**Women Making a Difference 2015**

*The Los Angeles Business Journal Celebrates L.A.’s Inspirational Women Business Leaders*

The Los Angeles Business Journal held the 2015 Women Making a Difference Awards Reception and Luncheon event at the J.W. Marriott Los Angeles Hotel on Monday, May 4th.

Described by attendees as an uplifting and inspirational event, the celebration honored Los Angeles based women who “lead by example,” successfully blending effective business vision with a passionate commitment to positively “making a difference,” both in the world of business and in the communities they serve.

Building off of the success and popularity of the Women Making a Difference Awards held for the past 22 years, this year marked the second year in a row that the Business Journal also presented a half-day symposium in conjunction with the awards. The event began with breakfast and progressed through a series of nine guest speakers. Attendees had an opportunity to be inspired by local women executives sharing their expertise on Work / Life Balance, How I Made It, Leadership, Lessons Learned and World Impact. The afternoon portion of the event was highlighted by the Women Making a Difference Awards luncheon, where the Business Journal honored the outstanding achievements in business by women throughout Los Angeles County.

More than 250 prestigious nominees were submitted to the judges by Los Angeles Business Journal readers this year. So the judges had the unenviable task of narrowing the field down to six honorees for this year’s big event. Categories presented included Business Owner/CEO of the Year, Executive of the Year, Rising Star of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Philanthropist of the Year, and Corporate Advocate of the Year.

It wasn’t easy to select just six honorees for this year’s awards, so we have also taken the time to single out, for honorable mention, an incredible selection of 24 finalists – all superb examples of women who genuinely make a difference in their own right. Each is also profiled in these pages.

Congratulations to all the honorees, finalists and nominees!
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This year, the Los Angeles Business Journal hosted a morning symposium preceding the Women Making a Difference Awards luncheon. More than 700 business leaders attended the breakfast symposium and head from nine exceptional speakers presenting their stories of business success and life journeys. The afternoon awards luncheon was attended by more than 1,000 business leaders. We’d like to thank each of our speakers for kicking off a day of education, inspiration and recognition.

**GINA MCLEOD**
Partner, Deloitte
Board Member, Girl Scouts

**MICHELLE PATTERSON**
President & Chief Executive Officer, Women Network LLC

**TONI KO**
Founder and Previous Chairwoman, NYX Cosmetics
Chief Executive Officer, Butter Ventures

**BERNICE LEDBETTER, EDD**
Practitioner Faculty in Organizational Theory and Management, Pepperdine University Graziadio School of Business and Management

**GINA MCLERO**
Partner, Deloitte Tax in Los Angeles. She serves both public and private consumer business and media & entertainment clients, consulting on a broad spectrum of tax issues. She founded the United Way of Greater LA Emerging Leaders Council, and is on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Greater LA. Gina has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California San Diego, a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School, and an LLVM in Tax from Golden Gate University School of Law. She is a licensed attorney in the state of CA.

**MARISA HAMAMOTO**
Founder, sexySalsa Ballroom
Founder & Artistic Director, Instant Flow - A Wheelchair Dance Company

**CYNTHIA KERSEY**
Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Unstoppable Foundation

**PAULA SCHNEIDER**
Chief Executive Officer, American Apparel

**DESIREE DOUBOX**
Founder, An Empowered Woman

**LIZANNE FALSETTO**
Developer, thinXThin, LLC
Chief Executive Officer, Think like a Woman, LLC

**CYNTHIA KESSEY**
Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Unstoppable Foundation

**TONI KO**
Founder of the multi-million dollar cosmetics brand NYX, which was recently acquired by the largest beauty company in the world, L’Oréal. Ko started the Toni Ko Foundation, where she will lend support to organizations that help children in need and those that empower women. Ko found that the majority of top executives are men. Therefore, she wants to empower women to take the courage to start their own businesses, and set higher goals to be the executives.

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JULIA STEWART
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
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Julia Stewart is a nearly 40-year veteran of the restaurant industry and today serves as chairman and chief executive officer of DineEquity, Inc., one of the world’s largest full-service restaurant companies. Over the past 15 years – as the longest tenured CEO in the full-service restaurant category - Stewart has rebuilt the IHOP brand and firmly established the iconic chain as the undisputed leaders in the family dining category. In 2007, she led the $2.3 billion acquisition of Applebee’s, the world’s largest casual dining chain, and formed DineEquity. Since that time, Stewart led the refranchising of the Applebee’s brand, significant physical and menu transformation and positioned DineEquity as the only restaurant operator with two brands ranking number one in their respective categories.

After a stellar 2014, DineEquity and its brands, under Stewart’s leadership, are well positioned to continue outstanding performance in 2015, including a robust international pipeline, which will see IHOP and Applebee’s expand their presence as global brands.

In addition to leading this multi-billion dollar company, Stewart believes in supporting her industry and her community. She is a founding member of the Women’s Foodservice Forum (WFF), a vital industry organization dedicated to the development and advancement of women. In 2006, she was appointed to the board of the Children’s Bureau of Southern California, and currently serves as its Chair. She also founded and continues to chair the Celebrity Chefs & Wine Tasting annual event that has become a staple on the Los Angeles social and philanthropic calendar. The event has raised $1.5 million in its five-year history, providing significant funds to support the Children’s Bureau.
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WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE 2015 FINALISTS

- **Business Owner or CEO of the Year**

  **TAMIE ADAYA**
  **President & Chief Executive Officer**
  **Hotel Shangri-la at The Ocean Santa Monica**

  Tamie Adaya brings a wealth of insight, unparalleled creativity and social perspective to her position as CEO of Hotel Shangri-la. A true entrepreneur and student of pop-culture, art, history, and politics, she established the indie music record label So Sweet Records in 2005. She also owns and operates the Santa Monica based artist collective Crown Jewels while simultaneously posting to the travel vertical as a Huffington Post blogger.

  Long a family treasure, Adaya recently re-branded and remodeled Hotel Shangri-la to its exacting standards, which are a reflection of her palate—featuring clean, crisp lines, modern lifestyle amenities with a classic flair, an unprecedented attention to detail with a whimsical unpredictability that makes each visit a discovery in self-expression, escapism and pure enjoyment.

  As the Hotel Shangri-la celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, Adaya has published a limited-edition diamond anniversary book that chronicles a rich history dating back three-quarters of a century. In the 1940s, the hotel lured actors such as Mae West and Jane Wyman, the future wife of President Ronald Reagan, to its beauty and solitude. It was also where a close confidant of President Franklin D. Roosevelt helped conceive the idea of today's modern Navy Seal program just prior to U.S. involvement in World War II. During the war, the Shangri-la also provided battle-wear U.S. combat veterans a safe haven where they could rest and relax for 15-day periods before entering civilian life. These are just a few of the highlights that Adaya shares with guests, staff and visitors to the hotel.

  **LING CAO**
  **Principle Consultant, Project Manager**
  **Fulcrum Resources Environmental**
  **Duarte**

  Ling Cao was instrumental in creating her co-owned business of Fulcrum Resources Environmental. Her background in science and biology helped point her toward her destination but even more importantly, she figured out a way to apply her strengths so that the Earth's environment, commercial buyers, and banks are all winners.

  Originally from China, Cao came with her parents as an immigrant to the U.S. when she was 17. This task was accomplished at a very difficult time in her life as she was finishing her senior year of high school. Cao also comes from a long family line of doctors, so striving for higher education and good grades wasn’t a goal, but was expected. Cao had a vision to pursue biology like her mother and relatives, but saw interest in the environmental field. She also had a vision early on of starting her own business in the environmental consulting field, with an emphasis on real estate due diligence and hygiene services involving asbestos, lead, mold, and other microbial testing in buildings to ensure occupant safety and answer their concerns.

  Her enthusiasm can be quite contagious. Performing a service that one believes in and putting your name on it can be good inspiration. Because Fulcrum is still in its infancy, new ideas still abound and the excitement can be felt by all around her. There is no such thing as “business as usual” at Fulcrum Resources, in large part due to Cao’s enthusiasm.

  **LISA KAZ**
  **Chief Executive Officer**
  **ANSA Productions, Inc. dba The LA Auto Show Los Angeles**

  Lisa Kaz joined the Los Angeles Auto Show (LAAS) in 1987 and in 1989 co-founded ANSA Productions, where she currently serves as President and Chairman. As President of LAAS, Kaz oversees one of the largest auto shows in the world, delivering worldwide media exposure, global industry networking and experiential marketing in the nation’s biggest car buying market.

  Under Kaz’s stewardship, the Los Angeles Auto Show has become one of the most influential auto industry events on the planet, spanning more than 870,000 square feet at the Los Angeles Convention Center. For more than 24 years, Kaz has successfully gathered the who’s who of the auto industry to unveil the future of mobility in the car culture capital of the world. Kaz will continue this tradition in 2013 with the launch of the Connected Car Expo (CCE), a three-day trade show, held in conjunction with LAAS Press Days that brings together thought leaders driving the convergence of the technology and automotive industries.

  She’s also a regular speaker for the UCSB Technology Management Program, a unique business education program that offers students a leading edge on business practices and entrepreneurship in technology-based companies. In addition to being president of one of the most influential and highly attended auto shows globally, Kaz has also headed up several of her own companies including AudioBookWorm.com, an online audiobook rental company, and The Kaz Organization, a real estate investment, brokerage, property management and development company.

  **ALYCE MORRIS WINSTON**
  **Chief Executive Officer/Founder**
  **The Jeffrey Foundation Los Angeles**

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CAMILLA ENG
Executive Vice President and General Counsel
JM Eagle
Los Angeles

Camilla Eng serves as the General Counsel and Executive Vice President of Sales for JM Eagle, the world’s largest plastic pipe manufacturer. JM Eagle is a $1 billion company that employs more than 1600 employees, and owns 23 manufacturing plants in the United States and Mexico. The company’s legal and business needs are vast and complex, and incredibly, both legal and business units are led by Eng.

As JM Eagle’s General Counsel, Eng closely monitors, investigates and resolves matters to head off problems whenever possible. Including herself, Eng’s legal team consists of only three individuals. Yet her team manages a wide range of issues involving patents, employment matters, contracts, claims, and quality assurance/compliance issues. She also leads JM Eagle’s 65-person sales department as its Executive Vice President. Because she is the company’s chief legal officer, she already had an in-depth understanding of the company’s production, facilities, manufacturing and legal issues. Her promotion to EVP of Sales one year ago was natural. Last year, Eng led the restructuring of JM Eagle’s production and sales to its new and current customers. Since her promotion last year, JM Eagle has seen a 30% increase in its own profits.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Eng is a leader in the community who does what she can to give back. Among other causes, she has served as a Commissioner on the City Planning Commission where she ensures fair zoning and decides on other issues that impact the lives of those living in the city.
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**Executive of the Year**

**BITA ARDALAN**
*Managing Director*
*Union Bank, N.A. Los Angeles*

Since 2013, Bita Ardalan has had two major roles at Union Bank – Founding Division President of the National Specialized Lending Group (NSLG) and, beginning in July 2013, Founding Group Head of Commercial Banking - Western Markets (CBWM).

Under Ardalan’s leadership, the NSLG continued its rapid growth, cementing her status as the female manager with the largest and fastest-growing line sales group within Union Bank. Under her stewardship, CBWM is by far the largest contributor to the Group’s bottom line prior to its consolidation with the Real Estate Industries group. No one individual had previously directly managed this entire unit at Union Bank. Her efforts, combined with her experience, have led to dozens of innovations that have improved efficiency, enhanced customer experience, and accelerated average earning assets growth.

Ardalan is charged with CBWM’s overall management, including managing the group’s portfolio of commitments, leading all sales and marketing efforts, and setting strategic priorities and initiatives. These priorities include net client growth, return optimization, operating efficiency improvement, and in-market expansion within Union Bank’s West Coast footprint.

She was asked to assume this larger, enhanced role based on her consistently track record of dramatically growing profit center groups while maintaining strong credit quality and superior employee satisfaction and motivation. Ardalan implemented her renowned management expertise to upgrade, energize, and motivate her team at Union Bank. Reflecting her conviction that hiring and motivating the most able leaders is the key driver of a unit’s success, Ardalan assembled a team with diverse skills that shares her sense of urgency and drive to improve organizations.

**KACY KEYS**
*Senior Vice President & General Counsel*
*JH Snyder Company Los Angeles*

Since joining JH Snyder in 2007, Kacy Keys has been an essential member of and valuable asset to the organization. In her role as Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Keys plays an integral part in all aspects of a project including new project generation, partnership and operating agreements, site identification, due diligence, acquisitions, entitlement, asset management, general business operations, financing negotiations, commission agreements, leasing, purchase and sale agreements, and disposition. She is the lead negotiator and liaison for all public/private deals and has extensive experience in negotiation, implementation, and compliance.

Keys has a comprehensive knowledge of land use and real estate law. She also has expertise in redevelopment, entitlement and public incentive programs, and she possesses exceptional negotiating skills vital to the implementation and approval of complex development projects. She has been a key player in several of J. H. Snyder Company’s signature projects, including redevelopment in North Hollywood – Noah III, The Vermont; Hollywood 959 - 959 Seward; 1601 Vine; and Museum Square. In 2014, she was voted as one of the 50 most influential women in real estate in Los Angeles.

Her tenacity was critical in the success of The Vermont, a mixed-use project in Koreatown with 464 residential units. She sourced the land, assembled the capital stack, entitled the project, and was involved throughout the term of the project. Breaking ground in 2012, The Vermont was one of the first and largest high-rise developments to commence construction in Los Angeles after the economic downturn in 2008. The project was completed in a record 24 months, and was sold in July 2014 for $284 million.

**TERRI MESTAS**
*Vice President / Program Director - BuildLACCD*
*AECOM Los Angeles*

In 2013, AECOM, one of the largest and most respected architectural and construction management companies in the world, asked Terri Mestas to support the firm’s winning proposal to perform program management services for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD).

Mestas was brought on board to deliver on the promises that had been made to taxpayers and other stakeholders. She went right to work as the new Program Director – the first woman to hold this position – assuming the mantle of leadership and reform at Build.ACCD.

In less than two years on the job, she has created and promoted AECOM’s new culture of transparency, competence, and open communication at the Program, leading it to steady and measurable improvements under her leadership. This included a fresh and assertive approach toward community outreach, inclusivity, diversity, job growth, and apprenticeship programs; as well as renewed focus on participation from local business, the Small Business Advisory Council, and the veteran’s community. These efforts enabled many small businesses to successfully compete on a more level playing field and win work in Los Angeles: not only at Build.ACCD, but on other public sector projects, too.

Simultaneously, Mestas fostered an internal culture of continual improvement within Build.ACCD – that had not previously existed – to enhance staff training, heighten safety excellence, standardize operating procedures, develop Key Performance Indicators, accelerate project completion, and control budgets. Under her determined leadership, and with the efforts of her entire team, Build.ACCD has been transformed into a world-class program, and taxpayers can be better assured by the tangible and real reforms that Mestas has introduced and led.

**REBECCA ROTHSTEIN**
*Managing Director-Wealth Management*
*Merrill Lynch Private Banking & Investment Group Beverly Hills*

Rebecca Rothstein spends the majority of her day advising entertainment industry moguls, the Hollywood elite and other wealthy individuals from across the country on how to better manage their wealth. Based in the Beverly Hills office of Merrill Lynch, she is one of the company’s top private wealth advisors, managing more than $3.6 billion in assets for some 250 high net worth households in the Los Angeles region. She is recognized as one of the nation’s top financial advisors.

While Rothstein is successful and dedicated to her day job, private wealth management is only one of her passions. The other – in addition to her family – is the Teen Cancer America foundation that she helped establish in the United States and acts as the current Chairman of the Board.

Rothstein became involved with Teen Cancer America in 2012 when her good friend and client Roger Daltrey of The Who was looking for help to expand the charity he co-founded in the U.K. dedicated to addressing the gaps in the teen and young adult cancer experience to the United States.

Once Rebecca heard about the opportunity to get involved in such an important issue, and help spread the word in the U.S., she quickly stepped up to the plate.

Utilizing her innate business leadership skills to drive forward the charity’s mission, tirelessly fundraising and entertaining industry connections, Teen Cancer America’s first event raised $2 million dollars, and America’s first hospital facility designed exclusively for teenagers with cancer was built at UCLA.
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CHERYL CHANG
Partner
Blank Rome LLP
Los Angeles

Since joining Blank Rome in 2010, Cheryl Chang has played a leading role in defending various clients against consumer protection claims in a variety of industries, as well as taken on a number of leadership roles throughout the firm in pro bono, diversity, and hiring. In particular, she has extensive experience in defending banking, pharmaceutical, and entertainment clients against consumer protection claims and has developed the Consumer Finance Litigation practice in Blank Rome’s Los Angeles office. As an indication of her success, she was elected Partner in 2014.

One notable case was Joseph v. Costco et al. in which Chang obtained dismissal of Unfair Competition (UCL), Consumer Legal Remedies Act (CLRA) and False Advertising (FAL) claims brought against client, Apotex Corp., a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer. In Stanley v. Bank of America, N.A. et al., Chang successfully obtained dismissal of UCL and CLRA claims brought against Stearns Lending based on allegations of fraud, conspiracy, and elder abuse.

Chang has also served on the firm’s diversity committee since 2012. In conjunction with her work on the committee, Cheryl also manages the Firm’s Diversity Blog. She also co-chairs the firm’s Attorneys of Color affinity group, which holds internal meetings for firm attorneys and organizes firm-wide events to bring awareness to the group and strengthen ties between the group members. Chang has organized and hosted several events with general counsel and in house counsel, inviting them to speak at the firm about diversity in the legal industry.

COOPER HARRIS
Founder and CRO
Klickly
Venice

Cooper Harris is the CEO and founder of Klickly, a one-touch social giving platform, which enables customers to instantly connect with causes championed by their favorite brands, celebrities and nonprofits. Cooper was one of the first females to win the Los Angeles AT&T Hackathon and was responsible for producing the first-ever Tech Summit and Social-Impact Hackathon at Sundance. She is also a sought-after speaker and panelist on all things Hackathon & Women in Tech.

She is an accomplished actress and musician and is a mentor at NFTI, which teaches kids entrepreneurship in schools. Cooper frequently speaks about being a woman in tech and about the intersection of entertainment and tech at venues including CES, USC, SXSW, Silicon Beach Fest, Media Summit, Sundance, and more. She is also the award-winning producer of digital commercial content for major brands and channels such as Kimberly Clark, DailyMotion, Post It Notes, 3M, Endemol.

Previously, as the executive director of The Oasis Foundation, Cooper oversaw initiatives focused on entrepreneurship and innovation and in her first startup, a digital production company, she created and sold her own shows and content to companies including 3M, Kimberly Clark, DailyMotion and studio production giant, Endemol Entertainment.

ASHLEY JASON
Associate
Holland & Knight LLP
Los Angeles

Ashley has become an indispensable member of Holland & Knight’s Los Angeles real estate team, a notable asset to Los Angeles County’s real estate business, and a tireless contributor to projects that serve important community needs.

To understand the position, Ashley has quickly earned as a commercial real estate and real estate financing lawyer in Los Angeles, it is important to note that she has developed her excellent reputation while working at a leading global law firm whose real estate practice is one of the largest of any U.S. law firm. Given that context, it is no small accomplishment for Jason to have become a go-to associate for senior Holland & Knight partners on the firm’s West Coast team (as well as firm wide); to have established solid expertise in real property acquisitions and real estate finance; and to receive regular praise from our clients, who expect the highest quality legal services.

Leading law firms expend a great deal of effort seeking out associates with Jason’s lawyering skills, leadership ability and commitment to important community needs. As a rising star at Holland & Knight, Jason has made significant contributions to a number of complex real estate transactions. In several recent deals that have fostered business development and community improvement in Greater Los Angeles, including representing a publicly traded Singaporean company in the acquisition and financing of Los Angeles’ iconic U.S. Bank Tower.

ERICA L. MOORE-BURTON
Founder / President
Outstanding Mothers Gathering | Round Hill

Erica Moore-Burton, Esq., is from London, England and is an attorney, author, award winning legal recruiter and entrepreneur that has worked and lived in the Los Angeles business community for a little over a decade. In that time, she has been an active part of LA’s business scene and has always given back to the Los Angeles community. She started her executive recruiting career at a well-known Fortune 500 international recruiting firm, where she was the recipient of numerous awards for her sales and leadership acumen. Since then, she has worked in leadership roles with other leading national executive recruitment firms and is currently the Principal of Round Hill Search, a legal staffing and placement firm.

Moore-Burton has been an established real estate lawyer in the legal industry in Los Angeles for many years, but what makes her a rising star is the current work that she is doing with professional working mothers in Los Angeles. She is an innovator and creator and executes her vision with grace and enthusiasm and has been instrumental in not only moving the dialogue forward about balancing motherhood and professional working life, but providing a space for professional working mothers in Los Angeles to come together to make their lives better at home and in the workplace.

In 2013, she recognized the need for more support in the workplace for professional working mothers, and established Outstanding Mothers Gathering (OMG), the premier networking organization for professional working mothers in Los Angeles and their mission is to bring together professional working mothers for networking, education and community support.
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CHARLENE LI
Author and Founder, Altimeter Group
• Philanthropist of the Year

MARTA FERRO
President, Founder, Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder
Starfish Impact & Pink51
Sherman Oaks

In 2015, Marta Ferro’s company, Starfish Impact, will celebrate 10 years of business in Los Angeles, but more powerful than success in its time is the success in its fundraising and impact. Her company has raised over $40 million dollars for nonprofit organizations that are making a difference here in LA and beyond. Ferro and her team work with approximately 10 non-profits daily to provide them consult and introductions into funding, board development assistance, and other key connections for social good. In addition to this contribution, Ferro is a partner at SVF-LA, which pools financial resources and pro-bono consulting hours to assist nonprofit organizations, mentors through education and coaching, and provides platforms to seek further connections and funding. The organization is focused on social innovation and impact investing opportunities for the local community.

As if this wasn’t enough, last year Ferro co-founded a new tech start-up called Pink51. Pink51 harnesses the power of women and provides a platform to choose to shop businesses that value women leadership and give back to charities while doing it. The website has amassed hundreds of “Pink” businesses to date and incredible partners that give support.

Ferro’s resume both in philanthropy and business achievement reads like an award winning novel over the last 25 years of her career. She served as President of Step Up Women’s Network, helped co-found a women’s alumni business group for Anderson (Women’s Global Connection), graduated with her MBA from UCLA’s Anderson, and is actively involved with her son’s school spearheading fundraising and further community engagement.

CYNTHIA KERSEY
Founder / Chief Executive Officer
Unstoppable Foundation
Agoura Hills

Cynthia Kersey embodies how each of us can solve the world’s most seemingly impossible challenges through simple individual actions. She is a two time best-selling author and the Founder and CEO of the Los Angeles based Unstoppable Foundation, a nonprofit organization she started in 2008 with the mission of ensuring that the world’s most vulnerable children get access to education.

The trajectory of Kersey’s life’s work began 18 months after her first book was published, when she found herself separated from her husband of 20 years — and devastated. One of her mentors, Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, gave her advice that was life changing. He said, “When you have a great pain in your life you need a greater purpose.” In December 2000, one year after her separation, Kersey raised $200,000 and took a team of 20 people to Nepal to build the first three of the 100 houses that were subsequently built.

In 2005 after Kersey had written her second book, “Unstoppable Women,” she was looking for her next philanthropic project. She had learned that education has a larger impact on the eradication of poverty than any other form of aid or help we can give. From her vision to help communities lift themselves out of poverty, the Sponsor a Village program was created. This program supports the basic needs of developing communities by eliminating the obstacles preventing children from accessing education. The program is made up of five pillars crucial to lifting communities from poverty: education, clean water and sanitation, food and nutrition security, and alternative income training for adults.

MONICA SHILLING
Partner
Proskauer Rose LLP
Los Angeles

Monica Shilling is a partner Proskauer’s Corporate Department and co-head of the firm’s Private Equity Group. In 2004 she was specifically recruited to help establish Proskauer’s Los Angeles-based corporate practice has grown sevenfold and become one of the premier transactional practices on the West Coast. Despite a full and busy schedule dictated by her work, she always makes time for her philanthropic passion for public radio.

Shilling serves on the Board of Directors of the KCRW Foundation, which provides financial support and other resources to KCRW, Southern California’s leading National Public Radio affiliate. Her passion for KCRW began when she moved to Southern California in 1995. She joined the KCRW Foundation Board in 2012. She serves on the KCRW Foundation Board’s Development Committee and has been hard at work with her fellow Board members on KCRW’s Capital Campaign related to the KCRW Media Center. This Capital Campaign marks the first major fundraising initiative in KCRW’s nearly 75-year history. The Center has been custom-designed to meet KCRW’s needs and allow the station to connect to audiences in new, profound ways. The Capital Campaign will also allow KCRW to invest in programming that moves KCRW to new levels of excellence and create new technologies that preserve KCRW’s mission amid today’s ever-changing media landscape.

Shilling continues to be highly instrumental in KCRW’s growth and community impact by providing leadership and expertise, as well as raising funds and charitable donations to secure KCRW’s public service and future outreach.

CLAIRE WINELAND
Founder
Claire’s Place Foundation, Inc.
Redondo Beach

Claire’s Place is a non-profit organization designed to help children and families affected by cystic fibrosis. Founder, 17-year-old Claire Wineland, was born with cystic fibrosis or “CF.” In her short life, Wineland has undergone over 20 surgeries and has spent months at a time in the hospital including being in a coma and was also a Make-a-Wish recipient. This is not, however, what characterizes her. She has dedicated her life to making a difference in the lives of others living with cystic fibrosis.

Wineland’s experiences have catapulted her into a position of being an advocate and an inspirational model for people living with this disease. For instance, Pepperdine University asked her to come and speak to their student body. She has documented and created videos on how to enjoy life with CF and live life to the fullest, many of which have gone viral.

Thanks to Wineland’s philanthropic and nurturing spirit, and her passion to educate others about CF, countless children and families with CF who need assistance benefit from her fundraisers. Social workers at partnering hospitals provide families with children with cystic fibrosis information about Claire’s Place Foundation. Families feeling uncertain and isolated are offered support and information on how to work through the treatment and care process by other parent volunteers.

Even with school, homework, treatments, lengthy hospital stays, having written two books and all the other important things on a typical teenager’s mind, Wineland puts 200% into her Foundation, ensuring that others with CF are being well taken care of.

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• Volunteer of the Year

DARLENE GARTRELL
Senior Vice President
Aon Risk Solutions
Los Angeles

Darsee Gartrell, Esq., a native Los Angelino, joined Aon Risk Solutions in 2000 as a part of the organization’s Financial Services Group. In her role as claims attorney, she provides advice and counsel to both internal and external clients on coverage and claim matters pertaining to financial lines insurance, including directors’ and officers’ liability, employment practices insurance and fiduciary liability. She particularly enjoys advocating on behalf of her clients with insurance carriers where there are challenging issues surrounding coverage.

Several years ago, Aon Corporation rolled out its Business Networking Groups (now Business Resource Groups), affinity teams designed to create a more inclusive culture, professional networking opportunities for employees, recruiting and employee training and education.

Gartrell saw this as the perfect opportunity to re-engage her personal passions while also making a difference at Aon and in her community. To fulfill Aon’s inclusion strategy, Gartrell has organized Aon’s Latino and African-American Networking Groups in Aon’s local office and supported and participated in all of the teams, including, the Women’s International Network, Aon Pride, AonLink and the Asian Pacific Islander Business Resource Groups. She strongly advocates for and encourages participation from all colleagues to support the company’s Business Resource Groups that, in turn, provides opportunities for Aon employees to connect with the community-at-large. Under her leadership, Aon employees have supported and engaged with philanthropic organizations, including March of Dimes March for Babies, hosted a Holiday Toy Drive for Children’s Law Center, volunteered and created volunteer opportunities for Reading for Kids, and participation in a number of other worthy causes.

MEHTA KURTH
Partner
Fox Rothschild LLP
Los Angeles

Mehta Kurth is a steadfast advocate for women’s and girls’ rights. She has dedicated substantial time to giving back and helping in any way possible. She actively follows current events affecting women throughout the world and looks for ways to become involved and lend a helping hand. Not only does she do what she can to raise awareness and fundraise, she also rallies her family, friends and colleagues at Fox Rothschild to join the fight. She is heavily involved in numerous community efforts and continues to find new ways to be a voice for women both in her backyard and globally.

Kurth is currently working closely with Ramaa Mosley and Monica Timpe to support the Jubilee Campaign in raising funds through its Education After Escape campaign to assist 57 of the more than 270 Nigerian schoolgirls, ages 15–19, who were kidnapped by the Nigerian terrorist group Boko Haram in April 2014. These girls were at their boarding school in Chibok preparing for final exams, studying to be professionals with dreams of being doctors, lawyers, scientists and pilots when they were captured. The 57 girls escaped from their captors and made harrowing journeys home. In conjunction with Jubilee, Kurth has worked to raise awareness and to fundraise on behalf of these girls, ultimately securing admission for all 57 girls in boarding schools in the US and has raised the funds needed to cover the transportation costs for the initial 12 girls to travel to the US.

Kurth is continuing to fundraise to bring the remaining girls here where they will receive an education and trauma counseling.

KRISTINA MITCHELL
Actor / Activist
Pasadena

Kristina Mitchell has been a long-time activist and advocate for women and girls. She volunteers with V-Day, One Billion Rising, A Window Between Worlds, City Hearts, and More Than Me. She’s also worked with and has relationships with Gwyneth Paltrow, the Vagina Monologues, and Jane Fonda.

Mitchell’s directing and producing for A Window Between Worlds, a global movement reaching to end violence against women and girls. Mitchell is a Rotarian and is dedicated to always giving back to her community. She volunteers with V-Day, One Billion Rising, A Window Between Worlds, City Hearts, and More Than Me. She’s also worked with and has relationships with Gwyneth Paltrow, the Vagina Monologues, and Jane Fonda.

Impressively, this year will also mark the fifth consecutive year of Mitchell’s directing and producing “The Vagina Monologues” in order to raise money for women and girls who are victims of violence. All proceeds from the show benefit V-Day and A Window Between Worlds.

AMY ZIMMERMAN
President and Founder
Amy Zimmerman & Associates, Inc.
Torrance

As the President of a woman owned business for over 22 years, mother of two daughters, and tireless supporter of multiple charitable foundations, Amy Zimmerman is a person who clearly makes a difference in numerous lives. 2015 is her 22nd year of running and managing a very successful staffing firm and 30th year of recruiting. Amy Zimmerman and Associates has remained in the Top 20 of all staffing firms in Los Angeles County for several years. Even during the recent recession, the business remained strong and vibrant.

Besides her tireless efforts of expanding the staffing firm’s presence, Zimmerman is deeply involved in numerous charitable foundations. For the past four years, she has been involved with fundraising for the YMCA Capital Campaign. She has personally brought in more donors than any other member of the Campaign. This year, she will serve as chair of the committee for the event for the third year in a row, which raised over $100,000 to help women and children who are sur- vivors of violence. Mitchell was also recently added to the Board of Directors for A Window Between Worlds. She is also an LA area organizer for One Billion Rising, a global movement reaching to end violence against women and girls.

She has been an organizer for the events from it’s conception, three years ago, and for the past two years she has spoken at Los Angeles City Hall alongside Mayor Eric Garcetti, Frances Fisher, and Jane Fonda.

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CAROL SCHATZ
President and Chief Executive Officer
Downtown Center Business Improvement District, Central City Association
Los Angeles

Carol Schatz is the current President and CEO of both the Los Angeles Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID) and the Central City Association (CCA) of Los Angeles, two of the city’s leading business advocacy groups. In 1997, she became the first woman ever to be appointed as President and CEO of the CCA, the City’s leading voice of business on important city and state wide issues including land use, transportation and economic growth. Just two years later, she established the DCBID to further her vision for a revitalized Downtown Los Angeles. Under her leadership, the DCBID and CCA have helped transform what was once a “9 to 5” district into one of the hottest urban communities in the country.

As President and CEO of both organizations, Schatz’ primary role is to spearhead all efforts to attract investment, development, new businesses, residents, while enhancing the quality of life in Downtown L.A. She serves as an advocate for the area’s business community on economic and civic growth.

In 1999, Schatz launched the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance and organized state funding and incentives to help developers convert empty office buildings into housing. Under her leadership, the CCA worked with the City Council to revive the Civic Center Authority, which authorized a master plan for the area. Since then, Downtown has seen its residential population triple, its property values double, and had more than 700 businesses open or relocate to the area -- and the Renaissance shows no signs of slowing. In 2014, Downtown investment and development is at an all time high, thanks in large part to Schatz’ efforts.

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ORLY ADELSON
President
ITV Studios America
Sherman Oaks

Orly Adelson is President of ITV Studios America, the US flagship of ITV and one of the fastest-growing and most successful production companies in the United States.

With her remarkable history, depth and breadth of experience, and unparalleled work ethic, Adelson is a true Los Angeles business powerhouse. As a long-time resident of LA, she is a passionate advocate for opportunities and growth for women in her field, encouraging and mentoring young talent for great success. Adelson is a well-rounded, philanthropic leader who takes the time to make a difference—in both the industry, and in the community.

As President of ITV Studios America, Adelson has shepherded a tremendous increase in the company’s sales to cable and broadcast networks. In addition, she has solidified key intellectual property partnership deals as well as deals with talented veteran producers to further push the range of projects it can bring to market.

In her role, Adelson oversees all aspects of ITV Studios America’s operations on both the West and East Coasts and her programming oversight encompasses the company’s extensive slate of series, including their signature shows Hell’s Kitchen and The Chute, as well as a multitude of pilots and presentations all being produced in the Los Angeles area.

Additionally, the company utilizes a wide range of local studios, post-production facilities, crew and more, continuing to encourage strength and growth in the local industry job market.

SUSAN JENNIFER BOOTH
Partner, West Coast Real Estate Practice Group Leader
Holland & Knight LLP
Los Angeles

Susan Jennifer Booth’s leadership positions at a top corporate law firm, together with her effectiveness in encouraging women to seek significant roles in the Los Angeles County business community, make her a true corporate advocate for the advancement of women. To begin with, she has devoted countless hours to supporting fellow women lawyers at Holland & Knight’s Los Angeles office, each of whom contribute to the county’s business life, whether in real estate, finance, healthcare, transportation or general corporate governance.

One noteworthy effort Susan has made at her firm has been serving on the selection committee for Rising Stars, a unique Holland & Knight program that mentors outstanding women lawyers at the firm and trains them for leadership positions. She has become a role model for applicants and participants, including several associates who recently made partner. Booth goes out of her way to provide guidance on everything from practice development to leadership and management—just as she does for many other women attorneys, whether they work at Holland & Knight, or affiliated with Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) or attend events she organizes.

As a prominent attorney in Los Angeles County, Susan also strengthens the linkages between woman and local business by virtue of her own community involvement. Despite the demands of her legal practice and leadership of an busy Holland & Knight practice team, Booth is known for her mentorship, including her role as an active member of CREW and the Los Angeles County Bar’s Women’s Bar Association. She is also a frequent presenter on human resources and employment law issues before the Los Angeles County Bar’s Labor and Employment Law Section.

EVIE JEANG
Founder and Managing Partner
Ideal Legal Group, Inc.
Alhambra

A pioneer in international family law and a prominent legal advisor to small businesses in her community, Evie Jeang has demonstrated her unwavering commitment and success as an entrepreneur, a businesswoman and a philanthropist. Founder and Managing Partner of the Alhambra-based law firm Ideal Legal Group, Inc., Jeang has grown the firm’s clientele and expanded its reach to include offices in San Francisco, New York and now San Diego with services in Mandarin, Cantonese and Spanish. She leads a team of four highly skilled attorneys in practice areas, including labor and employment, family law, international child custody, workers’ compensation and immigration.

Since founding Ideal Legal Group in 2006, Jeang has carved a new niche in helping families navigate the intricate laws governing international surrogacy. In vitro fertilizations (IVF) and the freezing of eggs and embryos. As an Asian American business owner herself, Jeang founded the firm with the goal of servicing the largely underserved population of Asian and Latino business owners in Southern California, particularly her own community in the San Gabriel Valley. She hosts Free Legal Happy Hours every month at her office headquarters to provide legal advice to local business owners and professionals, on matters such as workers’ compensation, employment and labor law, and immigration issues.

For the past two years, she has been one of the top 25 recipients of national and international surrogacy. In vitro fertilizations (IVF) and the freezing of eggs and embryos. As an Asian American business owner herself, Jeang founded the firm with the goal of servicing the largely underserved population of Asian and Latino business owners in Southern California, particularly her own community in the San Gabriel Valley. She hosts Free Legal Happy Hours every month at her office headquarters to provide legal advice to local business owners and professionals, on matters such as workers’ compensation, employment and labor law, and immigration issues.

For the past two years, she has been one of the top 25 recipients of national and international surrogacy, as well as prominent surrogacy lawyer of the year. She has been recognized as a rising star in the field of international family law and a leader in the area of international surrogacy.

NANCY YAFFE
Partner & Co-Chair of the Women’s Initiative of Fox Rothschild LLP
Fox Rothschild LLP
Los Angeles

An experienced labor and employment attorney with Fox Rothschild, Nancy Yaffe serves as a steadfast advocate for her clients with the continued goal of helping them prevent employment issues before they occur. She provides comprehensive pre-litigation counseling and advises clients across the U.S. on employment-related issues.

Yaffe works closely with clients—including prominent southern California hotels, retailers, manufacturers, technology and service providing companies—on all types of employee claims and lawsuits involving discrimination, harassment, retaliation and wage-and-hour violations. She provides pre-litigation counseling and advice on harassment, discrimination, ADA/disability compliance and union avoidance, and she has conducted numerous training presentations on sexual harassment prevention, leave of absence compliance, wage-and-hour issues and retaliation.

Yaffe also conducts training presentations on sexual harassment prevention, labor and employee relations, new legal developments and other timely employment issues. Additionally, she drafts and reviews client policies and handbooks to ensure legal compliance, and conducts preventive audits and investigations into alleged workplace misconduct and pay practices. She is a frequent presenter on human resources and employment law issues to the Los Angeles Hotels Human Resources Association (LAHRA) and other professional organizations. In February of this year, she spoke to LAHRA members about new developments in wage-and-hour law, including California paid sick leave, overtime/double-time, meal and rest periods, employee expenses, vendor agreements, timecard edits/working off the clock, final pay and out of state employees working in the state. Additionally, she spoke at an LA Restaurant HR group about legal updates for 2015 that will affect the restaurant industry.
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Many changes are taking place at Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters. Joe Boskovich, Jr., Old West Investment Management, has been elected Chair of the Board. Serving on the Executive Committee are: Lewis Horne, CBRE, and Tammy Funasaki, Evolution Capital Management, as Co-Vice-Chairs; Rolf Donath, EliteCom, Secretary; Ken Michaels, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Treasurer; John Byrnes, JL Byrnes & Co., Past Chair; and Kathryn Gorsch, PCCP LLC, and Evan Moran, Jones Lang LaSalle, as Jr. Partners Co-Chairs. Also, Dr. Kim Alaine Rathman has joined the agency as Chief Development Officer.
People on the Move

Welcome Judith Deutsch!

*NONPROFIT*

**Judith S. Deutsch**  
*Director of Development*  
*Young Musicians Foundation*

Ms. Deutsch has a 30-year history of fundraising, including positions with UCLA and City of Hope. She was recently the principal of JSD Consulting. Ms. Deutsch holds a B.A. in Art History from UCLA and an M.A. in Education from the College of William & Mary. She is involved in community service and serves on eight boards of directors.

Welcome Julie Du Brow!

*PR/MARKETING*

**Julie Du Brow**  
*Principal*  
dubroWORKS

Julie Du Brow is honored to be a nominee for The Los Angeles Business Journal’s Women Making a Difference Awards, along with many other notable LA leaders. Employing a holistic PR / Marketing perspective to advance and connect clients in sustainability, the environment, architecture/design, the arts and nonprofits is her path to improving her native Los Angeles. (www.dubroworks.com)

Welcome Susan Woller!

*DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE*

**Susan Woller**  
*Principal of Interior Design*  
*Kamus + Keller Interiors | Architecture*

As Principal of Interior Design at Kamus + Keller Interiors|Architecture, a leading Southern California commercial design firm, 30-year industry expert Susan Woller heads up KKIA’s newly established Downtown LA office and oversees the superior design initiatives firm-wide. Her most recent design work with worldwide humanitarian organization World Vision International was recognized at this year’s prestigious IIDA Calibre Awards.

Welcome Inner Space Staff!

*CONSTRUCTION*

**Keith Taylor and Rob Kaneko**  
*KPRS Construction*

KPRS Construction welcomes Keith Taylor and Rob Kaneko, along with other team members from Los Angeles-based Inner Space Constructors. Keith as Senior Project Manager, Rob as Project Manager, and their team bring over 30 years’ experience in the industry. KPRS is proud to continue supporting the needs of our clients.

Welcome David M. Reeder!

*LAW*

**David M. Reeder**  
*Attorney*  
*Valensi Rose, PLC*

David M. Reeder has joined Valensi Rose, PLC. With over twenty-five years of experience in bankruptcy law, Reeder’s focus is on business reorganizations, bankruptcy litigation, loan workouts, bankruptcy trustee representation, and the purchase of distressed assets. Century City-based Valensi Rose serves clients in the areas of Banking and Creditor’s Rights, Business, Entertainment, Family Law, Litigation, Real Estate, and Tax and Wealth.

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