

OnRamp Fellowship Pilot Program Meet the 2014-16 Fellows

2014 Inaugural Fellows

Sheila Bridges

Cooley, Business Litigation, San Francisco

A University of Chicago Law School graduate, Sheila Bridges practiced three years as a litigation associate for two top law firms in San Francisco and Boston before taking a brief hiatus to focus on family matters and raising her daughter. During her six-year break from the private sector, Sheila served as a pro bono attorney for the Women's Bar Foundation Family Law Project in Boston, where she represented battered women on their divorce and custody proceedings. She also studied the legal profession, politics, and the courts, earning a Masters in Philosophy with honors from the University of Cambridge, and a Master's in Government, *magna cum laude*, from Cornell.

Dora de la Rosa

Sidley, Real Estate, Los Angeles

One of five children of Mexican immigrants, Dora de la Rosa graduated from University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, and returned home to Southern California to practice law. After 13 years as a litigator, Dora left the legal practice to spend more time with her young children and serve the local school district. During her time away from the law, Dora chaired a school bond campaign, which raised over \$67 million, and served for eight years on the local school board, including two terms as its elected President. While on the Board, she was exposed to a variety of issues that piqued her interest in real estate law on the transactional side. She is also in the midst of a two-year term as an appointed member of the L.A. County Commission for Women, serves as the Chair of the Finance Advisory Committee for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and is a Board Member for the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club.

Dana Glenn

Hogan Lovells, Corporate, Washington, D.C.

While earning her J.D. from Fordham University Law School, Dana Glenn also took classes across town at Columbia University Business School to earn an M.B.A. After practicing for two years in New York and California, she returned home to Detroit, Michigan where she worked at a local firm for another year. Dana spent the next eight years following her dream of running a successful, small business. When she was ready to return to the practice of law, she headed to Georgetown and earned an LL.M. in Taxation. In addition to her graduate studies, she graciously offered her time to the DC Volunteer Law Project, providing legal assistance to low-income residents of the District.

Heather Hewitt

Baker Botts, Litigation, Houston

Heather Hewitt began her legal career following graduation from the University of Texas School of Law as a clerk for Judge Joe J. Fisher of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. In her subsequent years of practice, Heather focused on complex commercial litigation, including energy

law, with a boutique law firm founded by several well-respected former BigLaw partners. During her 15-years hiatus from practice, Heather was an active leader at her children's schools and fostered rescue dogs for Friends for Life. She also put her fluent French skills to use as a translator for the Tahirih Justice Center, which provides direct legal services to immigrant women and girls fleeing violence.

Mary Klumpp

Cooley, Trademark, Washington, DC

After graduating from Fordham Law School, where she was a member of *Law Review*, Mary joined a top law firm where she had clerked since her 2L summer in the Trademark and Copyright Section. She left practice to raise two children and to support her husband's military career, which resulted in seven moves over the course of her nearly 12-year hiatus. During her time away from full-time work, Mary was actively involved in military spouse advocacy, including as a member of the Military Officers' Association of America Spouse Council. She also lent her legal skills working as a volunteer for the AMC Staff Judge Advocate Office at Scott Air Force Base and researching and writing on the issue of bar admissions for the Military Spouse JD Network.

Yvette Lanneaux

Baker Botts, Finance, New York

A Harvard Law School graduate, Yvette Lanneaux practiced corporate law at several major law firms and corporations in New York and Tokyo, Japan, concentrating on joint ventures and licensing for computer services, software, and pharmaceutical companies. She stepped away from full-time work for family reasons for almost 13 years, but maintained her professional ties and legal skills during her hiatus by working in contract positions in law firms and corporate legal departments in a variety of practice areas, including compliance, licensing, and general corporate law. As the practice of law continues to evolve globally, Yvette has provided incredible value to the companies she has worked for by using her Japanese language skills and cultural knowledge to bridge gaps between the Asian and Western legal practices.

Mimi Ophir

Sidley, Global Finance, New York

Mimi Ophir spent six years of practice developing an expertise in derivative product development and distribution for investment bank and corporate clients. At Boston University School of Law, she served as a Case & Note Editor for the *American Journal of Law and Medicine* and had a Note published. During her 16-year hiatus to raise her two children, Mimi has served on the Board of her children's school Parent's Association and volunteered for the Pace Women's Justice Center Helpline. She is fluent in Korean and spent one year of her undergraduate career studying at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea.

Lori Trujillo

Sidley, Corporate, Tech/IP Transactions, Los Angeles

While earning a JD/MBA from Pepperdine University, Lori Trujillo served on the *Law Review* and was selected as a Fellow for the Geoffrey H. Palmer Center for Entrepreneurship & the Law. With a B.S. in Biology, she developed an expertise in intellectual property law, drafting and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of areas, including: biotech, semiconductors, and green technology. During

her years of practice, she regularly interacted with foreign associates from around the globe, and developed a special understanding for the nuances key to doing global business. Lori further broadened her expertise to include negotiating and drafting agreements for a variety of complex IP transactions. During her hiatus from practice, she focused on caring for her children and further expanded her interests and knowledge in entrepreneurship and new technologies.

Pamela Zdunek

Sidley, Global Finance, Chicago

After graduating from Southern Methodist University School of Law as a member of the Order of the Coif, Pamela Zdunek began her career practicing corporate and securities law for a top Chicago law firm. During her 20-year hiatus from full-time work, she was actively involved with her four children's schools and activities and provided pro bono legal services in a variety of areas. Pam also helped lead the transformation of her local theater company into a nationally acclaimed organization as a member of its Board of Directors. Additionally, she has been involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation/Ron Santo Walk for the Cure.

2015 Fellows

Natasha Hanson Allen

Pillsbury, Corporate & Securities, San Francisco

Natasha Hanson Allen earned her J.D. from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and her Master of Taxation from the University of Waterloo in Toronto. She worked three years as a Senior Tax Consultant and Manager in International Tax for Deloitte & Touche in Toronto before spending a year serving as a Law Clerk for the Tax Court of Canada. After working for two leading law firms in Vancouver, Canada, she joined Ernst & Young as a Manager and then Senior Manager in the Transaction Tax Group. For family reasons, Natasha relocated from Canada to California and took a hiatus from practicing. During her hiatus and while studying for the California Bar, Natasha became involved in a number of Bay Area professional and service-oriented organizations, including Destination Law School, Code for Fun, and F50. She serves as a Board Member for Leading Women in Technology and Black Women Lawyers of Northern California ("BWLNC").

Susan Henderson Diamond

Sidley, Global Finance, Dallas

After graduating from Duke University Law School, Susan Henderson Diamond joined Gardere & Wynne (now Gardere Wynn Sewell) in Dallas as an associate in the corporate department. In her fourth year, she was asked to join a small group of attorneys who founded Hallet & Perrin (formerly Crouch & Hallet), where she began as an associate and then was promoted to partner. After 13 years of practice concentrating on corporate and securities law, Susan left her practice to care full time for her children. During her 14-year hiatus, she volunteered extensively at her children's schools and in her community and took classes to learn Spanish, including two short stints living and studying abroad with her son. Susan also became active in politics, voter registration initiatives, and a non-profit program that represents children seeking asylum in the United States.

Demetra V. Frawley

White & Case, Litigation, New York

Demetra “Demi” Frawley began her legal career after graduating from Brooklyn Law School as a litigation associate at Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts. After 10 years, she joined Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett as a Senior Attorney. Demi then began a 14-year hiatus from legal practice to focus on raising her three children. During that time, she served four years as an Adjunct Instructor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, teaching Legal Writing for First Year Law Students and Fundamentals of Legal Drafting. She later held the role of Interim Manager – Office of Attorney and Professional Development at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. She also was active in the Bedford Central School District, chairing and serving on multiple committees for fundraising, scholarships, and parent/teacher interaction. As she prepared to return to practice, Demi completed the Pace University New Directions for Attorneys program in January 2015.

Marjorie Flannigan MacLachlan

Pillsbury, Litigation, New York

Marjorie Flannigan MacLachlan served as a litigation associate for nearly 10 years at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett before taking a 19-year hiatus from legal practice when her daughter was born. During her break, she spent five years with Richard C. Breeden & Co. as a Managing Director, monitoring a Big Four accounting firm’s compliance with a government imposed remediation agreement. After the monitorship ended, Marjorie became a legal recruiter for The PeterSan Group, managing lateral placements of in-house counsel and law firm partners. She also served as an Advisory Council Member of the New York Landmarks Conservancy and provided pro bono legal assistance for the New York City Bar Association’s Monday Night Law Program. Marjorie graduated *cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was an editor for *Law and Policy in International Business*.

Lynn Fradkin

Jenner & Block, Real Estate, Chicago

After graduating from University of Colorado Law School, Lynn Fradkin began her career as an associate at a mid-sized law firm handling commercial real estate matters. She subsequently served as Counsel/Section Chief at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Corporate Counsel at a safety testing organization, and Senior Attorney at Arthur Andersen LLP. After taking a hiatus to stay home with her young daughter, she served as Commercial Counsel for Motorola Solutions, Inc. She joins the Fellowship program after an additional hiatus during which she cared for family members with serious health issues. During her first hiatus, Lynn became heavily involved in school and community activities, which included founding a mother-daughter book club. During her most recent hiatus, Lynn served as a law clerk for a law school professor, assisting with research on health care and privacy law issues for two classes.

Lynne M. Glass

Fox Rothschild, Litigation, Princeton, NJ

After graduating with Honors from the University of Michigan Law School, Lynne M. Glass served as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Charles W. Joiner (E.D. Mich.). Lynne was a litigation associate for five years with Sullivan & Cromwell and Kelley Drye in New York, and she worked a further three years as a legal editor for Brownstone Publishers, Inc., a position from which she

resigned when her first child was born. She spent the next 14 years as a stay-at-home parent, active in a purely voluntary capacity with the Girl Scouts, Princeton Education Foundation, and as a library aide in the Princeton Public Schools. In order to freshen her legal skills at the conclusion of this period, Lynne successfully sat for the New Jersey bar exam in 2014, and served as a Volunteer Associate in Public Service with the New Jersey State Attorney General's Office, where she prosecuted criminal appeals for the Division of Criminal Justice.

Kathy Herman

Blank Rome, Corporate M&A and Securities, Philadelphia

Kathy Herman began her legal career after graduating from University of Pittsburgh School of Law, working for 10 years at three Philadelphia law firms, including as a senior associate in Drinker Biddle & Reath's Corporate and Securities group. From there, she transitioned to in-house roles, serving for a year as Corporate Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary and then for five years as Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary at two publicly traded companies. Kathy then served as a legal consultant in project roles with various companies undergoing extraordinary transactions. Kathy took a four-year hiatus to care for her ill parents, during which time she also took a number of education courses to expand both her legal and non-legal knowledge base. She also has been involved in a number of large-scale community-based performance projects, including Le Grand Continental and 100% Philadelphia.

Michelle Lee

Fish & Richardson, Patent Litigation & Trademark, New York

Michelle Lee practiced for 15 years in law firms and in-house before taking a nearly three-year hiatus to be home with her young children. Following her graduation from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, she worked three years as an associate before moving in-house, then returning to a small firm as a senior associate to launch its intellectual property practice. Michelle then worked for five years as Senior Counsel, IP & Litigation, for MTV Networks (now Viacom Media Networks). While working, she also earned an LL.M. from New York University School of Law in Intellectual Property and served as an Adjunct Professor in Research and Writing at New York Law School.

Adaku Nwachukwu

Cooley, Technology Transactions/IP Licensing, Washington, DC

Adaku Nwachukwu has a Bachelor of Science in Cell, Molecular Biology and Genetics from the University of Maryland, a Master of Science in Biotechnology from Johns Hopkins University, and a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School. She worked for nearly six years as an in-house Technology Transfer Associate, Licensing and Patenting Manager, and Patent Attorney for organizations including the National Institutes of Health, The Institute for Genomic Research, and an IP law firm. With three young children at home, Adaku took a more than three-year break from law practice, during which time she worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a Technology Transfer Specialist. During her hiatus, she donated her time to the Public Interest Intellectual Property Advisors, serving as a Case Documentation Volunteer. Adaku also serves in her church as an Altar Guild member, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and a Lector.

Seong-Mi Oh

Sidley, Real Estate, New York

Seong-Mi Oh earned her J.D. from New York University School of Law and practiced in real estate at Kelley Drye & Warren and Robinson Silverman Pearce Arohson and Berman in New York for three-and-a-half years. When her daughter was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, Seong-Mi stepped away from full-time practice. After her daughter fully recovered, she extended her hiatus to care for her children while they were young. During that time, she maintained a part-time personal practice through which she managed the sales and purchases of residential properties and the construction of a multi-million dollar home. During the final year of her 14-year hiatus, Seong-Mi served as a volunteer attorney for Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee, representing low-income tenants in landlord-tenant court.

Melissa Paddock

Goodwin Procter, Life Sciences Licensing, Boston

Melissa Paddock earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering with High Distinction from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and worked four years as an engineer for Hoffmann-LaRoche before attending law school. After graduating *cum laude* from Boston University School of Law, she served 11 years as an intellectual property associate and senior counsel for Kenyon & Kenyon and Goodwin Procter, primarily focusing on pharmaceutical patent litigation. During a five-year hiatus, Melissa studied mediation, negotiation and dispute resolution, and conflict management and also represented domestic violence victims through the Women's Bar Foundation and mediated family law, small claims, and summary process cases. She is thrilled to be returning to Goodwin Procter and shifting her practice to licensing and other technology transactions on behalf of life science companies.

Kirsten Pullin

Covington & Burling, Employee Benefits, Washington, DC

Kirsten Pullin specialized in employee benefits for eight years as a law firm associate for two mid-sized firms and as a legal consultant for Aon Hewitt before stepping away from practice due to a health issue. Because acupuncture was an integral part of her recovery, she chose to study and earn a Masters degree in the practice from Maryland University of Integrative Health ("MUIH"), where she also became an adjunct faculty member and clinical supervisor. Kirsten returned to legal practice to serve as Tax and Benefits Counsel for Workplace Flexibility 2010 at Georgetown University School of Law and then as an associate for a small firm. A serious illness precipitated additional time away from legal practice. As she recovered, Kirsten continued in her adjunct faculty role at MUIH and then served as its' Interim Academic Director, Applied Integrative Health and Health Management, where she focused on designing, delivering, and teaching courses in ethics, legal issues, practice building, and practice management.

Shalu Rastogi

Blank Rome, Finance, New York

Shalu Rastogi worked as a legal assistant for White & Case while studying as an undergraduate at New York University. She later graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was an editorial board member of the Virginia Journal of International Law. Shalu worked for seven years as a corporate and banking associate for several firms, including Pryor Cashman Sherman &

Flynn. When she stepped away from full-time practice to start and raise a family, she chose to take contract and staff positions in securities litigation that would provide her with flexibility as well as exposure to a new, but related, practice area. After ten years away, Shalu is excited to return to full-time work in her initial practice area.

Elizabeth Rippetoe

Hogan Lovells, Finance, Washington, DC

After graduating from Vanderbilt University School of Law, Elizabeth “Beth” Rippetoe worked as an associate in the Corporate & Bank Finance group at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York. Upon relocating to Charlotte, North Carolina, she became a corporate associate for a regional mid-sized firm. Beth then joined Cogentrix Energy as Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary and was ultimately promoted to Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. After spending a year as Executive Director and Senior Counsel for Goldman Sachs International in London, she returned to New York to serve as Associate General Counsel of Terra Gen Power and then took a 3-year hiatus to manage personal matters.

Vinella Sido

Orrick, Capital Markets, Silicon Valley

Vinella Sido earned her LL.B. from University of Jos in Nigeria and her LL.M. from University of London (Queen Mary College). After working for Barclays Bank in London for two years, she immigrated to the United States and joined the Corporate and Securities department at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman (formerly Pillsbury Madison & Sutro). From there, Vinella spent 12 years in-house working for four corporations, rising to the level of Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary at her last position. She then returned to law firm life at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, before she took a hiatus when her spouse’s job took them to Montgomery, Alabama. During her three-year hiatus, Vinella focused her energies on helping her son prepare for and apply to college; her son is now a student at Stanford.

Irene M. Ten Cate

Jenner & Block, Litigation, New York

Irene M. Ten Cate earned an LL.B. from the University of Amsterdam and a J.D. and LL.M. as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar at Columbia Law School. She was a corporate associate for Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Brussels, Belgium before transitioning to litigation and international arbitration as an associate for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York. Irene took a 5-year hiatus from practicing to serve as an Associate-in-Law at Columbia Law School and then as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Marquette University Law School, where she taught Civil Procedure, Business Associations, and Pretrial Practice. Her academic writing has been published in the *Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities*, *N.Y.U. Journal of International Law & Politics*, and the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*. Irene is an active amateur cellist and has performed in chamber music and orchestra concerts in venues in the U.S., Europe, and China.

Emily Terrell

Cooley, IP Litigation, Washington, DC

Upon graduating Order of the Coif from Loyola Law School, Emily Terrell worked as an associate in the Litigation and Intellectual Property practice groups at Kirkland & Ellis. She then served a one-

year clerkship for the Honorable Audrey B. Collins of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, after which she began a four-year hiatus to stay home with her small children. During her hiatus, Emily also relocated with her family to Washington, DC, and in 2011 she returned to the practice of law part-time and served as counsel for two alternative model firms. She has a B.S. in Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering from Purdue University and worked as an engineer for Boeing Space Systems prior to starting law school.

Brenna Woodley

Sidley, Labor & Employment, Chicago

Brenna Woodley spent more than ten years as an associate and partner in Schiff Hardin's Labor & Employment and Employee Benefits practice groups before taking a seven-year hiatus to stay home with her son. At the start of her hiatus, she became a Trustee for Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois. After one year Brenna became the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, a position she held for four years before being named the Chairman of the Board. She also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Chicagoland Lutheran Education Foundation for five years. In 2010, Brenna founded Bundle of Joy Diaper Bank, an entirely volunteer run non-profit organization that collects and distributes diapers to 27 food pantries and social services agencies throughout Chicago; to date it has given away more than 1.2 million diapers to families in need. She received her law degree from University of Wisconsin Law School, where she served as Senior Managing Editor of the *Wisconsin Law Review*.

2016 Fellows

Linda Alpert

Barclays, Compliance, New York

Linda Alpert is a lawyer who spent 21 years at Citigroup Global Markets, rising to the position of Senior Vice President, Associate General Counsel, Litigation Unit. Prior to beginning her 10-year hiatus to care for her ailing father and teenaged children, she led an SEC investigation at Pryor Cashman. During her hiatus Linda wrote about compliance and legal issues pertaining to the financial industry for Bloomberg LLP and worked part-time for a real estate firm. She also continued to stay involved with the industry as a FINRA arbitrator and mediator, which helped her to remain current with regulatory developments. A *cum laude* graduate of Brooklyn Law School, she is proficient in Hebrew and speaks basic French.

Eileen Bermingham

Barclays, Compliance, New York

Eileen Bermingham began her financial services career as an asset-backed trader for Drexel Burnham Lambert, where she participated in an extensive training program after which she was placed on the mortgage desk. She later worked as a sales associate in global capital markets for Bankers Trust Securities before she switched her focus to portfolio management. After two years at Cowen & Company, Eileen joined Loews Corporation, where she stayed for 19 years as the Head of Structured Credit, Senior Portfolio Manager. During her four-year hiatus, she consulted with a model documentation team to help a large New York financial institution become compliant with Federal Reserve Bank regulatory requirements. Eileen graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree

in Electrical Engineering from Lafayette College and earned an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business.

Carnell Cherry

Loeb & Loeb, Advanced Media & Technology, Washington, D.C.

While studying at the University of Virginia School of Law (UVA), Carnell Cherry served as a clinic associate at the UVA Patent Foundation and a summer associate at Johnson & Freeman and at Proskauer Rose LLP. After law school, she became an intellectual property and corporate associate at Proskauer Rose, and then worked in-house for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. While practicing, she was committed to pro bono service, earning New York State Bar Association Empire State Counsel® honors in 2009 and Proskauer's Pro Bono Golden Gavel Award in 2008. Carnell took a hiatus from law practice to earn a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. She is excited to return to a practice that incorporates the media and technology aspects of her intellectual property experience with her corporate skills.

Ana Daniels

Cooley, Life Sciences, Washington, D.C.

Ana Daniels' professional career focuses on commercial transactions involving intellectual property rights in the life sciences, technology, and entertainment industry sectors. Upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania Honors Program, she received a Masters degree from Kings College and a Post Graduate diploma from the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London. Combining her passion for international art with applied sciences, Ana attained her law degree at the American University, Washington College of Law, where she was a senior staff writer for the *Journal of International Law & Policy* and an active member of the Hispanic American Law Association. Ana's work as an associate at Covington & Burling led to her appointment as General Counsel of Novavax, Inc. (NASDAQ), a clinical-stage vaccine and women's health company. She has taught Intellectual Property and Computer Software as an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law. In the aftermath of 9/11, Ana voluntarily placed her career on hold to support her country overseas. A longtime advocate for children at risk, Ana has served as President and CEO for the National Association for Children of Alcoholics. Her dedication to local community has included *pro bono* work with Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Head Start programs.

Catherine Doyle

Jenner & Block, Litigation, Chicago

Catherine Doyle earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and subsequently worked for five years as a litigation associate in the Chicago offices of Foley & Lardner LLP and Mayer Brown LLP. Her practice spanned a variety of complex commercial disputes ranging from professional liability to toxic torts. She then stepped away from full-time legal practice for a 6-year hiatus, during which time she traveled frequently and eventually lived overseas, started a family, and cared for an ill family member. In between her travel and family obligations, she worked on contract document review projects, becoming highly proficient in multiple eDiscovery platforms. After settling permanently back in the United States, she served as an Analyst-Legal Document Review Team Leader for Huron Consulting Group. At Huron, she was a member of project leadership teams managing up to 300+ attorney contractors coding more than 1 million documents.

Chelsea Ferrette

Cooley, Corporate, Washington, D.C.

Chelsea was a member of *Law Review* and graduated in the top third of her law school class, while concurrently earning a Masters in International Political Economics from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. She has 11 years of corporate, securities, and financial services experience in-house at Citigroup and Arnold & Porter, and as a solo practitioner and clinical teaching fellow at the University of Baltimore School of Law - Community Development Clinic. She took a hiatus to care for her children, during which she taught a law course as an adjunct professor at Catholic University. Chelsea is also an avid soccer player.

Alice Hur

Barclays, Compliance, New York

Alice Hur began her career as an M&A Analyst and then a Financial Analyst for IBM. After five years, she switched her focus and was hired by Morgan Stanley as an Equity Research Analyst covering the IT hardware sector. A family illness precipitated her departure from Morgan Stanley after three years, as she and her husband relocated to Texas to be of assistance. After returning to New York, Alice resumed her career as a research analyst, first in the Telecom Services Sector for Mizuho Securities, and then in the Software Sector for Janney Capital Markets. She left Janney in early 2014 after the birth of her daughter. Alice earned a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Engineering – Operations Research from Columbia University.

Kimberly King

White & Case, Bank Finance, Los Angeles

After graduating from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Kimberly King practiced law for 18 years before taking a hiatus to raise her daughter. She spent her first five years of practice as a corporate associate at Gibson Dunn before she was recruited to KB Home to serve as Corporate Secretary to the Board of Directors. For the next 13 years she handled all of KB Home's corporate transactional and compliance matters, and at the time of her departure she was Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. She also served for four years as Vice President and General Counsel for the corporation's \$1 billion mortgage lending subsidiary. Most recently, prior to returning to a law firm through the Fellowship, Kimberly was the Managing Director and General Counsel of a financial valuation firm. She is currently training as a Red Cross disaster volunteer and is an avid outdoorsperson and artist.

Gina Nellesen

Fish & Richardson, Patent Prosecution, Silicon Valley

After earning a BS in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and an MS in Biology from the University of California, San Diego, Gina Nellesen worked for five years prior to law school as a research technician, chemistry instructor, technical writer, and Senior Bioinformatics Associate. While attending law school at Santa Clara, where she was Lead Content Editor for the *Computer & High Technology Law Journal*, she worked full-time as a Patent Agent and Writer for Incyte Pharmaceuticals. Upon graduating with her J.D., Gina became an Associate Patent Attorney at Perkins Coie then lateraled to a boutique firm, Bozicevic, Field & Francis. During her five-year hiatus, she worked as a solo practitioner specializing in the procurement and protection of intellectual property.

Aretina Papagiannopoulos

Sidley, FDA Regulatory, Washington, DC

After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she served as a technical editor for the Virginia Journal of Law and Technology, Aretina “Tina” Papagiannopoulos clerked for one year for the Honorable James C. Chapin of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland. She then worked as an associate for a small law firm where her practice primarily focused on litigation, including antitrust, unfair competition, and trade secrets matters. She stepped away from full-time practice after three years to spend more time with her children and support her husband’s business. During the last two years of her 11-year hiatus, Tina completed an LL.M. at Georgetown University Law Center, where she focused on health law and policy and earned a certificate in Food and Drug Law. While studying for her LL.M., she completed internships at the Food and Drug Administration, Federal Trade Commission, and the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Sheri Porath Rockwell

Sidley, Litigation, Los Angeles

Sheri Porath Rockwell earned her J.D. from the University of Southern California School of Law, where she received the Shattuck Award for High Potential for Outstanding Service to the Legal Profession & Contribution to Law School. She then completed a one-year clerkship at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas for the Honorable George P. Kazen. After her clerkship, Sheri worked for seven years as a litigation associate for Greenberg Glusker, where she handled all stages of complex business litigation and trials. During her 17-year hiatus, she cared for her mother and raised her children and provided part-time legal assistance to a family business. During the latter years, she served as the General Counsel and Vice President of Operations for an affordable housing property management company. Sheri is also actively involved in her community, having taken on several leadership roles, including as president of her synagogue.

Dianne Salesin

Cooley, Public Companies & Capital Markets, San Francisco

After graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, Dianne Salesin began her legal career as a corporate and securities associate at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe. From there she joined Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, where she was an associate for five years and a partner for three. Her experience included mergers and acquisitions, corporate financings, and counseling companies regarding securities law compliance and corporate communications. She also served as the firm’s Director of Corporate and Securities Group Resources. In that role she designed and developed an online resource of corporate forms used in practice and training and oversaw the corporate education and paralegal committees. During her hiatus, Dianne became involved with the Rochester General Hospital Association, serving on its Board of Directors for 12 years, including a two-year term as President of the Board. In this role, she led and worked with outside advisers on such matters as contract negotiations, corporate governance, audit compliance, investments, strategic planning, and fundraising guidelines. Dianne is looking forward to using her legal and non-profit experience to advise clients on investments and transactions related to public companies and capital markets.

Sigrid Usen

Skadden, M&A, Boston

Sigrid Mendel Usen graduated from Georgetown University Law Center, *cum laude*, where she served as the Senior Lead Articles Editor of *Law and Policy in International Business*. She spent her first seven years in practice as a corporate associate at Sidley Austin (f/k/a Brown & Wood) specializing in securities law, providing clients with advice related to public and private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital transactions, and general corporate matters including financings, bank loans, commercial paper transactions, partnerships and trusts. Directly following that role she became a Vice President and Senior Counsel at Merrill Lynch, where she advised the High Yield Trading Department on high yield bond trading, sales and syndicate, and secondary bank loan trading. Sigrid also served as a member of the High Yield Commitment Committee and participated in the formation of the Loan Syndications and Trading Association. During her hiatus, Sigrid served as the Administrator and Executor of several estates, managing investment portfolios, marketing and sales of commercial and residential real estate, litigation, engagement and supervision of outside counsel, and business succession. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Vermont College of Arts and Sciences and is a Life Member of the Friends of Dana Farber Cancer Institute. She is looking forward to re-entering law practice with Skadden's M&A practice group.

Tiffany Williamson

Goodwin Procter, Business Law & Real Estate Capital Markets, New York

While earning her J.D. from the University of Columbia School of Law, Tiffany Williamson served as a member of the Journal of Asian Law and co-founded the Society for Chinese Law. After graduating, she worked for over six years at Davis Polk & Wardwell, focusing on U.S. and international securities transactions. She represented U.S. corporations, foreign private issuers, and investment banks in complex capital markets, corporate finance, and regulatory matters in the firm's New York and London offices. During her hiatus, she managed family responsibilities, traveled internationally, and played poker professionally. She is conversant in Mandarin Chinese.