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As we look forward to the year ahead, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support in 2019. Your commitment - as a volunteer, donor and supporter - has a powerful impact on the lives of our clients. We look forward to working together in 2020!

Introducing the New 2020 WBF Trustees

We are pleased to introduce the newest members of our Board of Trustees. They join a dynamic group of WBF leaders whose work helps make access to justice a reality for women and elders in need.

Amara Azubuiké



Amara joined the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General (“AGO”) in January 2018 and serves as an Assistant Attorney General in the Health Care Division. Her practice centers on health law and policy with a particular focus on cost containment, strategic investment in social determinants of health, law enforcement and consumer protection. She is a graduate of George Washington University Law School and previously completed a judicial clerkship for the Delaware Family Court. Prior to joining the AGO, Amara worked in the Office of General Counsel at Boston Children’s Hospital where she implemented and staffed the hospital’s first Medical-Legal Partnership program,

Caroline Bullerjahn



Caroline Bullerjahn is a partner in Goodwin’s Securities + Shareholder Litigation group and focuses her securities litigation practice on class action and derivative litigation defense; SEC, DOJ, and other government, regulatory and internal investigations; fiduciary duty claims, corporate governance matters, and shareholder disputes; and M&A-related litigation and post-closing disputes. She is recognized by The Legal 500 U.S. for her representation of both private and publicly traded corporations, their directors and officers, and underwriters, primarily in the life sciences, biotechnology, medical device, healthcare and technology industries. She lives in Weston with her husband, Erik, and her three active boys, Ethan (9), Graham (6) and Connor (4).

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Nancy Cremins



Nancy Cremins currently serves as a board advisor to Globalization Partners. She serves as Globalization Partners General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer from 2016 until 2020. Nancy is known as one of Boston's top lawyers for startups and entrepreneurial ventures, having been named as a Top 50 Women in Law, one of Boston's "40 Under 40," and "Fifty on Fire." Prior to joining Globalization Partners, she got extensive experience in the areas of employment law and conflict resolution at notable firms such as Gesmer Updegrave LLP and Robinson & Cole LLP. Nancy served on the board of the Women's Bar Association for 14 years, serving as the organization's President from 2011-2012.

Nancy is a graduate of Boston College and Northeastern University School of Law. She is a mom of two kids and coaches her daughter's soccer, basketball, and lacrosse teams.

Tanuja Garde



Tanuja Garde is the Vice-President for Intellectual Property & Licensing at Raytheon Company. Prior to this, she held IP leadership roles in other large companies. She also served in the US Government as Deputy Assistant USTR for IP and Innovation, where she was the lead negotiator in several bilateral and multilateral IP and trade negotiations.

Ms. Garde has worked at large international law firms and also taught and conducted research in international and comparative patent law at the University of London's Queen Mary IP Research Institute, where she held a Herschel Smith Research Fellowship, as well as at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition. Ms. Garde is admitted to practice in California, is registered to practice as an in-house counsel in Massachusetts and before the USPTO. Ms. Garde is a graduate of Duke University (with Distinction in Chemistry) and Washington University School of Law.

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Lauren Pond



Lauren began her career as a litigation associate at DLA Piper. It is there where she was first introduced to the WBF, through the family law pro bono project.

Although starting in litigation, the majority of her career has been spent focused on pharmaceutical compliance. She currently works for Biogen as Commercial Counsel for the MS Franchise.

She lives in Sudbury with her partner and two amazingly energetic boys. She enjoys baking in her free (ha!) time.

Doreen Rachal



Doreen Rachal focuses her practice at Sidley Austin LLP on white collar criminal defense and internal investigations, healthcare fraud litigation, securities litigation and enforcement, and compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act, Bank Secrecy Act and related anti-money laundering requirements.

Prior to joining Sidley, Doreen served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts in the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit, where she handled qui tam actions and prosecuted healthcare fraud matters involving potential violations of the False Claims Act, Stark Law and anti-kickback statutes. She previously served as the Chief of the Asset Forfeiture Unit. Doreen prosecuted civil and criminal asset forfeiture cases involving money laundering, drug trafficking, healthcare fraud and securities violations. During this period, Doreen successfully handled several trials as lead counsel. Doreen was also an associate at a global law firm, as well as a law clerk for Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland (Ret.) of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

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Sigrid Usen



Sigrid Mendel Usen is a seasoned attorney with extensive experience in complex commercial transactions, mergers and acquisitions, securities and litigation. Sigrid is currently Assistant General Counsel of The RMR Group, an alternative asset management company which oversees approximately \$32.8 billion in real estate investments nationwide. She is former Vice President and Senior Counsel/High Yield Trading Floor Counsel at Merrill Lynch and previously practiced at Sidley Austin in New York and Skadden Arps in Boston. Sigrid is licensed to practice law in Massachusetts, New York and Washington, D.C. and graduated from the University of Vermont and Georgetown University Law Center. She is a member of the University of Vermont Board of Advisors for the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Board of Advisors for Triterpenoid Therapeutics, Inc., a pre-clinical pharmaceutical company developing drugs for the treatment of cancer and other chronic diseases.

Introducing the WBF's New Director of Pro Bono Programs

We are thrilled to introduce the WBF's new Director of Pro Bono Programs, Widmine Lola Remy. Lola has grown programs utilizing volunteer attorneys, and is an experienced family law attorney.

Widmine Lola Remy



Prior to joining the WBF, Lola was the Supervising Attorney at the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) Call Center, and represented clients in VLP's Family Law Unit, where she recruited and trained private attorneys to represent low-income clients, and coordinated VLP's 209A Project. Prior to joining VLP, she was a Staff Attorney at Casa Myrna Vazquez, where she developed and managed a community lawyering program that partnered with community organizations to offer legal clinics in Boston's underserved neighborhoods, in addition to representing domestic abuse survivors.

Lola served as the Director of Programs at yogaHOPE, an organization that offers yoga for trauma recovery to women in prison and in transition houses. She also served as a Staff Attorney at the Legal Advocacy and Resource Center. Lola is the current co-chair of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Council.

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WBF partners with A.R.T. for *Gloria: A Life*

The Women's Bar Foundation is excited to be a community partner of the **American Repertory Theater's** production of ***Gloria: A Life!*** We'll be the featured nonprofit at the January 29th performance.

There's still time to buy a ticket!
Get yours today: <https://bit.ly/2RvP13d>

Register now for our Family Law Project Training - March 25th



TO REGISTER:
<https://wbawbf.org/content/family-law-project-training-1>

Register NOW for our Family Law Project for Domestic Abuse Survivors volunteer attorney training! Gain valuable experience and provide critical representation to domestic abuse survivors. This training is generously hosted by WilmerHale.