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ROBIN

ADELSTEIN

Head of antitrust and competition
NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

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Before joining Norton Rose Fulbright, Robin



Adelstein served as a key legal official for large-scale firms including health care giant Novartis and alcohol beverage leader Diageo. She brings this wealth of experience to her work with the firm, where she litigates complex commercial disputes, class actions and multi-jurisdictional cases before U.S. federal and state courts. Companies trust Adelstein to advise them on antitrust issues arising in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and trade association activities. Adelstein also shares her knowledge as a frequent speaker at summits and panel discussions focused on health care and life sciences.

TERRI ADLER

Managing partner
DUVAL & STACHENFELD

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At Duval & Stachenfeld,

Terri Adler oversees one of the largest real estate practice groups in New York City. During a career that has spanned more than two decades, Adler has gained a range of expertise in the real estate field, with a particular focus on complex joint ventures and corporate transactions. Adler founded the women's initiative at Duval & Stachenfeld and is actively involved in mentoring and assisting young female attorneys both within and outside her firm. She regularly speaks on women's issues in the legal and real estate industries and is a member of WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate.



In 1886, New York State admitted the first woman, Kate Stoneman, to its bar association[†]

MERIAM AL-RASHID

Partner
DENTONS

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As a member of Dentons' litigation and dispute resolution practice group, Meriam Al-Rashid focuses on public international law and investment, commercial arbitration and risk management. Her international practice has included arbitrations before the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, London Court of International Arbitration, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and International Chamber of Commerce. Al-Rashid shares her experiences as an adjunct professor of law at Fordham Law School teaching investment arbitration. Her pro bono legal activities include work for Human Rights Watch regarding proposed rules on crimes against humanity and the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project in their efforts to resettle refugees.



RENA ANDOH

Partner
SHEPPARD MULLIN

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Along with her role as a member of the business trials practice group, Rena Andoh counsels clients on practical and legal issues relating to forensic preservation and analysis of electronic devices. Her broad-ranging litigation practice has given her substantial trial and arbitration hearing experience, including acting as lead counsel in complex commercial matters. Her clients have included firms in the entertainment, financial, manufacturing, technology and pharmaceutical industries. Recently, Andoh was named vice-chair of Sheppard Mullin's firmwide diversity and inclusion committee, a group that gives attorneys of color a forum to address issues of interest within the firm and the broader legal community.



"If clients retain women as the lead attorney on matters, it will directly result in women attaining more power within law firms, which will, in turn, fundamentally alter the legal landscape on diversity."*

ANTONIA APPS

Partner
MILBANK TWEED HADLEY & MCCLOY

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A former federal prosecutor and lauded trial attorney,



Antonia Apps represents financial institutions, corporations and executives in a range of regulatory enforcement proceedings, white-collar criminal investigations and complex commercial litigation. She also advises hedge funds on securities trading and compliance matters. Prior to joining Milbank in 2014, Apps spent more than seven years as an assistant U.S. attorney, where she led some of the government's highest-profile securities fraud and insider trading cases. Apps also teaches a course on white collar criminal law and procedure at Harvard Law School and is a frequent speaker and commentator on white collar and securities enforcement issues.

MICHELE ARBEENY

Partner
WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF

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Michele Arbeeny concentrates her practice on real estate finance, municipal finance and trade finance transactions. Arbeeny maintains a successful track record of representing financial institutions and nonprofits in all aspects of secured and unsecured financing, including acquisition loans, construction loans and revolving and term loans. She also represents financial institutions and developers in affordable housing transactions. In 2017, Arbeeny spearheaded the formation of Windels Marx Women, a group of legal professionals who organize around business development, networking and mentoring opportunities. She was also the leading force behind the firm's establishment of a scholarship devoted to advancing diversity in law schools and the workplace.



NICOLE ARGENTIERI

Partner
O'MELVENY

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A skilled litigator and former federal prosecutor, Nicole Argentieri advises corporations, board members and executives on internal investigations, criminal defense, regulatory compliance and related civil litigation. Since joining O'Melveny earlier this year, Argentieri has amassed a growing list of high-powered clients. During her decade-long tenure as an assistant U.S. attorney, Argentieri led and supervised complex investigations and prosecutions, including a civil rights case charging a Bureau of Prisons lieutenant with the repeated sexual assault of a female inmate under his supervision. She has also lectured at Columbia University Law School, where she co-taught two courses on federal litigation and federal criminal prosecutions.



SONIA BAIN

Partner
BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER

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Sonia Bain is a transactional commercial real estate lawyer who represents developers, retail companies, landlords and tenants, hotel groups and family offices. Bain is an expert in matters ranging from acquisitions, dispositions and development to the financing and leasing of numerous types of commercial real estate assets. She is a frequently sought-after speaker, moderator and panelist on topics related to the real estate industry. A passionate supporter of fostering the success of talented women in the workforce, Bain also co-chairs the WX Mentoring Committee, an organization that promotes and supports women in commercial real estate.

