and successfully litigated high-stakes, multi-billion dollar, bet the-company cases – including through mediation, arbitration, trial and appeal in state and federal courts – for Fortune 500 companies, private entities, boards of directors, board committees, and individuals in the United States, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America. She began her career representing global clients on strategy and litigation matters at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Adrienne graduated with high honors from Princeton University, with honors from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and with honors from Harvard Law School. She has served on the Board of Trustees for Princeton University, on the Board of Directors for New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, as Vice-Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Recruitment and Retention, and as a member of the Federal Courts Committee, where she chaired the subcommittee responsible for publishing a handbook on Appeals in the Second Circuit. Throughout her career, Adrienne has been deeply committed to pro bono work. She regularly serves as a speaker, panelist, and moderator for issues of critical import to the legal profession, and has received numerous industry honors and accolades, including as a contributing author to several treatises and other leading industry publications.

Adrienne, her husband Ray, and their son, Raymond, live in the New York City area.



GEORGE W. FLOWERS

Invisible Hurdle LLC

George W. Flowers is an experienced executive and leadership consultant. As an executive, he has extensive experience developing policies and procedures to improve organizational performance, and successfully developing and executing strategic plans. As an attorney, he has an established track record of regulatory compliance and facilitating transactions. For organizations and individuals, George is a collaborative thought partner who helps clients sharpen strategic vision while incorporating keen business judgment. In addition, he helps develop top-notch leadership skills and team building, with high ethical and performance standards.

In 1995, George graduated from Princeton University where he majored in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2001. Between college and law school, he served as an artillery officer in the United States Marine Corps. He started his legal career in the corporate group at Paul Weiss. Subsequently, he was in-house counsel at Merck and Schering-Plough, where he also served as the Chair of the Global Law Department Diversity Committee. Later, he served as the Executive Director of the Beginning with Children Foundation and the Harold P. Freeman Patient Navigation Institute. In addition, he was Special Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, before starting Invisible Hurdle. In addition to executive coaching for individuals, recent organizational engagements include: training at HBO and the NYC Bar Associate Leadership Institute; speaking at the American Council of Chief Defenders conference; training at the leadership retreat for La Salle University; and keynote speaker for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania Education Retreat. He is also currently working on building a non-profit for veterans and writing a book.



RYAN A. GREEN ('19)

Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.

Ryan Green is Vice President, Corporate Counsel at Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (NYSE: BR), a global Fintech leader which provides infrastructure that powers investing, corporate governance and communications and delivers technology-driven solutions to banks, broker-dealers, asset and wealth managers and public companies. Ryan supports Broadridge's Asset Management Solutions business and its Mutual Funds and Retirement Solutions business. As Corporate Counsel, he supports senior managers and their respective sales and account management teams, providing responsive, practical and ethical guidance and solutions to address the priorities of numerous internal stakeholders. Prior to joining Broadridge, Ryan practiced mergers and acquisitions and general corporate law as an associate in the New York offices of White & Case LLP and Reed Smith LLP, focusing his my practice on the representation of corporate clients, private equity funds and commercial banks in connection with domestic and global mergers, acquisitions and equity investments in a broad range of industries.

Ryan earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from The New School University and his Juris Doctor degree at Rutgers School of Law where he was an Associate Editor of the Rutgers Business Law Review.

Before entering law school, Ryan worked in the private banking division of Citibank's Global Wealth Management business unit, as a Vice President in Citi Private Bank's law firm group. While attending law school, he worked as Vice President, Business Development at Semper Capital, an independent investment management firm specializing in residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities.



PATRICIA BROWN HOLMES

Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP

RSHC Managing Partner Patricia Brown Holmes practiced law on both sides of the bench in courtrooms at every level, serving as Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, assistant U.S. attorney NDIL, assistant state's attorney for Cook County, and Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel for the city of Chicago. Patricia is the first African-American woman to manage and have her name on the door of a major law firm that is not women- or minority-owned.

Patricia is one of a handful of Illinois lawyers who have handled cases in state, city, and federal court as well as state appellate, federal appellate, and Illinois Supreme Court. She has represented a wide range of public and private corporate clients in complex commercial, regulatory, and class action litigation as well as internal investigations and crisis management.

She serves on the University of Illinois System Board of Trustees and The Chicago Network. She chairs the board of Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization. She is a former President of the Chicago Bar Association, Black Women Lawyers' Association, and Harriet's Daughters. She is a former board member of LaRabida Children's Hospital. She served in a variety of high profile appointed positions such as the Special Prosecutor in the matter of Laquan McDonald, Sole Trustee of Burr Oak Cemetery, and co-chair of the Judicial Selection Commission for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, among others.

Throughout her career, Patricia has received countless accolades for her impressive professional achievements as well as her dedication to diversity, inclusion, and equity in the legal profession. Patricia earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana.



JAMES ALEXANDER LEWIS, V

Office for Diversity & Inclusion, New York City Bar Association

James Alexander Lewis V was recently unanimously selected by a search committee to serve as the Executive Director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion of the NYC Bar.

Prior to this role, James served as a Partner and the inaugural Director of Diversity and Inclusion at the law firm of Chasan Lamparello Mallon and Cappuzzo, PC. His practice focused on employment counseling and civil litigation, including representation of corporate executives, politicians, Fortune 100 companies, financial institutions, municipalities, and non-profit organizations. Before entering private practice, James served as a law clerk for the Superior Court of New Jersey and as a law clerk for the Hon. Michael A. Shipp, U.S.D.J.

While in law school, James served on the Student Bar Association and as President of the Black Law Student Association. Due to his academic performance and service, James was recognized with several scholarships and awards, including the NYC Bar Diversity Fellowship.



JO LIVERMORE

Columbia Threadneedle Investments

Jo joined Columbia Threadneedle Investments in 2016 as HR Business Partner supporting the Investments group. In October 2016, she assumed the role of Lead HR Business Partner EMEA, with responsibility for EMEA HR business partnership as well as overall HR leadership support across the EMEA region. As a member of the Senior Leadership Team in EMEA, regional responsibilities for HR matters extends to offices based in 13 countries with a total of 780 employees, sitting within a complex global matrix structure (across US, EMEA and APAC), requiring strong stakeholder management and adaptation of solutions that meets the needs of various cultures, regulatory and legal environments. Jo has 20 years generalist HR experience working in financial and professional services organisations and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.



LORRAINE MCGOWEN

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Lorraine McGowen is a finance/restructuring partner at Orrick. For more than 30 years, she has represented clients from the US and internationally seeking to maximize their recoveries or reduce their exposure. She also advises investors and acquirers of companies. She interfaces with auditors, government regulators, investment bankers and others, and develops and implements mediation and litigation strategies and negotiates reorganization plans and complex corporate and finance documents.

She is a member of Orrick's Management Committee, and serves as Partner In Charge of its Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiatives and also co-leads Orrick's Automotive Technology & Mobility Group.

As a leading DEI advocate, Lorraine creates programs for the legal profession and for the community. She was selected as a 2019 Rainmaker by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) and as one of Savoy Magazine's Most Influential Black Lawyers for 2018 and 2015, and as Savoy's Most Influential Women in Corporate America, 2019, and received Legal Outreach's Pipeline to Diversity 2017 Champion Award and the New York City Bar Association Diversity and Inclusion 2012 Champion Award.

Among her community involvement, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession, the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and on the Advisory Committees for Legal Outreach and the Vance Center for International Justice of the NYCBA.

Lorraine received her B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law.



RUTH MERISIER ('19)

Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP

Ruth Merisier is an associate in Cadwalader's Global Litigation Group. Ruth advises clients in complex commercial disputes and corporate governance matters. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Cadwalader Black and Latino Association. Ruth demonstrates a strong commitment to pro bono work, representing clients seeking asylum under United States immigration laws. Ruth has also received the Legal Aid Society's 2016 Pro Bono Publico Award for her efforts to vacate an eviction decision against her client by the New York City Housing Authority. Ruth was included in the inaugural edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in recognition of her work in Commercial Litigation.

Ruth received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, where she served as Co-Editor in Chief of the Berkeley Journal of African American Law and Policy. Ruth earned her B.A., summa cum laude, in Political Science and Philosophy from The City College of New York (CUNY). She is admitted to practice in the State of New York.



STEVEN F. MOLO
MoloLamken LLP

Steven Molo, one of the country's leading courtroom advocates, is a founding partner of the national litigation boutique MoloLamken. He represents corporations, boards, funds, investors, inventors, and individuals in complex business litigation, white collar criminal and regulatory matters, and IP litigation. His client base is international.

Mr. Molo regularly tries civil and criminal cases before juries and judges throughout the country. He has extensive experience in post-trial and appellate advocacy as well.

He began his career as a prosecutor in Chicago, then practiced with Winston & Strawn, where he was a senior litigator and member of that firm's Executive Committee. He spent five and a half years as a litigation partner with the Wall Street firm Shearman & Sterling before founding MoloLamken in October 2009.

He has been involved in some of the most complex legal issues in U.S. courts over the past 20 years. Frequently, Mr. Molo and the firm are asked to work with other counsel in representing a client after a matter has been pending and the need for additional courtroom experience has become apparent.

He has represented many directors, CEOs, and other executives in a variety of sensitive matters.

The civil commercial matters he has handled include those involving issues of antitrust, breach of contract, fraud, shareholder rights, structured products and derivatives, insurance, RICO, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, insolvency and restructuring, defamation and privacy, securities, banking, and consumer fraud. His cases frequently involve class actions as well as individual suits. He has testified as an expert on New York commercial law in the High Court of Justice in London.

His criminal matters have included those involving issues of antitrust, mail, wire, bankruptcy and securities fraud, health care fraud, insurance fraud, environmental crimes, obstruction of justice, tax fraud, and other complex crimes. He frequently conducts internal investigations for management, boards, and audit committees. He co-authored a leading treatise, *Corporate Internal Investigations*, and has been recognized as an expert in federal court where he has testified on that topic and corporate prosecutions.

Mr. Molo has also served as trial counsel in intellectual property matters including patent, trademark, trade dress, trade secret, and copyright cases.

He serves on the editorial advisory board of *Today's General Counsel* and speaks and writes extensively on the subjects of business litigation, corporate criminal liability, and trial and appellate advocacy. He

has commented on legal topics for CNN, CNBC, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, the Chicago Tribune and other news media.

He has taught or lectured at Northwestern University Law School, Loyola University of Chicago Law School, John Marshall Law School, SMU Law School, William & Mary Law School, the University of Illinois College of Law, and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. He is also co-author and general editor of *Your Witness: Lessons on Cross-Examination and Life from Great Chicago Trial Lawyers*. For five years, he served as counsel to the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and the American Bar Foundation. He is also qualified to practice in England and Wales, on the Roll of Solicitors.



FRANCISCO J. MORALES BARRÓN ('17)

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Francisco J. Morales Barrón is a partner in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis. He primarily focuses on public and private company mergers and acquisitions and activist defense. He also counsels public company clients on corporate governance and securities matters. Francisco clerked in the Ninth Circuit in 2015-2016, and is an Associate Leadership Institute alum from the first ALI class back in 2017. Francisco is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and Yale University.



ACKNEIL M. MULDROW, III, (TREY)

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Trey Muldrow is a partner in Weil's Private Equity practice and is based in New York. Trey advises corporations, sovereign wealth groups and private equity sponsors around the world on market-leading transactions, including cross-border merger, buyout, SPAC, spinout, carve-out and divestiture transactions. Trey also has a well-recognized practice in asset manager mergers and acquisitions and complex secondaries transactions.

Prior to joining Weil, Trey was the partner in charge of the New York office of another international law firm and a member of its global Corporate Steering Committee.

Trey has been recommended for M&A by *Legal 500 US*. He was named 2015 "Private Practitioner of the Year" by the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and named among the 2013 "CUP Catalysts: Change Agents" in the area of law by the Council of Urban Professionals. Trey is Chair of the Corporation Law Committee of the New York City Bar, whose mission is to promote the development of New York laws and jurisprudence governing business entities to make the city an attractive jurisdiction for the formation of new businesses.



MUSTUFA SALEHBHAI

Morgan Stanley

Mustufa Salehbhai is a Managing Director and Global Head of Legal for Morgan Stanley Investment Management's ("MSIM") Private Credit and Real Assets businesses. He shares responsibility for oversight and management of internal legal coverage and outside counsel for MSIM's private funds business covering real assets, private credit & equity, and portfolio solutions and multi-asset global investing strategies. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley in 2006, Mustufa practiced in the venture capital and private equity group at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, CA and then at King & Spalding in Atlanta, GA. Mustufa served as a law clerk to the Honorable Frank M. Hull on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit. Mustufa graduated with Honors from the University of Virginia and received his JD from Stanford Law School.



TIFFANY J. SMITH
WilmerHale

Tiffany J. Smith has over a decade of experience advising and representing broker-dealers and other financial institutions, including financial technology companies, regarding compliance with the federal securities laws and regulations and the rules of the self-regulatory organizations. Ms. Smith's practice primarily focuses on three areas: (i) broker-dealer regulatory compliance, (ii) representing clients in connection with enforcement matters and regulatory examinations, and (iii) providing regulatory advice in connection with corporate transactions.

With respect to broker-dealer regulatory compliance, Ms. Smith often advises clients on newly adopted rules and areas of increased regulatory focus, including the rules on market access, securities trading and market activities, short sales, and issuer repurchases. Ms. Smith also has experience advising clients on the regulatory implications of new and emerging technologies (e.g., blockchain) and helping clients navigate the regulatory hurdles associated with these technologies. In addition, she counsels clients on triggers for broker-dealer registration, including those related to offshore activities and those related to the activities of financial technology companies. Finally, Ms. Smith has helped clients comment on proposed Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) rules, and represented clients seeking relief from adopted rules through the SEC and FINRA exemptive relief processes and the SEC no-action process.

Ms. Smith has experience representing clients in connection with regulatory examinations, SEC and FINRA enforcement matters, and the FINRA MC-400 Membership Continuance Process, and conducting internal investigations.

Ms. Smith often serves as regulatory counsel in connection with corporate transactions involving broker-dealers, advises clients through the FINRA new and continuing member application processes, and counsels clients on the triggers for filing a FINRA continuing member application.

At the firm, Ms. Smith has been active on the Diversity Committee, Hiring Committee, Pro Bono and Community Service Committee, and various volunteer-based initiatives. From 2016–2019, she was co-chair of firm's New York summer associate program.

While in law school, Ms. Smith was a Compliance Audit Specialist for M&T Securities. She audited personnel to ensure compliance with internal, federal and self-regulatory organization rules, and held the following securities licenses: Series 6, 7, 24, 53, 63 and 65. Ms. Smith also interned at the Investment Management Division of the SEC and the Litigation Department at FINRA.



JASON SPEARS

Cartica Management LLC

Jason Spears is Chief Compliance Officer and General Counsel at Cartica.

Prior to joining Cartica, Mr. Spears served as Vice President of Legal and Compliance at DWS Group, where he focused on the formation, structuring, marketing and regulatory compliance of private funds in the firm's alternative investments business.

Prior to DWS Group, Mr. Spears worked in the New York and Hong Kong offices of Shearman & Sterling, where he represented private fund sponsors, sovereign wealth funds, international development banks, and a number of global financial institutions. He worked with U.S. and international private equity and hedge funds and their sponsors across a variety of asset categories, including buy-out, real estate, funds of funds, debt, energy, infrastructure and transportation.

Mr. Spears earned his JD from New York University School of Law; his MBA from New York University Stern School of Business; and his BA from Morehouse College.



ALANNA RUTHERFORD

Visa Inc.

Alanna Rutherford is Vice President, Legal - Global Products, Technology, & Business Solutions at Visa Inc., where she oversees a variety of antitrust and regulatory issues, as well as a wide portfolio of work that includes, among other things, all intellectual property and European litigation.

Prior to that, Ms. Rutherford was an equity partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, where her primary practice areas were complex civil litigation and antitrust. She played a leading role in a number of successfully concluded trials and litigation matters. Among her most prominent cases were the constitutional takings case against the United States brought by AIG shareholders, which resulted in a successful trial verdict against the Government; the 9/11 World Trade Center insurance trial concerning whether the terrorist act constituted one incident or two, which resulted in a successful jury verdict for her clients; and a \$4 billion settlement on behalf of American Express in its antitrust case against Visa and MasterCard, which was then considered one of the largest settlements in history.

In addition to being the youngest and first black equity partner at her firm, Ms. Rutherford has received numerous accolades and honors, including being named to the inaugural edition of Crain's 100 Women Leading Lawyers in New York, Law 360's Rising Star – One of the top 5 trial lawyers under 40, National Law Journal's Outstanding Woman Lawyer 2015 award recipient, and Super Lawyers 2014 – 2018. Ms. Rutherford also serves on the boards of Avenues for Justice, a non-profit alternative to juvenile detention in New York, which she also chairs, and New York Live Arts.

Ms. Rutherford attended Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a senior editor of the Columbia Law Review. She also attended Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and the Institute of Political Studies ("Sciences Po") in Paris, France.



LOIS T. SALDANA ('19)

Office of the New York State Attorney General

Lois T. Saldana serves as an Assistant Attorney General in the Executive Division of the Office of the New York State Attorney General, where she focuses on civil rights cases, as well as the Office's extensive lawsuit against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and the Sackler family, for their roles in the opioid epidemic that has taken hundreds of thousands of lives.

Before joining the Office, Ms. Saldana was a member of Sullivan & Cromwell's Litigation Group. During that time, Ms. Saldana represented companies in commercial disputes, securities class actions in state and federal court, and investigations conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, and other regulatory bodies.

Ms. Saldana is a graduate of Brown University, where she concentrated in International Relations and Hispanic Studies and was awarded a Fulbright grant to teach in Cordoba, Argentina. She is also a graduate of New York University School of Law, where she served on the NYU Moot Court Board and was an AnBryce Scholar.



OSCAR T. SAUNDERS
MGG Investment Group LP

Oscar Saunders is the Deputy Chief Legal Officer and Chief Compliance Officer at MGG Investment Group LP, a multi-billion dollar private credit investment manager with offices across the United States.

Prior to joining MGG, Mr. Saunders was Special Counsel at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, where his practice focused on representing investment advisers and their clients in complex transactional, regulatory compliance and operational matters. Mr. Saunders previously worked as an Associate in the Broker-Dealer and Investment Adviser practices of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. He began his legal career in the corporate restructuring practice of Paul Hastings LLP. At Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, Mr. Saunders served as a Co-Chair of the Task Force on Racial Justice Initiatives.

Mr. Saunders received his B.A. in Economics and French from Pomona College, his M.B.A. from the New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business, where he specialized in Financial Instruments and Markets, and his J.D. from the New York University School of Law, where he served as a Managing Editor of the Journal of Law & Business and Treasurer of the Black Allied Law Students Association. Mr. Saunders spends a portion of his spare time managing Black at Big Law, a resource dedicated to promoting anti-racism in Big Law.



ALITA T. WINGFIELD

Morgan Stanley

Alita T. Wingfield is a Managing Director of Morgan Stanley and the Head of Compliance Training. Alita joined the firm in 2004 as a Director in the Legal and Compliance Division (LCD) and later served as the Head of Non-Market Risk at Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A., before returning to LCD to join Compliance. She was named Vice President in 2005, Executive Director in 2011, and Managing Director in 2021. Before joining Morgan Stanley, Alita was a litigation association in the New York City office of Paul Weiss. Alita graduated from Spelman College, summa cum laude, with a B.A. in Political Science in 1994. She also holds a J.D. from Howard University School of Law, cum laude and also obtained a LL.M. in Trial Advocacy, cum laude, from Temple University Beasley School of Law. She resides in Burlington, NJ with her husband, Eddie, and their four children.

Alita is a Co-Chair of the Legal and Compliance Division Diversity and Inclusion Network and a member of the Division's Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee. Alita is currently a Trustee and Chair of the Committee on Trustees at Doane Academy - a pre-K through 12 Episcopal independent school - where two of her four children are students.

Special thanks to the 2021 Associate Leadership Institute Planning Committee, who finalized the faculty and curriculum:

Planning Committee Members:

Randa Adra, Crowell & Moring LLP
Jonathan Barbee, MoloLamken LLP
Robert Barrow, Goldman Sachs & Co.
Sally Bergmann, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
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