

## **OnRamp Fellowship Pilot Program Meet the 2014-15 Fellows**

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### ***Sheila Bridges***

#### ***Cooley, Business Litigation, San Francisco***

A University of Chicago Law School graduate, Sheila Bridges practiced three years as a litigation associate for two top law firms in San Francisco and Boston before taking a brief hiatus to focus on family matters and raising her daughter. During her six-year break from the private sector, Bridges served as a pro bono attorney for the Women's Bar Foundation Family Law Project in Boston, where she represented battered women on their divorce and custody proceedings. She also studied the legal profession, politics, and the courts, earning a Masters in Philosophy with honors from the University of Cambridge, and a Master's in Government, *magna cum laude*, from Cornell.

### ***Dora de la Rosa***

#### ***Sidley, Real Estate, Los Angeles***

One of five children of Mexican immigrants, Dora de la Rosa graduated from University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, and returned home to Southern California to practice law. After 13 years as a litigator, de la Rosa left the legal practice to spend more time with her young children and serve the local school district. During her time away from the law, de la Rosa chaired a school bond campaign, which raised over \$67 million, and served for eight years on the local school board, including two terms as its elected President. While on the Board, she was exposed to a variety of issues that piqued her interest in real estate law on the transactional side. She is also in the midst of a two-year term as an appointed member of the L.A. County Commission for Women, serves as the Chair of the Finance Advisory Committee for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and is a Board Member for the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club.

### ***Dana Glenn***

#### ***Hogan Lovells, Corporate, Washington, D.C.***

While earning her J.D. from Fordham University Law School, Dana Glenn also took classes across town at Columbia University Business School to earn an M.B.A. After practicing for two years in New York and California, she returned home to Detroit, Michigan where worked at a local firm for another year. Glenn spent the next eight years following her dream of running a successful, small business. When she was ready to return to the practice of law, she headed to Georgetown and earned an LL.M. in Taxation. In addition to her graduate studies, she graciously offered her time to the DC Volunteer Law Project, providing legal assistance to low-income residents of the District.

**Heather Hewitt**

**Baker Botts, Corporate, Houston**

Heather Hewitt began her legal career following graduation from the University of Texas School of Law as a clerk for Judge Joe J. Fisher of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. In her subsequent years of practice, Hewitt focused on complex commercial litigation, including energy law, with a boutique law firm founded by several well-respected former BigLaw partners. Since stepping away from practice 15 years ago, Hewitt has been an active leader at her children's schools and fostered rescue dogs for Friends for Life. She also has put her fluent French skills to use as a translator for the Tahirih Justice Center, which provides direct legal services to immigrant women and girls fleeing violence.

**Mary Klumpp**

**Cooley, Trademark, Washington, DC**

After graduating from Fordham Law School, where she was a member of *Law Review*, Klumpp joined a top law firm where she had clerked since her 2L summer in the Trademark and Copyright Section. She left practice to raise two children and to support her husband's military career, which resulted in seven moves over the course of her nearly 12 year hiatus. During her time away from full-time work, Klumpp has been actively involved in military spouse advocacy, including as a member of the Military Officers' Association of America Spouse Council. She also lent her legal skills as a volunteer for the AMC Staff Judge Advocate Office at Scott Air Force Base and researching and writing on the issue of bar admissions for the Military Spouse JD Network.

**Yvette Lanneaux**

**Baker Botts, Corporate, New York**

A Harvard Law School graduate, Yvette Lanneaux practiced corporate law at several major law firms and corporations in New York and Tokyo, Japan, concentrating on joint ventures and licensing for computer services, software, and pharmaceutical companies. She stepped away from full-time work for family reasons for almost 13 years, but has maintained her professional ties and legal skills during her hiatus by working in contract positions in law firms and corporate legal departments in a variety of practice areas, including compliance, licensing, and general corporate law. As the practice of law continues to evolve globally, Lanneaux has provided incredible value to the companies she has worked for by using her Japanese language skills and cultural knowledge to bridge gaps between the Asian and Western legal practices.

**Mimi Ophir**

**Sidley, Global Finance, New York**

Mimi Ophir spent six years of practice developing an expertise in derivative product development and distribution for investment bank and corporate clients. At Boston University School of Law, she served as a Case & Note Editor for the *American Journal of Law and Medicine* and had a Note published. Since leaving practice 16 years ago to raise her two children, Ophir has served on the Board of her children's school Parent's Association and volunteered for the Pace Women's Justice Center Helpline. She is fluent in Korean and spent one year of her undergraduate career studying at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea.

**Lori Trujillo**

**Sidley, Corporate, Tech/IP Transactions, Los Angeles**

While earning a JD/MBA from Pepperdine University, Lori Trujillo served on the *Law Review* and was selected as a Fellow for the Geoffrey H. Palmer Center for Entrepreneurship & the Law. With a B.S. in Biology, she developed an expertise in intellectual property law, drafting and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of areas, including: biotech, semiconductors, and green technology. During her years of practice, she regularly interacted with foreign associates from around the globe, and developed a special understanding for the nuances key to doing global business. Trujillo further broadened her expertise to include negotiating and drafting agreements for a variety of complex IP transactions. During her hiatus from practice, she focused on caring for her children and further expanded her interests and knowledge in entrepreneurship and new technologies.

**Pamela Zdunek**

**Sidley, Global Finance, Chicago**

After graduating from Southern Methodist University School of Law as a member of the Order of the Coif, Pamela Zdunek began her career practicing corporate and securities law for a top Chicago law firm. During her 20-year hiatus from full-time work, she was actively involved with her four children’s schools and activities and provided pro bono legal services in a variety of areas. Zdunek also helped lead the transformation of her local theater company into a nationally acclaimed organization as a member of its Board of Directors. Additionally, she has been involved with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation/Ron Santo Walk for the Cure.

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**About the Fellowship**

*Created in January 2014 by lawyer recruitment, development, and diversity veteran Caren Ulrich Stacy, the OnRamp Fellowship is a re-entry platform that matches experienced women lawyers returning to the profession with law firms for one-year, paid positions. This unique experiential learning program gives returning women lawyers – many of whom have opted out of the legal field for a period of time to raise children – an opportunity to demonstrate their value in the marketplace while also broadening their experience, skills, and legal contacts.*

*The goal of the Fellowship is to replenish the talent pipeline in law firms with experienced women lawyers who have the potential and the desire to advance into leadership roles. Law firms that participate in the Fellowship gain access to an untapped group of experienced, diverse lawyers who want to return to the profession but face unique challenges due to the law firms’ lockstep structure.*

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