

Academy Securities Commemorates Women's History Month

This month Academy Securities joins the nation in commemorating Women's History Month. This month reminds us of the ongoing contributions of women to every aspect of American life. The women on the Academy Securities team include an astronaut, parents, combat leaders, partners/spouses, trailblazers in business and public service, and successful securities industry professionals. These diverse women are part of a solid team of military service veterans and proven securities industry professionals focused on the needs of our partners and clients. We maintain a high ethical code, a sense of accountability, discipline, loyalty and strive for excellence in the pursuit of our client's success.

As we recognize the contributions of all women to our Nation, we take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of some of our team members:

Wendy B. Lawrence is an Advisory Board Member. Ms. Lawrence is a former NASA astronaut who has logged over 1,225 hours in space as a mission specialist and was a veteran of four space flights. A retired United States Navy Captain, Ms. Lawrence was a helicopter pilot with more than 1,500 hours of flight time in six different types of helicopters and made more than 800 shipboard landings. She is the first female graduate of the United States Naval Academy to fly into space after being selected by NASA in March 1992. While an astronaut, she visited the Russian Space Station Mir and was a mission specialist on STS-114, the first Space Shuttle flight after the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.

Kathy Schlein is a Director on Academy's Board of Directors whose expertise lies in branding and brand management, product development, and product marketing. Ms. Schlein started her career immediately after college working on the original Macintosh team at Apple and remained in Silicon Valley for 24 years working at a number of cutting-edge technology businesses. She was VP of Research & Development for Hasbro Inc., and in management at Apple twice, Momenta Corporation and T-Maker. Ms. Schlein was a Board Member of Logoworks, Skullcandy, and Dotspotter and currently sits on the Boards of the Trustee Council for Penn Women (TCPW) and the Track Alumni Board, and Stance's (a consumer lifestyle business) Innovation Board of Advisors.

Kate Brewer is Senior Vice President of Treasury and Compliance. She joined the firm in 2014 and focuses on overall firm compliance, supervision, and internal controls. Ms. Brewer has been in the financial industry for over 15 years with extensive experience in broker dealer compliance and financial operations. She previously served as a

Compliance Analyst at Bain Capital, and a Compliance Officer at Carolina Capital Markets.

Rachel Washburn is the Vice President of Geopolitical Strategy. Ms. Washburn served six years in the U.S. Army as an Intelligence Officer. While serving, Ms. Washburn deployed twice to Afghanistan; first as a member of the pioneer Cultural Support Team attached to Special Forces and second as an intelligence Platoon Leader. Since leaving the Army in 2016, Ms. Washburn continued to pursue a career addressing global security and instability, most recently acting as a regional director with a nonprofit focused on bringing relief in the wake of disasters and armed conflicts.

Sara Ketchum is a Director, Head of Municipal Credit Strategy with over 15 years of municipal credit experience working for Bond Insurers, Rating Agencies, and banks. She is the primary coverage Banker for Northeast Public Finance issuers and an integral part of the municipal finance team since joining Academy in 2019. Sara plays a key role in preparing credit/sales memos for the public finance transactions that Academy underwrites as well as providing key input on rating agency presentations, disclosure, and other credit related tasks.

Kimberly Bellis is an Associate of Debt Capital Markets and Fixed Income. Ms. Bellis served six years in the U.S. Navy as a Special Operations Officer. She completed a deployment with her unit to the Middle East as the ready platoon for mine counter response. Her platoon traveled to Oman, Lebanon, and Jordan, participating in Subject Matter Expert Exchanges. She collaborated with the U.S. Secret Service as the leader for the command's bomb squad support for Presidential and Vice Presidential domestic and international travel.

These women represent just a few of the women who are at the crux of our success as the nation's first post-9/11 disabled veteran owned investment bank. We recognize and salute their contributions as well as the contributions of all women throughout American History.