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& INFLUENCE AWARDS

Blazing New Paths for Women Leaders

Honoring

BINTA NIAMBI BROWN

MELISSA COHN

DEBRA COUGHLIN

LESLEY ROSENTHAL

SUNG-HEE SUH

**Tribeca Rooftop**

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Women of Power & Influence Award

We'll kick off our celebration with cocktails on the rooftop, followed by dinner and our exciting live and silent auctions.

A preview of auction items and special guest and performance updates can be found online at [www.nownyc.org](http://www.nownyc.org).



invite you to join us for a celebration of extraordinary women at our 23rd annual Women of Power & Influence Awards. We are proud to welcome this year's honorees into a distinguished circle of leaders, all of whom have broken boundaries and are blazing new paths for the next generation of women leaders. These women inspire greatness from us all, not only because of what they have achieved, but because of how they have led. I hope that you'll join in our tribute to Binta Niambi Brown, Melissa Cohn, Debra Coughlin, Lesley Rosenthal, and Sung-Hee Suh.

BY CELEBRATING THESE EXEMPLARY WOMEN, YOU ARE ALSO MAKING A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE OF OUR ORGANIZATION

and honoring a longstanding commitment to the women and girls of New York City. Every day, NOW-NYC & The Service Fund are making significant changes to improve the lives of women. We are advancing women in the workforce, stopping discrimination and violence against women, and providing guidance and legal help to women in need. As a stand out voice for women in New York City and beyond, we continue to set the agenda and reframe the debate on issues critical to women and their families. We have successfully provided networking and career coaching opportunities for women on all rungs of the ladder, we've improved outcomes for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in our courts, we've stood firm against repeated attempts to downgrade women's access to healthcare, and we're driving our city's leadership to effectively respond to human trafficking.

In the spirit of advancing and celebrating women's achievements, I hope that we can count on your support.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

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Executive Director

JANE MANNING  
President

# AWARDEES

**BINTA NIAMBI BROWN**, a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, advises clients on corporate governance issues. Ms. Brown has advocated for human trafficking victims, represented immigrant women in connection with VAWA petitions, and worked on economic development initiatives assisting women in war-torn regions. The Barnard College Trustee is currently drafting a shadow report on the treatment of Cambodian women, in connection CEDAW. A key fundraiser for Hillary Clinton, Ms. Brown also advised Ms. Clinton's campaign on national security and human rights. She was also tapped by Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve on his transition team advising on transportation policy. *Crain's New York Business* named her as one of 40 rising stars under the age of 40 in 2011.

**MELISSA COHN** is an entrepreneur, business leader and industry pioneer. As a 24-year old bank loan officer, she founded The Manhattan Mortgage Company and created an industry in the process. The firm she started from her kitchen table is now the largest mortgage brokerage in the country with \$3 billion in business. A nationally recognized expert in the mortgage industry, Ms. Cohn serves as Governor of the Real Estate Board of New York and has been widely recognized as one of the top people in real estate and construction. She has received the Builder of the Year Award from Habitat for Humanity and has also been named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

**DEBRA COUGHLIN**, EVP and Chief Marketing Officer of Draftfcb, is an award-winning brand marketer best known as a principal architect of MasterCard's widely popular "Priceless" campaign. Her work in marketing and advertising for iconic brands like MasterCard, Colgate, Advil and Jell-O earned her accolades, Effies and Cannes Lions. Having joined Draftfcb as CMO, she leads the agency's Global Capabilities team and the development, evolution and promotion of new and existing Draftfcb proprietary tools and intellectual property. Identified early on by Ad Age as a "Woman to Watch," Ms. Coughlin is committed to mentoring women at work and was the first recipient of the Marie Mandry Award given by Young & Rubicam to recognize excellence in training and mentoring.

**LESLEY ROSENTHAL** is VP General Counsel & Secretary of Lincoln Center, the world's leading arts center, where she runs the legal department, pilots media and real estate deals, and counsels a 67-member board. Ms. Rosenthal has been pushing gender boundaries since middle school when she was the first girl to insist on taking wood shop instead of home economics, setting the stage for her work fashioning the legal context of Lincoln Center's successful \$1.2 billion redevelopment, the second-largest construction project in New York after Ground Zero. Previously she practiced law at Paul Weiss in Manhattan. A leader in the NYS Bar Association, Ms. Rosenthal is writing a book about the legal needs of nonprofits.

**SUNG-HEE SUH**, a partner at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, is a leading litigator whose practice focuses on securities enforcement, white-collar criminal defense, and internal investigations. She also advises institutions on compliance programs to prevent and detect anti-money laundering and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations. In a profession where only 2.1% of law firm partners are women of color, Ms. Suh leads diversity initiatives as Chair of her firm's Diversity Committee. Formerly, Ms. Suh was Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section for the U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District and was awarded the Stimson Medal by the New York City Bar Association for her outstanding contributions to that Office.