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**NEW DirectWomen's 2024 Board Institute Class Announced**  
*Board Institute Positions Women Lawyers to Serve on Corporate Boards*

NEW YORK (February 8, 2024) — Sixteen women lawyers at the top of their professional careers are members of the NEW 2024 [DirectWomen](#) Board Institute Class. Identified through a rigorous search and selection process, these women hail from preeminent public and private companies, law firms, and non-profit organizations.

"We are delighted to welcome this new class to our Board Institute," said Shawn Taylor Kaminski, Executive Director of DirectWomen. "We are proud of the 270 Board Institute alumnae who have held more than 195 corporate board seats since our inception in 2007."

"This class of highly qualified board-ready women lawyers are business executives and strategic thought leaders," said Lily Yan Hughes, Chair, DirectWomen Board of Directors. "They represent a wide range of industries and experiences and will make excellent corporate directors."

Empirical studies\* specifically indicate that lawyer-directors' professional judgment, knowledge of corporate governance, legal expertise, and familiarity with regulation and risk management, greatly improve the value and operation of the company.

Held October 16-18, 2024, in New York City, the new Board Institute class will meet with a faculty of CEOs, C-suite and search firm executives, and directors of public companies. The Board Institute faculty will discuss relevant and challenging issues facing corporate directors today.

Currently, DirectWomen's Board Institute is chaired by Professor Hillary A. Sale, Agnes Williams Sesquicentennial Professor of Leadership and Corporate Governance and Professor of Management, Georgetown University; Advisory Board Member, Foundation Press; Director, Cboe U.S. Securities Exchanges, CFE and Cboe SEF.

Members of the 2024 DirectWomen Board Institute class include:

**Lauren Aste**

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary, CWT  
London, UK

**Beth Boland**

Partner; Vice Chair, ESG Practice; Former Chair, Securities Enforcement and Litigation Group; and Former Vice Chair, Litigation Department, Foley & Lardner LLP  
Boston, MA

**Eva Davis**

Chair, Global Transaction Department, Winston & Strawn  
Los Angeles, CA

**Leanne Fitzgerald**

Chief Legal Officer, ACV Auctions Inc.  
Hopkinton, MA

**Anya Goldin**

Partner, Estrich Goldin LLP  
Los Angeles, CA

**Natasha Kohne**

Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
San Francisco, CA and Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Shawnte Mitchell**

Chief Legal Officer, Genomatica Inc.  
Hayward, CA

**Susan Keller Pascocello**

General Counsel, Chemonics International, Inc.  
Washington, DC

**Kari O'Neill Potts**

Vice President and General Manager North America - Global Agriculture, Valmont Industries, Inc.  
Omaha, NE

**Sharon Speyer**

Former Regional President, Northwest Ohio and Director of Economic Inclusion for Regional  
Banking, Huntington Bancshares  
Sylvania, OH

**Kristin Sverchek**

President, Lyft  
San Francisco, CA

**Nabiha Syed**

CEO, The Markup  
Brooklyn, NY

**Suzanne Schulze Taylor**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, Inc.  
Mayfield Heights, OH

**Royce Warrick**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, Solenis  
Wilmington, DE

**Veronica White**

Global Head, Technology Services and Solutions, Bloomberg L.P.  
New York, NY

**Denise Zamore**

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary, agilon health  
Hartford, CT

**About DirectWomen**

DirectWomen's mission is to increase the representation of women lawyers on corporate boards. To this end, DirectWomen identifies leading women lawyers who provide the experience, independence and business judgment required for corporate board effectiveness. Through its various programs, DirectWomen develops and positions women attorney leaders for board service. It also serves as a resource for companies seeking qualified women board candidates. Direct Women is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization. For more information, go to [www.directwomen.org](http://www.directwomen.org)

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\*Links to studies include:

<https://scholarship.law.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2276&context=facpub>

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