

The women of Eckert Seamans are a dynamic team of professionals, possessing a wealth of knowledge, experience and talent. Individually and collectively, each is committed to providing clients with solutions that are effective, practical and smart. Their ability and keen perspective are integral to the firm's success. The achievements of Eckert Seamans women in 2014 are as numerous as they are noteworthy, as are the accomplishments of the WIE organization as a whole. We hope that you enjoy reading about these successes as much as we enjoyed sharing in them.

Internal Promotions

LaToya Winfield Bellamy and **Audrey Kwak** were promoted to Members.

In the Profession & the Community

Ellen Bailey was appointed to the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Foundation Board of Directors.

Dot Davis was elected to the Carlow University Board of Trustees.

Brett Heather Freedson participated as a Mentor for the fourth annual Mentoring Supper hosted by the Federal Communications Bar Association's (FCBA) Young Lawyers Committee and the Women's Bar Association's (WBA) Communications Law Forum.

Dacia Haddad was elected to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers and Ladies First: Mid-Atlantic Women's Public Finance Forum.

Bobbi Jacobs-Meadway was re-elected co-chair of the Women in the Profession Commission of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and appointed to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Membership Development Committee. She was also reappointed to the Birthright Board of Directors.

Kimberly S. LeBlanc was appointed President of the Washington College of Law, Black Alumni Association.

Bridget Montgomery was appointed by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to co-chair the Merit Selection Panel the Court.

Penny O'Connell was elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Faithful Friends Animal Society, Inc.

Jodi Oley was named a county coordinator of the Chester County chapter of Wills for Heroes.

Jennifer Rawson was elected Vice Chair of the Probate Division for the Real Property Probate and Trust Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Grace Strom Power was elected president of the West Windsor Democratic Club and was elected to the Executive Board of the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey as Vice President of Membership.

Sarah Shyr was elected Treasurer of the D.C. Bar Association.

Sarah Stoner was elected to the Board of Directors of the Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area.

Speaking for Eckert Seamans

Ellen Bailey, Roberta Jacobs Meadway and **Bridget Montgomery** represented Eckert Seamans as the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession celebrated its 21st Annual Conference on May 14 at the Hershey Lodge. The conference was held in conjunction with the 2014 PBA Annual Meeting. **Ellen** was the Annual Conference Co-Chair, and helped to plan the WIP Annual Conference. **Bobbi** served as moderator of the "The Leadership Ambition Gap/Sit at the Table," panel discussion, and **Bridget** was a panelist for the "It's a Jungle Gym, Not a Ladder" discussion. In addition, at the WIP Fall Retreat, **Bobbi** was on the panel of a discussion titled "Getting to the Numbers."

LaToya Winfield Bellamy was a panelist in a discussion titled "Women in the Profession" at Widener University School of Law Harrisburg's Professional Development Day.

Kate English, Allison Feldstein, Carol Marmo and **Sandra Mihok** co-presented at Eckert Seamans' Continuing Legal Education Seminar.

Allison Feldstein, Sandra Mihok and **Amy Snyder** presented at Eckert Seamans' various Human Resources Forum sessions throughout the year.

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Bobbi Jacobs-Meadway had numerous speaking engagements this year. She presented/moderated sessions titled "Fair Use and Visual Images -- Use of Photographs, Art and Sculpture in the Context of New Technologies," "Women's Professionalism: Appearance and Reality" and "Trial of a Federal Court Case," for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Program; "Mastering Copyright, Trademark and Patent Law" for The Rossdale Group CLE Program, "Transformative Uses: Derivative Works and Fair Use," for the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association Federal Circuit Year in Review; "The Leadership Ambition Gap/Sit at the Table," for the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession annual conference; "Fair Use and Plagiarism in Creating Art," for the Philadelphia New Play Initiative; and "IP Licensing in Global Economy," for ALI-CLE.

Tara Lattomus gave a civics presentation to fifth and sixth graders at Gallaher Elementary School in Newark, Delaware.

Tricia Mahlstedt was a panelist at a discussion titled "Addressing Today's Important Issues in Franchised Hotel Systems, Both Operational and Contractual," held at the 3rd Annual Hotel & Lodging Legal Summit at Georgetown University Law Center.

Bridget Montgomery presented a program titled "Welcome to the Practice of Law: Stuff They Don't Tell You In Law School" to an audience of about 50 law firm and in-house attorneys at the Dauphin County Courthouse.

Jodi Dylan Oley presented "Spoliation of the Subject Vehicle: Dude Where's Your Car?" at the DRI Product Liability Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Katherine Pomerleau presented "Social Media in Litigation" at an Eckert Seamans' Litigation Continuing Legal Education session.

Grace Strom Power, Deanne O'Dell and **Kitt Turner** co-presented "Polar Vortex Regulatory Aftershocks & Protecting Your Business in the Event of a Customer Bankruptcy," for the firm's Business of Selling Electricity audio conference.

Jennifer Rawson led two courses for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute – "Basic Real Estate for Estate Attorneys" and "Act 95 – The New POA Law." In addition, she was

a panel member/speaker for PBI's "PA's Uniform Trust Act – Pitfalls and Solutions," "Looking Under the Hood: Drafting Better Trusts to Accomplish Your Client's Estate Planning Goals" and "Fundamentals of Estate Planning." She was also a speaker for a Consol Energy Pre-Retirement Seminar titled "Estate Planning – What is it and why do you need it?"

Evelyn Sahr moderated the panel discussion titled "Passenger rights – signs of confusion?" at the IATA Legal Symposium in February, held in San Francisco.

Jessica Sharrow was a co-organizer of Progressive Development: The state of government and non-government efforts to ensure safe and reasonable natural gas extraction in the Appalachian Basin, hosted by Eckert Seamans in February. At the event, Jessica co-presented the session "Regulatory Developments in Air Permitting in Natural Gas Extraction in the Appalachian States."

Sarah Shyr, co-chair of the Women's Forum, in conjunction with the In-House Committee of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of D.C., hosted the panel "Make it Rain: Presenting Effective Business Pitches."

Jennifer Whelan spoke at the annual Asbestos Litigation Seminar CLE program in Hilton Head, at the Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar CLE Program in Dallas, and gave a presentation titled "Liens and Their Impact on Litigation" for the Boston Bar Association's CLE program.

In the News

Several WIE members contributed articles to firm-published client newsletters and alerts this year, including: **Audrey Kwak** and **Katherine Pomerleau** for *Construction Law*; **Candace Lynn Bell, Beth FitzPatrick, Bridget Heffernan Labutta** and **Evelyn Sahr** for *Legal Update*; **Grace Strom Power** for the *NJ Auto Industry Alert, Energy Alert*; **Brett Freedson** and **Evelyn Sahr** for the *Aviation Regulatory Update*; **Sarah Stoner** and **Grace Strom Power** for the *Energy and Utilities Blog*; and **Brett Freedson** and **Deanne O'Dell** for the *Telecommunications Blog*.

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Ellen Bailey co-authored "How Implicit Bias Impacts Views on Minority Attorneys" for *The Legal Intelligencer*.

Jill Cohen authored "Answering Your Questions On NJ's 'Ban-The-Box' Law," for *Law360.com*.

Jennifer Cordes co-authored an article for the *New Jersey Law Journal* titled "CERCLA Only Preempts State Statutes of Limitations on State-Law Cases."

Gabriella Cellarosi Daniel was profiled in the *Washington Business Journal* article "How I Became an Expert in Equine Law." In addition, she authored several articles for RateMyHorsePro.com, including "Selling Your Horse on Trial? 6 Provisions for a Horse Sale & Trial Agreement," "Protection for the Stable Owner when a Boarder has a Recurrent Riding Guest," "Once Bitten, Twice Shy: Exploring Equine Liability Laws," "5 Steps to Build a Better Emergency Contact Sheet for Your Boarding Stable," and "Five Common Legal Mistakes to Avoid When Establishing and Operating Your Equine Business."

Dot Davis was mentioned in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* as being elected to the Carlow University Board of Trustees.

Karen Elliott authored "Employers face new era of ADA compliance issues," for *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

Allison Feldstein discussed employment law issues on "Essential Pittsburgh," a radio talk show that airs on Pittsburgh's NPR affiliate station WESA.

Bobbi Jacobs-Meadway authored a chapter on appeals in the second edition of *A Legal Strategist's Guide to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Practice* (American Bar Association, 2014). She was also quoted in the *Counselor*, a publication from the Advertising Specialty Institute, in an article titled "Apple Claims Patent Infringement On Charger Products."

Audrey Kwak authored an article in the September 2014 issue of *Construction Claims Monthly* titled "How You Could End Up Paying The Price of a Sub's Noncompliance with a PLA."

Tara L. Lattomus authored "Not All Post-Petition Transfers Are Created Equal" for the *Delaware Business Court Insider*.

Bridget Montgomery co-authored and edited the 9th Edition of the *Middle District Manual*.

Renee Mattei Myers co-authored a *JURIST* guest column about the effects the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.* will have on employers and employees.

Grace Strom Power co-authored an auto alert that was published in *Dealer News*, a publication of the NJ Independent Automobile Dealers Association, and "Navigating New Jersey's Campaign Contribution Laws for Business Entities" for *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*. She was also quoted in an *Asbury Park Press* article titled "What do you owe for your electricity? Now you'll know" and was profiled in *NJ BIZ*.

Evelyn Sahr co-authored two chapters in a new book sponsored by the American Bar Association Forum on Air and Space Law, *Aviation Regulation in the United States* (ABA Book Publishing, 2014) — "Licensing Requirements for U.S. and Foreign Air Carriers" and "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel."

Sarah Stoner co-authored an article for the special Energy and Environmental Supplement to *The Legal Intelligencer* entitled "Benefits of Going Green with Alternative Energy."

Honors and Awards

At the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession's 21st Annual Conference in May, **Eckert Seamans** was named for the fourth time to the Honor Roll of Legal Organizations Welcoming Women Professionals. WIE was lauded for undertaking mentoring, charitable causes and business development activities and the firm was also recognized for its flexible and innovative employee relations policies.

Joan Stern received *The Legal Intelligencer's* Lifetime Achievement Award as well as the Leading Women's Award from Ladies First - The Mid Atlantic Women's Public Finance Forum.

Five WIE members were named among The Best Lawyers in America®, including **Kate English**, **Bobbi Jacobs-Meadway** (notably, named the Philadelphia

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Trademark “Lawyer of the Year”), **Sandra Mihok, Renee Mattei Myers** and **Joan Stern**.

Dot Davis, Bobbi Jacobs-Meadway, Audrey Kwak, Bridget Heffernan Labutta, Jodi Oley, Joan Stern, and Kitt Turner were selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars*, published by Thomson Reuters.

Charlotte Bednar and **Jennifer Whelan** were selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*.

Gabriella Cellarosi Daniel, Kimberly LeBlanc and **Sarah Shyr** were selected for inclusion as “Rising Stars” in the 2014 edition of *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers Magazine*, published by Thomson Reuters.

Ellen Bailey received a special recognition award from the Council of Black Faculty and Staff at Richard Stockton College, where she serves on the board.

Karen Elliott was counted among the 2014 “Virginia Legal Elite,” published by *Virginia Business* magazine in collaboration with the Virginia Bar Association.

Bobbi Jacobs-Meadway was selected for inclusion in the new trademark edition of *Expert Guides*, published by Legal Media Group.

Evelyn Sahr was selected for inclusion in the nationwide rankings in the 2014 edition of *Chambers USA* as a “Notable Practitioner” in Transportation: Aviation – Regulatory. In addition, **Bobbi Jacobs-Meadway, Joan N. Stern, Kitt Turner, and Bridget Montgomery** were selected for inclusion in the *Chambers USA* Pennsylvania rankings.

Krista Reale Samis was selected for inclusion for the second consecutive year as a Rising Star in *Delaware Super Lawyers*, published by Thomson Reuters.

Sarah Shyr has been named to Lawyers of Color’s Second Annual Hot List, which recognizes early- to mid-career minority attorneys working as in-house counsel, government attorneys, and law firm associates and partners.

Grace Strom Power was named to Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg’s 2014 “Power Women” list in *PolitickerNJ*.

Brittany Wakim received the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association James J. Manderino Award for Trial Advocacy and the Marshall Brennan Award for Excellence in Teaching and Community Service.

Office Initiatives: Harrisburg

The Harrisburg WIE chapter reprised several of its most successful annual events this year, including the Eckert Seamans Golf Open & Spa Retreat, held at the Hershey Country Club and The Spa at Hotel Hershey. Guests had their choice of golf or spa treatments as an expression of the firm’s gratitude and appreciation for their business.

Office Initiatives: Philadelphia

The Philadelphia WIE chapter hosted a wine and cheese reception in June in support of its local chapter of Dress for Success, a nonprofit organization that inspires and empowers women who otherwise would not have the resources or support to find a job and build a career. More than 50 attorneys, clients and friends of the firm participated in the professional clothing drive to benefit low-income women who are looking to enter or re-enter the workforce. The event was a success – collecting nearly 250 articles of donated interview-appropriate clothing and accessories, including 31 suits and 68 pairs of shoes.

On the evening of October 14, the Philadelphia chapter hosted a second event, the East Coast premiere of “Chocolate: The Exhibition,” at The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. The exhibition traces the story of this “food of the gods” from its origin as a unique rainforest tree to the sweet treat millions of people crave today. Guests were offered a tour of the exhibition followed by cocktails, canapés, conversation, and of course, a delicious chocolate dessert tasting.

Office Initiatives: Pittsburgh

On May 21, the Pittsburgh WIE chapter hosted and sponsored a special event at The Andy Warhol Museum to take in the glamorous first-of-its-kind fashion and art exhibition, Halston & Warhol: Silver & Suede. Halston, the late American fashion designer and friend of Andy Warhol, is remembered and celebrated for his use of

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luxe fabrics, rich colors and clean silhouettes that were effortlessly chic.

The event brought more than 100 clients and friends of the firm together for an enjoyable evening of cocktails and a guided tour of the exhibit by curator Nick Chambers. Guests received a book on Warhol's legendary career as an artist and an "Andy" Smiley Cookie that captured the eccentric artist in icing.

Office Initiatives: Washington, D.C.

On June 18, the WIE D.C. chapter hosted a lovely evening at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in downtown Washington, D.C. The well-attended event included a private tour of some of the Gallery's 19th and 20th-century American and European art, contemporary art, photography, and decorative art, followed by a networking cocktail reception. To celebrate the World Cup, the museum provided guests with the opportunity to enjoy the lovely sounds of a Brazilian Samba band.