

# WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Suzanne Siracuse and her team from Investment News continued in the tradition of honoring women leaders within financial services at the 3rd annual Women to Watch awards luncheon in New York City on March 13, 2018.

Intended to provide visibility and inspiration to women within the industry, this year's awards recognized Peggy Ruhlin for the Alexandra Armstrong lifetime achievement award and Rianka Dorsainvil for the rising star award. In addition to those, 20 other women were chosen to receive a Woman to Watch award based on rigorous and demanding criteria.

This demonstration of women's accomplishments and the industry's ability to recognize them reminds us all to continually strive to help shape the future, insert diversity to financial services and demonstrate successful leadership behavior.

As someone who has worked in the financial industry for 20 years, I want to offer congratulations to the well-deserved award recipients and thank you for sharing your perspectives on staying true to your principles, despite the many challenges, and for continuing to make a difference and inspiring others to do the same.



***Luncheon attendees from left to right: Luisamaria Ruiz Carlile (Veris Wealth Partners), Pegeen Channell (Xtiva Financial Systems), Lori Missig (Northern Trust Securities) and Krystal Fatolitis (Campio Partners)***

## **2018 WOMEN TO WATCH WINNERS**

### [Bella Allaire](#)

Executive Vice President of Technology and Operations, Raymond James & Associates

### [Noreen Beaman](#)

CEO, Brinker Capital

### [Erin Botsford](#)

Founder and CEO, Botsford Financial Group

### [Karyn Cavanaugh](#)

Senior Market Strategist, Voya Investment Management

### [Marguerita Cheng](#)

Chief Executive, Blue Ocean Global Wealth

### [Diane Compardo](#)

Partner, Moneta Group Investment Advisors

### [Lisette Cooper](#)

Founder and Managing Partner, Athena Capital Advisors

### [Rianka Dorsainvil](#)

Founder, Your Greatest Contribution  
2017 Rising Star Award recipient

### [Marie Dzanis](#)

Head of Intermediary and Wealth Distribution, Northern Trust Asset Management

### [Adena Friedman](#)

President and CEO, Nasdaq Inc.

### [Tish Gray](#)

Wealth Advisor, Sagemark Consulting

### [Sheila Jacobs](#)

Associate Manager – Vice President Northern New Jersey Market, Wells Fargo Advisors

### [Susan John](#)

Founder and President, Financial Focus Inc.

### [Sacha Millstone](#)

Senior Vice President of Investments, Millstone Evans Group of Raymond James

### [Marilyn Mohrman Gilis](#)

Executive Director, CFP Board Center for Financial Planning

### [Cheryl Nash](#)

President, Investment services, Fiserv

### [Christine Nigro](#)

Vice Chairwoman, AXA Advisors

[Rene Nourse](#)

Founder and CEO, Urban Wealth Management Group

[Rita Robbins](#)

Founder, Affiliated Advisors

[Peggy Ruhlin](#)

Chief Executive, Budros Ruhlin & Roe

2017 Alexandra Armstrong Award recipient

[Mary Sterk](#)

President and CEO, Sterk Financial Services

[Debra Wetherby](#)

Founder and CEO, Wetherby Asset Management

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