

Noteworthy

The Women's Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of five talented individuals to our Board of Trustees:



Elizabeth Carr Pignatelli

Lizzie is an attorney at Collora, LLP where she represents individuals and entities in connection with a wide variety of civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings. Committed to pro bono service, Lizzie has served as a volunteer attorney with the Women's Bar Foundation representing survivors of domestic violence. She has also provided pro bono representation to multiple individuals seeking asylum from political persecution. She is a graduate of University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Cornell Law School.

Felicia



Margaret Caulfield

Margaret is an attorney at Alkermes, Inc., a global biopharmaceutical company. Margaret supports pre-clinical and clinical research and development transactions for the organization. Margaret serves on the Women's Bar Association's (WBA) Board of Directors and previously co-chaired the WBA's New Lawyers Committee and the WBA's annual Gala. Margaret is an alumna of Suffolk University Law School and Bridgewater State University, where she serves on the Bridgewater State University Board of Trustees.

Meredith Leary



Ellsworth

Felicia is a partner at WilmerHale where she practices in the

Appellate & Supreme Court Litigation Group and Business Trial Group and co-chairs the firm's Pro Bono and Community Service Committee. Felicia maintains a robust pro bono practice, including representing clients in constitutional cases, criminal appeals, immigration proceedings and civil rights actions. She played a lead role in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' challenge to the constitutionality of DOMA, leading to the historic Supreme Court ruling favoring marriage equality. In 2016, Felicia was named to the "Top Women Attorneys in Massachusetts Rising Stars" list of Boston Magazine and was named a 2016 Trial Rising Star by Law360. Felicia is a graduate of Georgetown University and University of Chicago Law School.



Meredith is an attorney at Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, specializing in

complex commercial problem solving and risk assessment and mitigation, in the litigation and arbitration contexts. Meredith's pro bono service includes having successfully represented a client that was awarded more than \$1.85M from the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund. Meredith is a member of the Order of the Coif and has been recognized several times as a Massachusetts Super Lawyers: Rising Star – Business Litigation. She is a member of the Women's Bar Association and a graduate of Bowdoin College and Boston College School of Law.



Kate Oberlies O'Leary

Kate is Global Executive Litigation Counsel for the General Electric



John C. Skinner

John is Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for

Company in Boston where she manages significant litigation and investigations for GE worldwide and serves as the Chair of GE's Pro Bono Coordinating Committee. Kate is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School where she serves as supervising attorney for the International Refugee Assistance Project. She has also provided pro bono representation to children in abuse and neglect proceedings in Family Court in Connecticut.

Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance. An ardent supporter of survivors of domestic violence, John has provided pro bono representation to more than a dozen clients through the WBF's Family Law Project for Battered Women. John has also led trainings for lawyers interested in handling domestic violence cases. John received the WBF's Volunteer Attorney Award in 2011. John is a graduate of Suffolk University and Suffolk University Law School.

With thanks:

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Kate Cook and Mary Jo Johnson, two long-serving trustees who have recently retired from the WBF Board. Kate and Mary Jo have provided countless hours of service to the WBF and their leadership has been integral to the success of this organization. We are pleased that both will continue to be involved with the WBF as members of our Emeritus Board.

Elder Law Project Training January 24th

The Elder Law Project recruits, trains, and mentors pro bono attorneys to prepare wills, healthcare proxies, and durable powers of attorney for low-income seniors. Seniors are matched with a volunteer attorney to prepare end of life documents, bringing them peace of mind as they age. To register for our January 2017 training, visit our [registration page](#) or contact Rachel Biscardi, WBF Deputy Director, at rbiscardi@womensbar.org.

The Women's Bar Foundation is dedicated to ensuring access to justice for low-income women. We create a community committed to providing free legal assistance to low-income women and their families.

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