

Skadden Celebrates Women's History Month

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Colleagues Discuss Women Who Inspire Them



Katja Butler
Partner, Private Equity / London

Baroness Helena Morrissey
British Financier and Campaigner

"Helena Morrissey established the 30% Club, campaigning for greater female representation on company boards, and has combined a full-on C-suite career with being a mother to nine children!"



Jade Jenkins
Associate, Litigation / Chicago

Jane Bolin
American Judge and Attorney

"I stand on the shoulders of women like Jane Bolin, the first African American woman to serve as a judge in the United States, who championed the rights of women and minorities."



Gurjot Kaur
Associate, M&A / New York

Karamjit Kaur Pannu
Entrepreneur

"My mom, Karamjit Kaur Pannu, is an immigrant who runs successful businesses, without formal training or higher education. She inspires me every day to prioritize my professional growth and career and make her proud."



Jennifer Minervini
Pro Bono Coordinator / New York

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
U.S. Representative for New York's 14th District

"Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez fights for social, racial and economic justice. She is a resilient force who listens to her community and continues to serve as a fierce leader."



Amr Razzak
Partner, Corporate / Palo Alto

Angela Merkel
Former Chancellor of Germany

"Angela Merkel's rise to chancellor personifies what is possible with hard work, luck and strategic thinking. Her courageous welcome of hundreds of thousands of refugees underscores her compassion and foresight. 'Mama Merkel' recognized both the humanity of those whom others turned away with angry rhetoric and batons and their potential to contribute to a dynamic German future."



Jason Russell
Head, Los Angeles Office

Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Former Supreme Court Associate Justice

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg deployed a strategic vision for incremental but significant change that made lasting improvements on the rights and position of women in America. Her unrelenting advocacy and singular focus on feminism inspired a generation of women to strive for equality."



Bijal Shah
Senior Manager, Diversity Equity & Inclusion / New York

Kalpana Chawla
American Astronaut and Aerospace Engineer

"Kalpana Chawla was an aerospace engineer and the first Indian woman to go to space. She tragically passed in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster, but she taught me that through perseverance and dedication, anyone can follow their dreams, and she continues to inspire me today."



Paloma Wang
Co-Head, China Practice / Hong Kong

Z. Julie Gao
Chief Financial Officer of ByteDance

"Former Skadden partner Julie Gao needs no introduction. Driven and self-motivated, Julie is always energetic and two to three steps ahead of everything. Impeccable memory of all deal specifics. High IQ and even higher EQ. Julie set the golden standard for client service for Skadden's China practice."



Gretchen Wolf
Co-Chair, Global Women's Initiatives Committee / Chicago

Magdalena Wolf
Homesteader

"My grandmother, Magdalena Wolf was born in 1888 near what is now Odesa, Ukraine. As a young woman, she left everything she knew for a new life in the United States. She raised 11 children in a sod house on the prairie of North Dakota. When I think of what it means to be brave, strong and resilient, I always think of her."

