



*Congratulating the*  
**WINNER - nominees of**

## **TOP U.S.A WOMEN DEALMAKERS**

*Winners Honored:*

**Networking & Recognition Ceremony**  
July 11, 2019 • Washington DC.

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Global M&A Network is delighted to announce short-list of Top USA Women Dealmakers winner-nominees from the wider private equity, lending, legal, financial advisory and restructuring transactional communities.

**WHAT:** Awards honors A-List of most talented, respected and brilliant women dealmaker's achievements. A definitive confirmation of her accomplishments since the selection is based on her unique expertise, prominence and influence among her clients, colleagues, peers, and the industry.

**WHO:** Record for executing value generating transactions, must be with the firm for a full year with over 15 years of industry experience, exemplify the "Distinction in Dealmaking" qualities, among additional selection criteria.

**PRESTIGE:** Recognizes achievements of the dealmakers and validates the firm's commitment in fostering gender balance initiatives and proactive role in supporting women's advancement in the broader transactional, business and investing communities.

**NEXT STEPS:** Congrats on making the distinguished group! Winner-nominees must attend the privately hosted recognition ceremony to personally accept their name-engraved cherished trophy. The winner editorial profiles are published after the awards ceremony celebrations.

*Networking & Awards Recognition Ceremony, info:*

**U.S.A Growth & Deals Intelligence Forum | July 11, 2019 at Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC.**

**Winners Attendance:** (i) Sponsor-supporters of the Forum have complimentary delegate guest tickets per their privileges; OR (ii) as a registered guest delegate.

**Deadline:** Please confirm your acceptance of the Top U.S.A Women Dealmakers Awards by **June 21, 2019** since it takes time to prepare your one-of a kind, **name**-engraved trophy.

**Q, kindly contact:** Raj Kashyap ☎ 914.886.3085 ✉ [raj@globalmanetwork.com](mailto:raj@globalmanetwork.com)



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PRIVATE EQUITY

**Nicole V. Agnew**

Partner  
Goldman Sachs Merchant Bank Group

**Cindy Babitt**

Partner, Founding Member  
Cyprium Partners

**Anita Balaji**

Managing Director, U.S. Buyout  
The Carlyle Group

**Amy Christensen**

Partner  
Vistria Group

**Kara Cissell-Roell**

Partner, Co-founder  
VMG Partners

**Nishita Cummings**

Partner  
Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors

**T. Gail Dady**

Partner  
DC Capital

**Daphne Dufresne**

Managing Partner  
GeNnX360

**Carlyn Galiette**

President and Chief Investment Officer  
Ironwood Capital

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PRIVATE EQUITY

**Krista Hatcher**

Partner  
Chicago Pacific Founders

**Hollie Moore Haynes**

Managing Partner, Founder  
Luminate Capital Partners

**Azra Kanji**

Partner  
Abry Partners

**Tiffany Kosch**

Managing Director, Co-Founder  
CenterGate Capital

**Meghan M. McGee**

Partner  
Camden Partners

**Erin L. Murphy**

Managing Director  
Wynnchurch Capital

**Jill C. Raker**

Managing Partner  
Greenbriar Equity Group

**Raquel Palmer**

Managing Partner  
KPS Capital Partners

**Karen Tuleta**

Partner  
Morgenthaler Private Equity

**Shoshana Vernick**

Managing Director, Education Opportunity Fund  
Sterling Partners

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LENDERS

**Diane Burton**  
Managing Director  
Antares Capital

**Amy Carlson**  
Managing Director, Head Debt Capital  
KeyBanc Capital Markets

**Cheryl Carner**  
Managing Director  
Crystal Financial

**Carey Davidson**  
Managing Director, Head Capital Markets  
Monroe Capital

**Jeri Harman**  
CEO  
Avante Mezzanine Partners

**Gwendolyn Smith Iloani**  
Partner  
Pelham S2K Managers

**Helen Quick**  
Managing Director  
Locust Point Capital

RESTRUCTURING

**Shannon C. Baxter**  
Partner, Finance and Restructuring  
Dentons LLP

**Lorie Beers**  
Managing Director, Head, Special Situations  
Cowen & Co

**Robin Chiu**  
Managing Director  
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**Carol L. Fox**  
Principal  
GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group

**Deborah S. Friedland**  
Managing Director, Head Hospitality Advisory  
EisnerAmper

**Terri L. Gardner**  
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Nelson Mullins Broad & Cassel LLP

**Karen A. Giannelli**  
Chair, Restructuring & Creditors' Rights  
Gibbons PC

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Partner, Chair Bankruptcy, Restructuring  
and Creditors' Rights  
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RESTRUCTURING

**Shari L. Heyen**

Partner, Co-Chair Global Restructuring &  
Bankruptcy Group  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

**Teresa C. Kohl**

Managing Director  
SSG Capital Advisors

**Erika Morabito**

Partner, Vice Chair, Restructuring  
Foley & Lardner, LLP

**Pauline K. Morgan**

Partner  
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**Cynthia A. Nelson**

Senior Managing Director  
FTI Consulting

**Evelyn Ni**

Senior Managing Director  
Ankura Consulting

**Bonnie Pollack**

Partner  
Cullen and Dykman LLP

**Suzanne Uhland**

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O'Melveny & Myers LLP

FINANCIAL ADVISORS

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Managing Director  
Head North America M&A  
J.P Morgan

**Jennifer Arnolie**

Partner, Americas Deputy Leader TAS  
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**Laurie Coben**

Senior Managing Director  
Evercore

**Claudine Cohen**

Principal, TAS  
CohnResnick

**Chrisanne Corbett**

Managing Director  
KPMG Corporate Finance

**Amy V. Forrestal**

Managing Director  
Brookwood Associates

**Sylvie Gadant**

Partner  
Citrin Cooperman

**Janki Gandhi**

Managing Director  
Lincoln International

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FINANCIAL ADVISORS

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AGC Partners

**Anne Hamilton**  
Partner  
Perella Weinberg Partners

**Leigh Hudson**  
Managing Director  
Capstone Headwaters

**Mary Josephs**  
CEO and Founder  
Verit Advisors

**Amy LaBan**  
Managing Director  
CG Petsky Prunier

**Kelly Landreth**  
Managing Director  
Wells Fargo Securities

**Janica Lane**  
Managing Director  
Piper Jaffray

**Carolyn Mathis**  
Partner, CEO and Co-founder  
Harbor View Advisors

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FINANCIAL ADVISORS

**Michele E. McHale**  
Partner, Head Private Equity Group  
Plante Moran

**Laura McNaughton**  
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Duff & Phelps

**Trisha K. Renner**  
Managing Director  
Robert W. Baird & Co

**Julie Silcock**  
Managing Director  
Co-Head Southwest Investment Banking  
Houlihan Lokey

**Heather Smith**  
Managing Partner, Co-Founder  
Ancoris Capital Partners

**Lisa M. Van Lieshout**  
Managing Director  
Baker Tilly Capital

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LAWYERS

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Finance Group  
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Berkowitz, PC

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LAWYERS

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Partner  
Holland & Knight LLP

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Cooley, LLP

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LAWYERS

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Partner  
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Partner, Co-Leader Private Equity Group  
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Akerman, LLP

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LAWYERS

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Partner, Chair, Business Group  
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Haynes & Boone, LLP

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

#### WINNERS:

The winners of Top U.S.A Women Dealmakers Awards recipients are officially honored and presented with their one-of-a kind, name engraved trophy at the afternoon networking and recognition ceremony held following the “Women Rain-and-Dealmakers” general session during the U.S.A Growth & Deals Intelligence Forum.

#### VALIDATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS:

##### Acceptance:

Women Dealmaker award recipients must personally attend the privately hosted recognition ceremony to accept their cherished trophy. Global M&A Network does not ship or sell trophies.

##### Attendance:

Prior confirmation is required – either as a sponsor-partner of the forum or as registered guests delegate. If you or the firm is also a winner at the U.S.A M&A Atlas Awards Gala held in the evening, then please register as a VIP guest.

Deadline is June 21, 2019 to indicate your acceptance and subsequently confirm attendance so we can prepare your uniquely engraved ‘golden’ trophy!

##### Materials included:

- i. Your individual trophy.
- ii. Logo and related promotional copy, photos from the recognition ceremony.
- iii. **Winners Editorial:** Link to the feature published two weeks later, or as determined to deliver maximum value. Please note, we wish to have your prompt cooperation for timely publication!

### U.S.A Growth & Deals Intelligence Forum

#### *Program Overview:*

8.30 am	Registration, Networking Breakfast and Morning Cafe.
9.10 – 10.00 am	GROWTH: M&A Priorities
10.00 – 10.45 am	INVESTMENTS: Private Equity Decisions
10.50 – 11.30 am	HEADWINDS: Obstacles to Deal Completion.
11.40 – 12.20 pm	CROSS BORDER: Automation, Compliance & Culture.
12.30 – 1.50 pm	Networking Lunch
2.00 – 2.40 pm	WOMEN: Rainmakers
<b>2.45 pm</b>	<b>TOP U.S.A WOMEN DEALMAKERS Recognition Ceremony</b>
4.00 pm	Forum Meeting Adjourns.
6.30 pm	<b>U.S.A M&amp;A Atlas Awards Gala</b> Firm and teams must be registered for the evening gala and dinner ceremony

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WINNER EDITORIAL

**Published Post  
Winners Ceremony**

## WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS!

We are delighted to include you as a recipient of the Top U.S.A Women Dealmakers Award recipient. Once you have confirmed your acceptance and registered as a participant, kindly complete the following and send to us by July 2, 2019.

The “Winner Circle” editorial feature of each award winner is published on-line following the recognition ceremony. We appreciate your cooperation for timely publication.

**SEND to:** [shanta@globalmanetwork.com](mailto:shanta@globalmanetwork.com) or [info@globalmanetwork.com](mailto:info@globalmanetwork.com)

**Deadline:** July 2, 2019.

- 1) Short bio-profile – 50 words or less.
- 2) Hi-resolution head-shot photo in jpeg file.
- 3) Responses to Q&A – see next page.

### Instructions:

- 1) Answer all questions.
- 2) Do not exceed word-count limits. We reserve the right to edit responses if you exceed the limit.
- 3) **Hint:** We recommend your answers to be in face-to-face interview style. Conversational language is key to creating a compelling profile.

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**Q1: What led you to a career in the deal-making industry?** (example as private equity investor, lender, lawyer, banker, etc. **Limit to 30** word or less)

**Q2: How does diversity add value in the deal-making process?** (**Limit 30** word or less)

**Q3: The most memorable deal I worked on.... Why?** (**Limit 20** word or less)

**Q4: My number one advice for achieving success in the industry....** (**Limit 20** word or less)

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ORIGINS & SELECTION

### RELEVANT INFORMATION:

**Genesis:** The Top U.S.A Women Dealmakers awards and subsequent editorial feature published online is outcome of the annual “Top M&A Dealmakers” and “Top 100 Restructuring & Turnaround Professionals” editorial lists exclusively published by Global M&A Network over the past six years.

**A Long-Time:** Founder and global group editor, Shanta Kumari has keen appreciation of the issues related to “gender...diversity...” ever since she started her career at Drexel Burnham. Having lived through the crisis at Drexel and Kidder Peabody, she went on to become deputy editor of a global asset management publication, followed by starting a “woman-led” global consulting firm and was the only women only woman among a group of 4 member-team leading the construction of “i-Shares” ETF fund at Barclays. Likewise, her idea to create an award that meaningfully validates excellence is at the center of the “Women Dealmakers” honors...and a very, very long-time in making!

### INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE & SELECTION PROCESS

**Prestige** stems from the integrity of the process. Per eligibility standards, the dealmakers must have over 15 years of experience, senior positions within their respective firms, demonstrable experience executing value-generating transactions, and be on the fore-front of shaping diversity and gender balance issues within their respective organizations as well as serve as role-model in the industry.

Like the world’s most prestigious M&A Atlas Awards, the Global M&A Network process does not involve industry vendors or feedback to insure a 100% conflict-free, independent process.

**Competitive Process:** (1) Verify nominations received from the industry; (2) Evaluate firms – with specific emphasis on “USA” domestic expertise and presence; (3) Only one executive is selected from a firm; (4) firm/dealmaker advised on any M&A Atlas Awards winning transactions of late; (5) ‘diversity mix’ – a few large global firms in each segment; middle-market firms, boutique, and women-founded firms, and geography all were evaluated to make the final selection.

**Numbers:** We evaluated nearly 1440 firms founded and head-quartered in the United States – from private equity – large, mid-market to small-market specialist to regional, lenders – funds and banks, investment banks – universal, mid-markets, specialists, boutiques, law firms – large, national and regionally focused along with consulting firms, accounting and transactions advisors.

**AND**, with-in each firm we evaluated number of women executives per eligibility standards to make the final selection!

**Global M&A Network** is privately and woman-owned diversified information media and events connecting company. We exclusively serve the mergers, acquisitions, institutional and alternative investing, restructuring, and turnaround communities worldwide. The company produces the world’s most prestigious “M&A Atlas Awards, Turnaround Atlas Awards, Women Leadership Atlas Awards” from New York, Chicago, Hong Kong, Mumbai, London, to São Paulo!

Exclusive publisher of industries most coveted annual editorial lists - “Top 50 M&A Dealmakers” series, “Americas Rising Star Dealmakers”, “Top 100 Restructuring & Turnaround Professionals”, “Top U.S.A Women Dealmakers” and the “Top 100 Global Women Dealmakers”.