



## 2023 Women's Initiative Program

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October 25, 2023 | Fairmont Chicago | Chicago, Illinois

### **NOBODY PUTS BABY IN THE CORNER: THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES THAT COME WITH BEING A LEADER**

The past few years have seen a rise in the number of women attaining leadership positions in law firms. In this program we will learn, through shared experiences, what being a leader really means and how to enjoy the benefits and cope with the challenges presented. What does a woman leader look like? Perception can be more important than fact – so how are women leaders perceived? Are the stereotypes true? Must you reach the point of burnout to be successful? Is there a way to manage your stress while being fully committed to work and family? We will delve into answering these questions and encourage each other to harness their own leadership skills to be the most effective (and peaceful) leader in the firm.



**Kimberly Harris**

*Women's Initiative 2023 Program Chair*

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### **ALFA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S INITIATIVE PRACTICE GROUP LEADERSHIP**



**Cate Jackson**

*Women's Initiative Practice Group Chair*

GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia



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*Women's Initiative Practice Group Marketing Chair*

TIEFENBACHER  
Heidelberg, Germany

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 A.M.– 11:45 A.M.

**GAME NIGHT (& DAY) OUT!**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Meet in the lobby at 9:00 a.m. to board a shuttle to the venue.

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Game Time!

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Return to Fairmont Chicago

Come together with your fellow women attorneys for a morning of fun! Game Night Out is a fully host-guided game experience with an impressive selection of all-original games. With outrageously fun live hosts leading the way, you will be laughing and having a blast all morning long.

*Separate registration required.*

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

**WOMEN'S INITIATIVE REGISTRATION, LUNCH & NETWORKING**

Fairmont Chicago – Gold Room

1:30 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.

**BREAK**

1:50 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**WELCOME TO THE WOMEN'S INITIATIVE PROGRAM**



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2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

**SHATTERING GLASS CEILINGS: UNLEASHING THE EXTRAORDINARY QUALITIES OF WOMEN LEADERS**

This panel will unveil the leadership qualities that set women leaders apart. From their exceptional resilience and determination to their ability to cultivate inclusive environments, these female leaders will share their insights on how women can overcome barriers, unleash their full potential and shape a more equitable and prosperous future by helping other women harness their own leadership skills in the workplace.



**Yvette Davis**  
*Moderator*  
HAIGHT BROWN &  
BONESTEEL LLP  
Los Angeles, California



**Megan Stumph-Turner**  
BAKER STERCHI COWDEN  
& RICE L.L.C.  
Kansas City, Missouri



**Jessica Zaroski Bauer**  
ALFA INTERNATIONAL  
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2:45 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**BREAK**

3:00 P.M. – 3:50 P.M.

### EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT AND WELL-BEING

We've all been there... a client is calling, someone in your personal life is expecting you to show up, and your firm's managing partner asked you to join a dinner tonight. It's all piling up, but the show must go on! Join us as we explore the intersection of professional success and personal well-being, and discover actionable techniques for achieving harmony and fulfillment in the legal profession.



**Byrona Maule**  
*Moderator*  
PHILLIPS MURRAH P.C.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



**Danielle Ross**  
MAYER LLP  
Houston, Texas



**Jennifer Pedevillano**  
HALLORAN SAGE  
New Haven, Connecticut

3:50 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**BREAK**

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

### DECONSTRUCTING STEREOTYPES, ONE LABEL AT A TIME

Along with this panel, challenge prevailing stereotypes of women attorneys one label at a time. Through thought-provoking conversations and personal anecdotes, we aim to deconstruct these stereotypes and create a more inclusive environment where the unique talents and capabilities of women can shine without limitation.



**Monica Garcia**  
*Moderator*  
BUTT THORNTON &  
BAEHR PC  
Albuquerque, New Mexico



**Kiley Aycock**  
QUILLING, SELANDER,  
LOWNDS, WINSLETT  
& MOSER, P.C.  
Dallas, Texas



**Cate Jackson**  
GENTRY LOCKE  
Roanoke, Virginia

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

### NETWORKING RECEPTION

#### Fairmont Chicago – Ambassador Room

Join your fellow Women's Initiative Program attendees for a beverage of choice and networking before heading to the ABM Welcome Reception and Dinner.

6:15 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

### ABM REGISTRATION & WELCOME RECEPTION WITH DINNER

#### Chicago History Museum

6:15 p.m. – 6:20 p.m. Shuttles depart for Chicago History Museum

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour with access to Crossroads Exhibit

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Join your fellow attendees for an evening of history, cocktails and a buffet dinner at the Chicago History Museum. Before dinner, mingle and network while immersing yourself in the "Chicago: Crossroads of America" exhibit, which showcases Chicago's dynamic nature and its national influence through a variety of stories, creating a memorable and inspiring evening for all.

