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Westchester Women's Bar Association

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## WWBA Presents "A Town Hall with Women Leaders in Politics" Annual Meeting and General Membership Meeting

Stephanie Melowsky and Jacqueline Hattar Diversity & Inclusion Committee Co-Chairs

he Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senator/Senate Majority Leader, 35th District, The Honorable Catalina Cruz, New York State Assemblywoman, 39th District and The Honorable Shelley Mayer, New York State Senator, 37th District, were the special guest speakers at "A Town Hall with Women Leaders in Politics" that was held on April 4, 2019 at Wilson Elser's office in White Plains. The program was presented by the WWBA's Diversity and Inclusion and Litigation



Left to right: Maria Matos, Kim Berg, Hon. Shelley Mayer, Hon. Andrea-Stewart-Cousins, Jacqueline Hattar, Hon. Catalina Cruz, and Stephanie Melowsky

Committees, and sponsored by Wilson Elser and Gould and Berg, LLP.

The program, which was very-well attended, was this year's last General Membership Meeting. Joining the distinguished panelists, were Jacqueline Hattar Esq., partner at Wilson Elser, Maria Matos Esq., Hearing Officer at the New York State Board of Elections, and Stephanie Melowsky Esq., Vice President, PCSB Bank. The authors were proud to serve as panelists at this program.

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#### SPOUSES, HOUSES, AND FINANCIAL LIQUIDATION

May 13, 2019 White Plains, New York

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May 14, 2019 Purchase, New York

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June 12, 2019 Mamaroneck, New York

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know your WWBA membership expires on May 31, 2019? Please keep an eye out for your membership renewal letter or simply log in to the website at wwbany.org to renew



Kim Berg

your membership for 2019-2020 which I can guarantee will be a fantastic year of growth and impact for the WWBA. You will certainly get the benefit of a host of diverse programs, CLEs, knowledgeable panels, and fun networking events under the steadfast leadership of incoming President Angela Morcone Giannini and the recently elected Executive Officers. Congratulations to all of those who will continue to steer this ship forward advancing our mission as a women's bar association which is certainly relevant now more than ever.

There are so many benefits to being a WWBA member, including our uniquely supportive members who never cease to amaze me with how much they are willing to do to lend a helping hand to their colleagues, to serve on a panel for a CLE or other program, and even to volunteering their time as a mentor to a law student. Our Women in Professional Transition program, which meets the first Friday of every month, is a perfect example of the support and assistance that our members not only contribute but receive from this amazing group of people.

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## WWBA Member Newsletter



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## President's Message

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"While both men and women chase the elusive 'work life balance,' issues unique to women such as pregnancy and the fact that responsibilities of child rearing, caring for elderly parents, and other family related responsibilities tend to disproportionately fall on women."

month reflecting on my year as President of the WWBA. While I already knew how important the WWBA was to me on an individual level, both personally and professionally, I have now witnessed how important it is to all of our members for a host of reasons that certainly may vary from member to member. What benefits can we all recognize from our WWBA membership?

As attorneys we need to continually expand our business and client portfolio. This is true regardless of gender and whether you practice as a solo practitioner, partner, associate, or in an of counsel capacity. The WWBA has been a tremendous source of referrals for all of those who are active in the organization. Next time you receive a call from an individual or business with a legal issue beyond your area of practice, consider referring to another WWBA member. How will you know to whom you should make a referral? Simply look on our website under membership and you can search by name, firm or practice area. Or ask another WWBA member and they will likely know the answer. The WWBA is certainly loyal to our fellow members.

By being members of the WWBA, we also garner the benefit, year after year, of obtaining inexpensive CLE credits, including those required Diversity and Inclusion and Ethics credits, from the informative,

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## **Editor's Note**

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put all together that overwhelm the world."  $\sim$  Desmond Tutu

## Making Dates and Getting Published

#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

- □ Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 12th of the month prior to publication (submissions received after the deadline are subject to the discretion of the editor).
- ☐ Send submissions as email attachments to Elizabeth Z. Marcus at secretary@wwbany.org.
- □ Articles should be 1,000 words or fewer. Remove all pagination, headers, footers or other formatting, other than bold, underline or italics. Authors are encouraged to submit photographs for publication with their submissions and include a short biographical statement with their submissions.
- ☐ Materials submitted allow the WWBA a limited copyright and full permission to reprint the material in any WWBA publication or on its website without additional consent.
- □ Photographs must be high-resolution (150 dpi or more) and the subject and all persons in each photograph must be fully identified.

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULING

- ☐ First visit the WWBA website: www.wwbany.org and click on the calendar at the home page to view scheduled programs. Conflicts in scheduling will be assessed on a case by case basis, with priority for early submissions.
- $\square$  Contact Elizabeth Z. Marcus at secretary@wwbany.org to schedule a WWBA sponsored or cosponsored program, including committee meetings, CLE programs, etc.
- □ Once you have reserved the date with Elizabeth Z. Marcus, proceed with planning your program and creating your flyer.
- □ Flyers must be approved by the Programs Committee. In advance of the 12th of the month, please send your flyer to the Program Committee Co-chairs for review and copy the Executive Director. Once approved, please send your final flyer to the Executive Director, Elisabeth Campos and the President for publication on the website calendar and the newsletter calendar. The final flyer will also be emailed to the membership.
- $\square$  We will also consider publicizing programs from outside organizations that may be of interest to our members.
- □ Post-event: You may report on the success of your program and provide photographs of the speakers and participants that can be included in an upcoming newsletter. Send your submission to Elizabeth Z. Marcus, following the guidelines above.

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## A Town Hall with Women Leaders in Politics

Senator Stewart-Cousins is the first woman to be appointed Senate Majority Leader in New York State history. She has sponsored and passed transformative legislation that has become law, such as the Child Health Plus and School Meal Enrollment Coordination Law, which was signed in 2010. Formerly a member of the New York State Assembly, Senator Mayer was first elected in a special election in 2018. Before running for office Senator Mayer worked as Chief Counsel to the New York State Senate Conference in Albany but, said that . public service as a leader in government has always been her calling. Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz is the first DREAMer to be elected to the New York State Assembly. She is an experienced attorney and community leader for tenant protections, immigration reform, and worker's rights.



coming an active member of her community inspired her to run for office and despite an initial loss that was extremely close, she never gave up. She is well respected. by her colleagues and constituents. Senator Mayer highlighted how important it is . to have a Women's Bar Association to · look forward to participating in more qual-During the April 4th discussion, the continue to address issues that impact ity programs, which promote women in panelists discussed their journeys and how · women, children and families. She also · leadership in the future. they developed their political careers. They is emphasized the importance of mentorship is all faced different obstacles that they over- · to inspire and help others to reach their · Gould and Berg for their generous supcame along the way. Senator Stewart- 'goals. Assemblywoman Cruz also dis- 'port. D



Cousins shared her insights on how be- . cussed how important mentorship was to her and how her mother's struggles encouraged her to run for Assemblywoman despite large opposition. It was both educational and encouraging to hear the personal success stories of these three women leaders. It was an excellent program. We

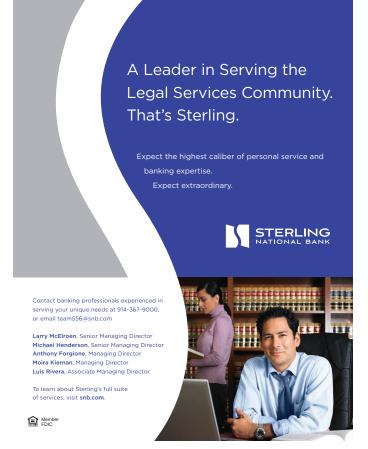
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## A NIGHT OF NETWORKING

Kim Berg

On April 8, 2019, the mentoring program established: earlier this year celebrated with an end of year networking event at the Brazen Fox in White Plains. The event was well attended and gave both Mentors and Mentees the opportunity to share their experiences this past. Those law student mentees who had already been assigned mentors praised the program and readily renewed their membership for next year so they can remain active in the mentor program. Many "new" law students joined the WWBA



that night with the hopes of being assigned a mentor by the Fall of 2019. Please consider signing up to serve as a mentor to one or more law students. Send an e-mail to executivedirector@wwbany.org to do so. The program cannot sustain the current number of students without your help. To quote New York State Senator/Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins "there are a million ways to mentor" and this program certainly proves it! Thank you to M&T Bank for sponsoring this event!









## An Interview with Kristen Motel

Susan L. Pollet Chair of the Archive and Historian Committee

Q: Why did you become a member of the WWBA and in which ways have you been involved in the organization?

A: I became a member of the WWBA when I was a student at Pace Law School, I found friendly faces and a supportive network through the WWBA – the members were happy to provide guidance and advice. As a student member, I served on the WWBA Environmental and Land Use Committee and assisted with planning a CLE. I was honored to receive the Sondra Miller Scholarship from the WWBA Foundation as a 3L. Since then, I have developed great relationships through the organization both personal and professional. Last year, I served as a Board member and this year I am thrilled to serve as a Vice President! As VP. I plan to focus on increasing membership among new lawyers and improving our social media presence (follow us on Instagram @westchester womens bar).

#### Q: Please tell us about your legal career and what you hope to accomplish.

A: My career started with clerking for the judges at the Connecticut Superior Court. With the assistance of a WWBA member whom I developed a close relationship with, I transitioned into an associate position at Cuddy I practice in an area of law I . profession?

"Be ready to work hard. Now is the time to put in the extra effort. Know that you are absolutely going to make mistakes. Be ready to take ownership, learn from them and move forward when you do."

doned property being consid- you. ered for redevelopment. I prefer not to have the same rou- · Q: When you are not lawyeris thrilling. I am proud to serve · you engaged in? and practices.

in environmental and land use . at the vineyard. I enjoy gartributions to improve global. large flower gardens at my sustainability and women's house that keep me busy! I am empowerment. Depending on . in the process of volunteering what the future holds, I would with a non-profit organization consider running for a political . that focuses on women's emoffice. Making a positive impact and improving the world imental and agricultural we live in is something that was sustainability in South America. stressed to me growing up and : I try to make it a priority.

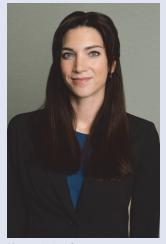
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on Cuddy & Feder's Diversity A: My family owns a farm vine-Committee, which advises yard and winery in Connecti-Management on firm policies i cut and my husband works · there. When I am not lawyer-I hope to grow my career ing, I am usually helping out law while continuing my con- dening and have planted some powerment through environ-It's amazing that programs like this are being launched. They have the potential to lift entire villages out of poverty. My connection to that organization grew from building my network · am passionate about and one ; A: Be ready to work hard. Now ; through the WWBA – it definitely ;



Kristen Motel

of directors for a women's mentoring organization at the University of Rhode Island called WOWW that I founded when I was an undergradugraduating students to assist in their transition from student life to professional careers. Being part of a supportive network for women in transition is so rewarding. I have met some incredible people.

#### Q: How have you balanced your work and home life?

A: To be honest, it's difficult. Having grown up in a family business, work was often integrated with my home life. I do try to take time in the morning before work to garden and start the day doing something I love. Being a land use lawyer, I often attend night meetings so my evening schedule can be tricky. I also make a point to use all of my vacation time every year and take trips to places I have never been. In the last few years, I have backpacked Yellowstone, hiked the Yucatan jungle, visited Napa/Sonoma, and island hopped on a sailboat in the Caribbean. Adventure helps me relax! ▶

## **▶ May Litigation Tip**

#### ◆ TOPIC: USE OF DEPOSITIONS ON SJ MOTIONS AND OTHER EVIDENTIARY ISSUES

In a previous Lit Tip, we covered the use of depositions at trial. Depositions are also commonly used in motions, especially motions for summary judgment. The rule regarding the signing, exchange and correction of depositions is CPLR 3116 (a). The Second Department recently addressed the offer of deposition testimony on a summary judgment motion in *Pierre R. Jean Baptiste, etc., v Ditmas Park LLC, et al.*, 2019 NY Slip Opinion 02844 (April 2019). This case concerned a slip and fall where the Plaintiff alleged that the decedent had slipped and fell on a slippery wet floor. There were no witnesses to the fall. The Defendants moved for summary judgment claiming there was no defective condition and that Plaintiff could not identify the cause of the fall. The lower court denied the motion based upon the finding that the deposition transcripts relied upon by the Defendants in support of the motion were not in proper evidentiary form. The Appellate Court addressed the admissibility of three *unsigned transcripts*.

The first transcript was the unsigned testimony of the Plaintiff decedent's husband. The Appellate Court held it was nonetheless admissible on the motion because the Plaintiff raised no objection to its use or accuracy and Plaintiff also requested the Court "to incorporate it by reference" in his own opposition papers.

The second transcript was that of the Plaintiff's niece, a non-party, which was also unsigned. Notably, the Defendant did not address the fact that the transcript was unsigned in the moving papers but rather in their reply (Plaintiff having raised the issue in opposition) included a letter of mailing to the non-party which went unanswered. Although the Plaintiff objected to its use, the Court held this transcript could be used fully as if signed pursuant to CPLR 3116 (a) since more than 60 days had passed and the witness had not returned the transcript.

The third transcript was of the Defendant property manager. The Court held that this transcript too can be properly considered even though unsigned, since it was submitted by the Defendants themselves and thus adopted as accurate under CPLR 3116 (a).

While the Appellate Court disagreed with the lower court's denial of the summary judgment based upon the unsigned transcripts, the Court denied summary judgment. Decedent's husband testified when he found his wife on the floor her clothes were wet and there was a smell of Ajax. However, defendant's niece testified that when she found her aunt on the floor it was not wet. This conflict of testimony/proof resulted in the failure to eliminate all issues of fact as to the cause of decedent's fall and failed to establish prima facie that the cause was not identifiable. The Court also held that Defendants failed to establish that they did not create or have notice of the condition because the property owner's testimony only referred to general cleaning and inspection practices and was devoid of any evidence of when the specific area was last cleaned or inspected. Lastly, the affidavits offered by the defense of the building superintendent and porter were both unsworn and not in admissible form. Since Defendants failed to meet their burden on the motion, summary judgment was denied.

Written by Angela Morcone Giannini, Co-Chair, Litigation Committee Other Co-Chairs: Jacqueline Hattar & Kimberly Sheehan

## **Chapter News and Announcements**

#### Announcements & Notes on Members

□ On April 1, 2019, WWBA past president **Dawn Kirby**, Erica Aisner and Julie Curley proudly opened the doors to their new offices at Kirby Aisner & Curley LLP (www.kacllp.com) located in Scarsdale, New York. Dawn, Erica and Julie will continue to practice bankruptcy, real estate and commercial transactional law. ▶



## Job Opportunity

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, BLACK MARJIEH & SANFORD LLP

Forward-thinking, collaborative and creative law firm seeks associate attorney to round-out growing team of passionate and innovative attorneys. Our guiding principle is to foster an inclusive and rewarding work environment that inspires excellence. It's our people who drive us forward, and we are looking for someone who both meets our qualifications and comfortably fits our culture of caring deeply, continuously learning, respecting diverse perspectives and having fun together while working hard. Candidates should think strategically and must work well as a team, as well as possess experience and skills in serving clients successfully.

- Competitive salary and benefits packages, including free gym membership. Specific qualifications include:
- 3-6 Years of civil defense litigation experience in the areas of Construction Law, including New York Labor Law, as well as Professional Liability.
- Exceptional research, writing, organization and client relations skills.
- Desire to be part of a growing, supportive and enthusiastic team that achieves success together.
- Karaoke, volleyball and/or softball skills will be considered.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and references to: opportunities@bmslegal.com.

The Westchester Women's Bar Association requests the pleasure of your company at its

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Special Recognition of

## HONORABLE SONDRA MILLER

A FOUNDER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE WWBA

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club Mamaroneck, New York

Cocktails 5:30 P.M.

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

## Become a New Member Today

RENEW YOUR

WWBA MEMBERSHIP TODAY

FOR THE PERIOD

JUNE 1, 2018 TO MAY 31, 2019.

RENEW NOW! DON'T WAIT!

WWBA Membership includes membership to the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY).

January 31, 2019 is the closing date in order to count the WWBA members towards our certification to WBASNY and assure our number of delegates.

Renewing before this date will allow our Westchester Chapter (WWBA) to continue to be a strong presence in our statewide organization (WBASNY) while you will enjoy its many benefits, events, newsletter and CLE programming.



Hélène Côté, Sherry A. Bishko, Elisabeth Campos

It is easy to renew by going to the WWBA Website at www.WWBANY.org.
You can use a credit card or PayPal to make payment.

#### **Westchester Women's Bar Association New Members**

The Westchester Women's Bar Association proudly welcomes our newest members:

TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF OUR MEMBERS, THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE WWBA ONLY.

## President's Message

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CLE courses we offer focusing on practical skills and nu- · ferent journeys in the politi- · merous substantive areas of 'cal realm. The WWBA was 'imparted her thoughts at ' law

But it is not "all work and no play" here at the WWBA. We continued to expand our networking and "fun" and events where we can unwind . and put a little work life balance back in our lives.

For me this past year, I have found the newly formed mentor program to be a paramount reason why membership in the WWBA is so important. Serving as a mentor, hearing the positive feedback from those who participated in the program, and seeing the results trickle down to those mentees who were able to find internships or employment as a result is truly priceless.

In devoting much time and energy into this newly formed mentor program I have learned how important our unique, supportive, intelligent and diverse group of members are to our law student members. I also know that these new law student members are critically important to the future of the WWBA.

I recently had the privilege of attending our April 4, 2019 General Membership Meeting: "A Town Hall with Women Leaders in Politics."

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their fellow panelists.

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privileged to hear from Hon. · length – which in my opinion · Andrea Stewart-Cousins, were right on point: women New York State Senator/Sen- · face unique issues, both in · ate Majority Leader, Hon. i their professional careers and i Shelley Mayer, New York · in their personal lives. While States Senator, and Hon. both men and women chase Catalina Cruz, New York As- the elusive "work life balsemblywoman at this very in ance," issues unique to i · women such as pregnancy · In response to a question . and the fact that responsibiliabout mentoring, each of the 'ties of child rearing, caring' panelists spoke about how for elderly parents, and other. they benefitted time and time family related responsibilities again from the mentors and itend to disproportionately fall is role models who impacted on women, we have to learn them along their path to and it to balance imperfectly. Havin elected office. The com- ing colleagues to share stomon thread was that by hav- . ries with who face work life ing mentors along their jour- balance struggles similar to ney they were able to over- . ours helps us to remind ourcome obstacles and were 'selves that it is okay to "balexposed to opportunities that  $\cdot$  ance imperfectly" and that may not have otherwise pre- ; both physical and mental sented themselves without a · self-care is critically impormentor. The mentors about j tant. I know my friends and whom they spoke ranged · colleagues in the WWBA from parents or family mem- ; have been there to hear me bers, to colleagues, and even · "vent" about the often elusive work life balance and their Based on a question that · compassion and advice has · has been asked to me many always been sound. Furthertimes over the past year, and · more, although inroads have · although I already knew the . been made there are still answer, I asked the panel why 'many hurdles and obstacles if women are making inroads to true equality and the gen-

still need a women's bar as- 'people, can attribute their 'Elizabeth Marcus. D

well-staffed and very diverse · and frank discussion with the · answer was a resounding · mentor in our lives. At this time of year, with Spring upon us Senator Shelley Mayer · let it remind us of a time for new beginnings and new growth. Why not this year consider fostering someone else's path to success? I ask you to sign up as a mentor to one of the over 50 law students that are still each to have a WWBA mentor. With Spring being a time for new beginnings and growth, think also about how you can expand your network, knowledge, and maybe have a little fun by attending one of the many events on the calendar for May and June.

> The WWBA Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers is always a great opportunity to leave work behind, network and have fun. Save the date for our Annual Dinner on June 12, 2019 at the Mamaroneck Yacht and Beach starting at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you · there as I pass the proverbial torch to Anaela Morcone Giannini and her team of Executive Officers: President-Elect Hon. Lisa Margaret Smith; Vice Presidents Amanda Fried, Jennifer Gray, and Jacqueline Hattar; Treasurer Natanya Briendel; Corresponding Secretary Jennifer Robinson; Most, if not all successful and Recording Secretary

## WWBA Schedule of Upcoming Events

COMMITTEE	DATE/TIME	PLACE	TOPIC	RSVP (also online at www.wwbany.org)
Bankruptcy, Real Estate, and Matrimonial Committees	5/13/19 Networking and Registration 5:00 P.M. Program 5:30-7:30 P.M. Light refreshments will be served	120 Bloomingdale Rd Suite 400 White Plains, NY	Spouses, Houses, and Financial Liquidation A Discussion led by Bankruptcy Attorneys of the effect of Bankruptcy laws/ practice on Matrimonial and Real Estate Practice 2 CLE Credits in Practical Skills* (pending approval)	RSVP online by May 9, 2019 at  www.wwbany.org Advance Registration (before May 9 at 5:00 P.M.): \$20 WWBA members; \$25 non-WWBA members Without Pre-Registration: \$30 WWBA members; \$35 non-WWBA members Questions please contact Susan Mills Richmond smillsrich@aol.com
Real Property Committee	5/14/19 12:30 P.M.	Law Offices of Cassin & Cassin LLP 2900 Westchester Ave Suite 402 Purchase , NY	Invitation to Attend a Committee Meeting with Guest Speaker Chase Welles, Partner, SCG Retail	Please RSVP to Michele A. Luzio, Esq. at mluzio@cassinllp.com (914) 517-6953
Book Club	5/15/19 6:00 p.m.	Lisa M. Denig's Home (hosted by Amanda Fried and Annette Hasapidis) Valhalla, NY	Ninth Meeting of the WWBA Book Club Book: "Madam Fourcade's Secret War" By Lynne Olson	Register online at www.wwbany.org
Pace Women's Justice Center, WWBA, and My Sisters' Place	5/23/19 Registration 5:30-6:00 P.M. Program 6:00- 8:00 P.M. Light supper will be served	Tudor Room Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University White Plains, NY	Advanced Litigation Issues when Representing Domestic Violence Survivors in Family Court Family Offense Cases 2 CLE Credits in Professional Practice *(pending approval)	\$30 for WWBA members; \$40 for non-members \$50 for members and non-members at the door FREE for members of the Pace Women's Justice Center Moderate Means Panel RSVP by May 16, 2019 online at www.wwbany.org or email at executivedirector@wwbany.org
WWBA Women in Professional Transition Project	6/7/19 1:00 p.m.	445 Café 445 Hamilton Ave. White Plains, NY (Parking is available in the garage next door; follow signs for "office parking")	"First Fridays" with the WWBA's Women in Professional Transition Project	No RSVP necessary For more information go to www.wwbany.org
WWBA Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers	6/12/19 Cocktails 5:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M.	Mamaroneck Beach and Yacht Club Mamaroneck, NY		Register online at www.wwbany.org

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