The Stein Center for Law and Ethics and
The Feerick Center for Social Justice
present the fourth annual

Women's Leadership Institute

January 22, 2021
1 - 3:15 p.m.
Zoom Webinar
This interactive Institute, reimagined to accommodate the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, aims to empower and equip participants to succeed in presentation, communication, stress management, and more.

The Women’s Leadership Institute is designed for junior and mid-level attorneys and current students. Participants may attend all or part of the day.

Agenda

1 - 1:15 p.m.  Introductory Remarks

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.  Building Relationships in 2021: 2020's Silver Lining
Presented by Debra Forman, Executive Coach, Pinstripe Coaching

Workshop will provide guidance on building, maintaining, and sustaining relationships from A to Z, especially in a remote environment.

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.  Women Leaders in Law: Advice & Discussion
(1.0 Diversity Credit CLE Credit)

Sheila Boston
President of the New York City Bar Association and Partner at Arnold & Porter

Palmina Fava ’97
Partner, Vinson & Elkins and President of Fordham Law Alumni Association

Janet Sabel
Attorney-in-Chief and CEO, The Legal Aid Society

Linda Tieh
Partner, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

Moderator: Shadé Quailey ’19
Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Peter H. Multon for the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Department

CLE CREDIT
Credit has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the New York State CLE Board for a maximum of 1.0 non-transitional (1.0 diversity, inclusion & elimination of bias) credit

CLE course materials are available at: law.fordham.edu/clematerials
Sheila S. Boston is a Partner at Arnold & Porter and is the first Black woman and woman of color to be elected president of the New York City Bar Association.

Ms. Boston is a trial lawyer and litigation strategist who defends clients from initiation of the case through trial and/or settlement. Ms. Boston is valued by her clients for her advocacy skills, dependability, and collaborative spirit. Ms. Boston has successfully litigated before both state and federal courts, with significant MDL experience in mass tort actions, providing litigation avoidance counseling, and conducting audits to evaluate the potential product-related liabilities in proposed corporate acquisitions and reorganizations. She helps her clients by assessing litigation risks and defending lucrative products by weeding out frivolous individual personal injury lawsuits, defending against class actions and mass torts, and devising creative settlement solutions.

Adept in "battle of the experts" litigation, Ms. Boston has served as national coordinating counsel of experts, involving the retention, development and preparation of experts for depositions, Daubert/Frye hearings and trials; she has worked with numerous experts in various fields of medicine and science including, but not limited to, toxicology, infectious diseases, epidemiology, oncology, urology, hepatology, endocrinology, cardiology, psychology, and psychiatry.

A passionate advocate of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, Ms. Boston has won several awards for her efforts including the prestigious Chambers Diversity Awards USA 2016 inaugural award for her "Outstanding Contribution to Furthering the Advancement of Diversity in the Legal Profession, Private Practice." An active participant in bar associations and the legal community at large, Ms. Boston was appointed by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve a three-year term on New York’s First Department Judicial Screening Committee as well as appointed by Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals to serve on the Circuit’s Attorney Grievance Committee. Ms. Boston was nominated in late 2019 to be president of the New York City Bar Association and was inducted as the association’s 69th president in May 2020.

Ms. Boston earned her juris doctor degree at Columbia Law School and her Bachelor of Arts at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs.
Palmina Fava '97
Partner at Vinson & Elkins and President of Fordham Law Alumni Association

Palmina Fava is a partner in the New York office of Vinson & Elkins, LLP, specializing in internal and government investigations, white collar criminal defense, corporate governance counseling, and litigation related to the anti-corruption, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery laws, accounting fraud, market manipulation, bid rigging and unfair trade practices, off-label pharmaceutical marketing, misappropriation of trade secrets, cybersecurity and data privacy, and breaches of duty.

Palmina has been recognized in *Latinvex* as one of Latin America’s Top 100 Female Lawyers; Legal 500 as a specialist in Latin America; *Who’s Who Legal and Global Investigations Review* for Investigations; Ethisphere’s Attorneys Who Matter; NY Super Lawyers; and Trademark Publishing Woman of Distinction, a publication that selects high profile professionals based on positions of leadership, academic achievements, creative works, public speaking, and contributions to the community.

Palmina regularly represents companies and individuals before the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), other federal and state agencies, international regulatory bodies, and the courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Additionally, Palmina provides comprehensive and practical compliance advice, designing and implementing business-savvy compliance programs and internal controls tailored to a company’s particular risk profile. She also conducts third party and M&A due diligence, develops and provides compliance training, and drafts contractual compliance reps and warranties.

Palmina graduated cum laude from Georgetown University in 1994 and received her J.D. with honors from Fordham University School of Law in 1997. She is President of the Fordham Law Alumni Association and a board member of New Classrooms LLC. Palmina is fluent in Italian and proficient in Spanish and Portuguese.

Debra Forman
Executive Coach at Pinstripe Coaching

Building on more than 30 years of legal and business experience, certified executive
coach Debra Forman of Pinstripe Coaching is an acknowledged expert in law firm management. That her business grows almost exclusively through referrals is a strong testament to Debra’s coaching abilities. Since forming Pinstripe in 2008, Debra has worked with more than 2,500 clients across the globe and has provided over 30,000 hours of executive coaching services with a focus on business development and practice management. Leveraging her strengths in coaching women lawyers, executives, professional service providers and entrepreneurs, Debra has facilitated more than 70 women’s peer groups, seminars, workshops, and retreats. She rewrote Maximizing Law Firm Profitability, has produced over 170 business development videos, and has an active blog, After It Rains.

Shadé Quailey ’19
Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Peter H. Moulton for the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Department

Shadé Quailey is a judicial law clerk to the Hon. Peter H. Moulton at the Appellate Division, First Department of the New York State Supreme Court. Shade graduated from Fordham University School of Law in 2019. At Fordham, she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Fordham International Law Journal and as a member of the Fordham Moot Court Board and the Black Law Students Association. In addition, she participated in the Fordham Belfast/Dublin Summer Program where she interned for the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland; and co-authored and presented a case study to the United Nations Refugee Agency on behalf of the Walter Leitner International Human Rights Clinic. Shade earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Pace University in 2015.

Janet Sabel
Attorney-in-Chief and CEO, The Legal Aid Society

Janet Sabel serves as the Attorney-in-Chief and Chief Executive Officer of The Legal Aid Society. A Legal Aid Society alumna, Janet spent 25 years with Legal Aid before leaving in 2011 to join the New York State Attorney General’s Office where she served initially as the Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice and finally as a Chief Deputy Attorney General. While at the Attorney General’s Office, Janet oversaw a number of high-profile actions, including a landmark antitrust case involving the sale of Alzheimer drugs, the state’s first enforcement of mental health parity laws, and a resolution of a redlining investigation of a Buffalo bank. She also played a key role in the AG’s challenges to the Trump administration’s immigration, travel ban and sanctuary city policies. She oversaw successful litigation efforts to restore federal health care funding for tens
of thousands of low-income New Yorkers, as well fraud litigation against Trump University.

Prior to joining the AG’s Office, Janet held a number of top positions at The Legal Aid Society including General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer. She began her decades long commitment to Legal Aid as a staff attorney first in the Civil Division’s Brooklyn Neighborhood Office and then in the Civil Appeals and Law Reform Unit, where she worked on federal and class action litigation on disability and health issues. She also served as managing attorney of the Lower Manhattan Neighborhood Office and Attorney-in-Charge of Legal Aid’s citywide Immigration Law Unit.

She received her B.A. from Harvard/Radcliffe College and her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden Scholar.

**Linda Tieh**
**Partner, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett**

Linda Tieh is a Partner in the Private Funds Practice of Simpson Thacher. She advises investment fund sponsors on the formation, structuring and operation of private equity funds. Her practice also includes advising fund sponsors on structured secondary transactions, internal sponsor arrangements, as well as regulatory compliance and fund-related aspects of mergers and acquisitions transactions. Linda represents some of the largest and most prominent private fund sponsors, including Blackstone, Centerbridge, Hellman & Friedman and The Carlyle Group. She has also worked on a range of pro bono matters, including non-profit and asylum representation, and served on her firm’s Diversity Advisory Council and Women’s Advisory Council to shape firm initiatives around recruiting, training, mentoring and promoting diverse and women attorneys.

Linda has been with Simpson Thacher since she received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2011. She received her B.B.A in Business Honors and B.A. in Plan II (Liberal Arts) Honors, summa cum laude, from The University of Texas at Austin in 2008. Linda is admitted to practice in New York and Texas.

Linda was a Fellow in the 2016 class of the Council of Urban Professionals’ Fellows Program, and she continues to support CUP’s mission to inspire, elevate, and empower the next generation of diverse business and civic leaders.