

National Organization for Women New York City
AWARDS OF INFLUENCE
WOMEN OF POWER & INFLUENCE AWARDS

Cordially invites
you to join our

20th
Anniversary
Celebration!

Honoring

Subha Barry
Sheila Birnbaum
Anucha Browne Sanders
Marlene Sanders
Audrey Strauss

Tuesday, June 24, 2008
6:30 - 9:00 pm
VIP Reception 6:00 pm



The Grand Hyatt
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The National Organization for Women New York City invites you to join us for an inspiring evening celebrating the past 20 years of the **Women of Power & Influence Awards** and the extraordinary women we have honored over the years who have been instrumental in advancing women's equality and forged paths for future women. This year, we welcome five new women into this circle of distinguished trailblazers.

By honoring our outstanding awardees past and present, you are supporting the vital work of NOW-NYC and its charitable arm, the Service Fund. For more than 40 years, NOW-NYC has been on the forefront of advancing women's rights. We work to shape the agenda on women's issues, endorse pro-choice leaders, nurture young activists, create social and legal change on critical issues and provide referrals and direct services to women in need.

I hope you will join us for what promises to be an inspiring evening!

Sonia Ossorio



President, NOW-NYC
Chair, The Service Fund



Honorees

Subha Barry, Managing Director & Head of Global Diversity & Inclusion, Merrill Lynch

launched the firm's Multicultural and Diversified Business Development group in 2001. Since joining Merrill Lynch in 1989 she has served as a branch manager and a Financial Advisor. She is a member of the Board and the Corporate Circle Advisory Committee of the National Council for Research on Women and sits on the Corporate Council of The White House Project. In 2006, she was inducted into the YWCA of New York City's Academy of Woman Achievers.

Sheila L. Birnbaum, Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom LLP

was named by *Fortune Magazine* as one of the 50 most powerful women in American business and *Crain's New York Business* heralded her as one of the 25 most influential women in New York business. *The National Law Journal* named her one of the 100 most outstanding members of the legal profession and she was recently profiled as one of three outstanding lawyers of the year. She heads Skadden's women's network, where she has established a tremendous track record of helping women advance in their careers.

Anucha Browne Sanders, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Marketing, University at Buffalo

has earned many firsts in Women's Basketball including being the first woman in NCAA history to tally six straight 30-plus-point performances. Ms. Browne Sanders worked for IBM and the NBA, where she was one of their highest-ranking women executives. In 2007, she was the successful plaintiff in the Madison Square Garden/Isiah Thomas case. Currently, she is the University at Buffalo's Senior Woman Administrator responsible for oversight of gender equity within athletics.

Marlene Sanders

is a three-time Emmy award-winning correspondent, producer, writer and news executive. Ms. Sanders broke barriers for women throughout her career. While a correspondent at ABC News, she was the first woman to anchor a prime-time network newscast. In 1966, she was the first television newswoman to report from Vietnam and in 1976 became the first woman news vice president at a network.

Audrey Strauss, Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP

is a pioneering lawyer who was named by *The National Law Journal* as one of the country's top 50 women litigators. Her legal career spans 30 years of public service and private practice where she has achieved groundbreaking success as an attorney in traditionally male-dominated fields.