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# Hybrid Work: Opportunity or Challenge for DIB Goals?

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“Hybrid gives us the opportunity to create a new world of work, and a new kind of workplace—one that combines the commitment and energy of the traditional office with the flexibility and focus of working from home.”

— Alexandra Samuel

# Speaker: Alexandra Samuel

A regular contributor to *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Harvard Business Review*, CBC, and *JSTOR Daily*, Alexandra is a prolific writer whose articles on management, hybrid work, and tech culture have earned extensive media coverage. The author of the *Work Smarter with Social Media* series for Harvard Business Review Press, Alexandra has long experience helping people navigate the digital workplace. As the data journalist for the annual *Forbes* list of the World's Most Influential CMOs, she has a deep understanding of how top brands and executives navigate digital transformation and the realignment of employee and customer experience in a hybrid world. She works regularly with companies like Twitter, Sprinklr and Microsoft on reports and workshops that address the biggest challenges in digital business.

Alexandra began her career in technology as the research director for the Governance in the Digital Economy program, leading a Toronto-based research program for a global consortium of government leaders from her home office in Vancouver. As the VP Social Media for customer intelligence software company Vision Critical, Alexandra led a social media analytics pilot program while working from home so she could homeschool her autistic son. And as the co-founder of Social Signal, Alexandra built one of the world's first social media agencies while working out of her home with her husband and their first hires. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard University, where her dissertation was the first comprehensive study of hacktivism (politically motivated computer hacking). While at Harvard, Alexandra researched the impact of technology on social capital for Robert Putnam's groundbreaking book, *Bowling Alone*.



# Panelists

# Honorable Elizabeth S. Stong

Hon. Elizabeth Stong has been a United States bankruptcy judge in New York since 2003. A former litigator, she is a frequent speaker and author, an adjunct law professor at Brooklyn Law School, and holds leadership roles in several national and regional organizations and bar associations. She has trained judges in case management, commercial and business rescue law, and dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration, in more than 25 countries on five continents, is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and an elected member of the American Law Institute and European Law Institute, and received many awards for her work to improve access to justice. She is also a regular NGO delegate to UNCITRAL's Working Groups addressing dispute resolution and insolvency. In addition, she is active in her community, and coordinated the Interfaith Homeless Shelter for many years. She received her AB from Harvard University in the history of science, and her JD from Harvard Law School where she served as President of the global alumni association.



# Stacie D. Yee

Stacie is Pillsbury's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer and, in that role, is part of Pillsbury's 5-person Executive Team and an ex officio member of a number of Board committees including its Partner Compensation Committee, Recruiting Committee, Board Committee on the Advancement of Diverse Attorneys and others. Stacie co-lead Pillsbury's Equal Justice Task Force, overseeing implementation of Pillsbury's 3-year, \$11 million commitment to pro bono and volunteer work, initiatives, and programming focused on civil rights and equal justice work, emphasizing racial justice issues.

Stacie also counsels and advises on client ESG-related matters, with a focus on "S" issues involving talent, the workforce, DEI, social impact issues and their relationship to trends in shareholder proposals. She handles employment litigation, arbitration and counseling, and complex commercial litigation for a global clientele. She provides preventative counseling to help clients - including foreign-based clients entering the U.S. market - avoid litigation, and assists with contracts, policies, leaves and disability accommodations, terminations and other issues.

Stacie co-chaired the Policing Working Group of the Law Firm Anti-racism Alliance, a coalition of over 250 law firms collaborating to address systemic racial equity issues. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the Berger Institute at Claremont McKenna College, and previously served on the LCLD Fellows Alumni Executive Council for Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity.



# Angelina Bopp

Ms. Angelina Bopp joined MUFG in November 2020 as the Head of Credit Managed Assets for Asia Pacific. Based in Singapore, she is responsible for identifying, managing and mitigating business, commercial and credit risks across the bank's Global Corporate and Investment Banking client portfolio in the region.

Ms. Bopp is a qualified lawyer and experienced credit risk professional with 20 years of experience in corporate, commercial, investment banking and private equity structures.

Prior to her appointment with MUFG, she was ASEAN head of restructuring at Standard Chartered, Singapore, where she first joined in 2016 as its global head of restructuring for the commercial banking division.

Ms. Bopp has also held a number of roles at the Royal Bank of Scotland during her almost eight years of tenure there, including head of transformation where she led an operational and organisational transformation project for the restructuring division. Before that, she was responsible for managing its stressed and distressed clients in Europe, covering all products across the corporate and institutional banking business.



# Moderator

# Erin R. Rosenberg

Erin Rosenberg is a partner in White & Case's Financial Restructuring and Insolvency group, specializing in bankruptcy litigation.

Her experience includes representation of debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, Official Unsecured Creditors' Committees, and other parties-in-interest in bankruptcy proceedings.

Prior to joining White & Case, Erin served as staff counsel at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and as a law clerk to the Honorable Martin L.C. Feldman on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Erin is involved in a variety of D&I initiatives including as a member of IWIRC's Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Committee and as co-chair of White & Case's Chicago Women's Network. She is also active in her local community serving as a pro bono lawyer for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services' Guardian Ad Litem program and as a volunteer judge for Chicago Debates.



# Additional Resources

- [Hybrid work articles and resources from Alexandra](#)
- [Don't Let Hybrid Work Set Back Your DEI Efforts \(Harvard Business Review\)](#)
- [Bloomberg Law – In Focus: Remote Work](#)
- [Litigation, Professional Perspective - Thriving as an Associate in the Hybrid Workplace \(bloomberglaw.com\)](#)
- [Remote Work Toolkit | Practical Law \(westlaw.com\)](#)
- [PLI PD Insider Interview – Hybrid Work is Here to Stay](#)
- [How Working from Home Has Changed Employees \(Wall Street Journal\)](#)
- [City Firms Push Lawyers Back Into The Office - Law360](#)
- [Work Life – Adam Grant \(Season 5, episode 4: “Rethinking Flexibility at Work”\)](#)

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