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## ABIGAIL KIRSCH

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Tarrytown 10591  
631-3030 • abigailkirsch.com  
**President:** Abigail Kirsch  
**Year company established:** 1989  
**Business description:** Caterers

## ALLAN M. BLOCK AGENCY INC.

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jmurray@allanblockinsurance.com  
**President:** JoAnne Murray, president  
**Year company established:** 1959  
**Business description:** personal and business insurance agency

## ANGELFACE DAY SPA

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Yorktown Heights 10598  
245-1084 • angelfacespa.com  
info@angelfacespa.com  
**President:** Angela De Angelis, president and Founder  
**Year company established:** 1995  
**Business description:** beauty salon and spa

## AVE HAMILTON GREEN 25 COTTAGE PL

White Plains, NY 10601  
914.530.6203 • aveliving.com/  
hamiltongreen@aveliving.com  
**President, AVE; COO, Korman:**  
Lea Anne Welsh  
**Year company established:** 1995  
**Business description:** Luxury Apartment Rentals & Flexible-stay, Fully Furnished Apartments

## BAYSIDE TRAVEL GROUP OF COMPANIES

69 Pondfield Road, Bronxville 10708  
833-8880 • luxurytravelservice.com  
info@baysidetravel.com  
**President:** Barbara Nichuals, owner  
**Year company established:** 1987  
**Business description:** travel company specializing in customized luxury experiences

## BRONXVILLE WELLNESS SANCTUARY

14 Studio Arcade, Bronxville 10708  
337-9356 • bronxvillewellness.com  
info@bronxvillewellness.com  
**President:** Stephanie Filardi, co-owner  
**Year company established:** 2011  
**Business description:** beauty salon and holistic spa services

## BUZZ CREATORS INC.

400 Columbus Ave., Second floor  
Valhalla 10596  
358-5080 • buzz-creators.com  
crae@buzz-creators.com  
**President:** Christina Rae, president  
**Year company established:** 2009  
**Business description:** public relations, marketing and brand building

## CAROL KURTH ARCHITECTURE PC & INTERIORS LTD.

The Arcade Building  
644 Old Post Road  
Bedford 10506  
234-2595 • carolkurtharchitects.com  
carol.kurth@carolkurtharchitects.com  
**President:** Carol Kurth, owner and founder  
**Year company established:** 1995  
**Business description:** architecture and interior design firm

## CERTIFIED SITE SAFETY OF NY LLC

99 Lafayette Ave., White Plains 10603  
437-5454 • certifiedsitesafety.com  
info@certifiedsafety.com  
**President:** Penny Gianatasio, CEO  
**Year company established:** 2008  
**Business description:** safety and risk management/construction services

## CO-COMMUNICATIONS INC.

120 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 305  
White Plains 10605  
666-0066 • cocommunications.com  
scohen@cocommunications.com  
**CEO and Founder:** Stacey Cohen  
**Year company established:** 1997  
**Business description:** public relations and marketing

## COFFEY MODICA O'MEARA CAPOWSKI LLP

200 E. Post Road, Suite 210  
White Plains 10601  
205-5005 • cmocllp.com  
omeara@cmocllp.com  
**President:** Juliann O'Meara, managing partner  
**Year company established:** 2021  
**Business description:** law firm

## COPY & ART

1 N. Broadway, Suite 1401  
White Plains 10601  
607-7888 • copyandartny.com  
elena@copyandartny.com  
**President:** Elena Rivera-Cheek, MBA  
**Year company established:** 2011  
**Business description:** Full-service digital marketing agency

## DECORATIVE HARDWARE STUDIO INC.

P.O. Box 627, Chappaqua 10514  
238-5251 • dhshardware.com  
dhshardware@gmail.com  
**President:** Marie Prezner, owner  
**Year company established:** 1975  
**Business description:** custom manufacturer of brass hardware serving the hospitality and interior design industries

## DIANA GOULD LTD.

12 Frontage St., Elmsford 10523  
347-7134 • dianagouldltd.com  
events@dianagouldltd.com  
**President:** Diana Gould, owner  
**Year company established:** 1981  
**Business description:** floral décor, set design and prop building, furniture and props, graphic design and printing, LED lighting

## DIGISTAR MEDIA

44 S. Broadway, Suite 100  
White Plains, 10601  
826-5512 • digistarmedia.com  
RColner@DigiStarMedia.com  
**President:** Robin Colner  
**Year company established:** 2009  
**Business description:** social media and content marketing

## EILEEN FISHER INC.

1 Bridge St., Irvington 10533  
591-5700 • eileenfisher.com  
onlinesupport@eileenfisher.com  
**President:** Eileen Fisher  
**Year company established:** 1986  
**Business description:** women's apparel

## EVENTS TO REMEMBER + PR TO REMEMBER

100 Clarewood Drive, #3J, Hastings on Hudson 10706  
218-3968 • EventsRemember.com  
EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com  
**President:** Chereese Jervis-Hill, owner  
**Year company established:** 2004  
**Business description:** full-service event management and public relations firm for corporations, entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and municipalities

## THE FLOWER BAR

11 Addison St., Larchmont 10538  
834-4900 • the-flower-bar.com  
orders@the-flower-bar.com  
**President:** Nancy White, owner  
**Year company established:** 2011  
**Business description:** florist offering individual or subscription orders for personal use, businesses and events

## FORMÉ URGENT CARE AND WELLNESS CENTER

7-11 S. Broadway, White Plains 10601  
530-0411 • formeurgentcare.com  
**President:** Gina Cappelli, president  
**Year company established:** 2000  
**Business description:** boutique urgent care and wellness center

## FULLERTON BECK LLP

4 West Red Oak Lane, Suite 203  
White Plains 10604  
305-8634 • fullertonbeck.com  
kbeck@fullertonbeck.com  
**President:** Eileen Fullerton, managing partner; Katrine Beck, founding partner/owner  
**Year company established:** 2018  
**Business description:** law firm

## GMG PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC.

53 Hudson Ave., Nyack 10960  
996-8100 • gmgpr.com  
**President:** Risa B. Hoag  
**Year company established:** 1991  
**Business description:** Public Relations/Marketing/Advertising

## HARQUIN CREATIVE GROUP

80 Surrey Drive  
New Rochelle 10804  
738-9620 • harquin.com  
**President:** Sherry Bruck  
**Year company established:** 1992  
**Business description:** Branding/Marketing



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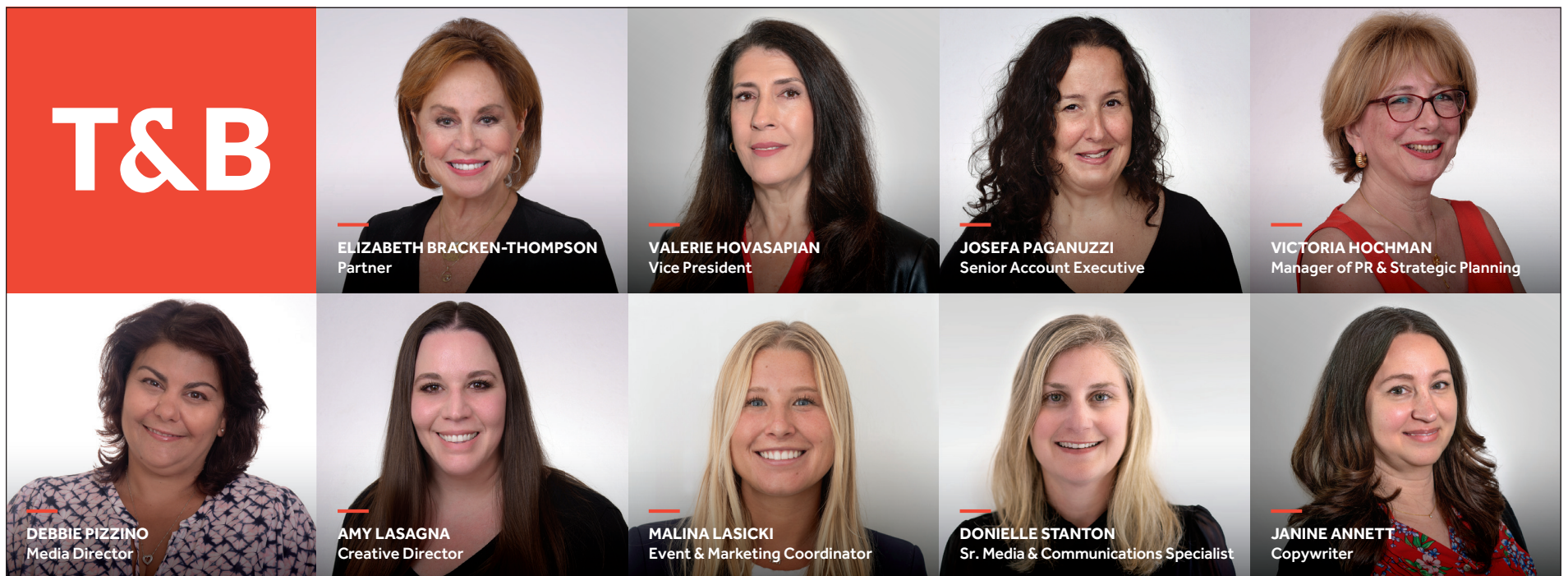
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Lea Anne Welsh

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248-1112 • [howiemarketing.com](http://howiemarketing.com)  
[howiemarketing1@gmail.com](mailto:howiemarketing1@gmail.com)

**President:** Lydia Howie, CEO

**Year company established:** 2001

**Business description:** grant writing, marketing services and development and guest-speaking services for nonprofits

### HUDSON FUSION LLC

30 State St., Ossining 10562  
762-0900 • [hudsonfusion.com](http://hudsonfusion.com)  
[cindy@hudsonfusion.com](mailto:cindy@hudsonfusion.com)

**President:** Cindy Penchina, president and CEO

**Year company established:** 1996

**Business description:** marketing and web design services

### HYMAN & GILBERT

1843 Palmer Ave., Larchmont 10538  
833-5297 • [hymangilbert.com](http://hymangilbert.com)  
[rkg@cloud9.net](mailto:rkg@cloud9.net)

**President:** Rita K. Gilbert

**Year company established:** 1983

**Business description:** law firm

### I AM MORE SCARSDALE

6 Spencer Place, Scarsdale 10583  
723-6673 • [iammorescarsdale.com](http://iammorescarsdale.com)  
[customerservice@iammorescarsdale.com](mailto:customerservice@iammorescarsdale.com)

**President:** Abbey Solomon & Marcy Berman-Golstein, cofounders

**Year company established:** 2017

**Business description:** women's apparel and accessories boutique that also hosts women-focused events

### LOUGHLIN PERSONNEL LTD.

7-11 S. Broadway, White Plains 10601  
287-0333 [loughlinpersonnel.com](http://loughlinpersonnel.com)  
[laura@loughlinstaffing.com](mailto:laura@loughlinstaffing.com)

**President:** Laura Loughlin, CEO

**Year company established:** 1998

**Business description:** recruiting agency providing permanent, temporary and temp-to-perm employment solutions

### MADISON APPROACH STAFFING INC.

7 Skyline Drive, Thrid floor  
Hawthorne 10532  
428-4800 • [madisonapproach.com](http://madisonapproach.com)  
[info@madisonapproach.com](mailto:info@madisonapproach.com)

**President:** Allison Madison

**Year company established:** 1988

**Business description:** Workforce solutions firm providing staffing, recruiting, training and consulting

### MARCH BOUTIQUE

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Briarcliff Manor 10510  
923-2100 • [marchboutique.com](http://marchboutique.com)  
[info@marchboutique.com](mailto:info@marchboutique.com)

**President:** Lynn Puro, owner

**Year company established:** 2006

**Business description:** boutique

### MARY ANN LIEBERT INC., PUBLISHERS

140 Huguenot St.  
New Rochelle 10801  
740-2100 • [liebertpub.com](http://liebertpub.com)  
[info@liebertpub.com](mailto:info@liebertpub.com)

**President:** Mary Ann Liebert

**Year company established:** 1980

**Business description:** publishing firm serving the scientific, technical, medical and information fields

### M BOUTIQUE GROUP

104 Rambling Brook Road  
Chappaqua 10512  
266-0624  
[meryl@mboutiquegroup.com](mailto:meryl@mboutiquegroup.com)

**President:** Meryl Lefkowitz, founder and president

**Year company established:** 2012

**Business description:** consulting agency specializing in events, public relations, marketing and branding solutions



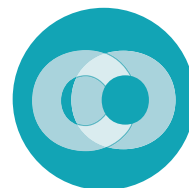


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mindy.stark@mescpa.com

**President:** Mindy Eisenberg Stark

**Year company established:** 1982

**Business description:** certified public accountant

## THE NEW CRYSTAL RESTORATION ENTERPRISES INC.

109 S. Regent St.  
Port Chester 10573  
937-0500

newcrystalrestoration.com

lisa@crystalrestoration.com

**President:** Lisa Cordasco, president

**Year company established:** 1960

**Business description:** a disaster response and property restoration company serving Westchester County

## ON Q COMMUNICATIONS LLC

White Plains 10605  
917-693-2868 • OnQComm.com  
erose@onqcomm.com

**President:** Esther Rose, founder

**Year company established:** 2018

**Business description:** strategic marketing firm

## PARACO GAS

800 Westchester Ave., S604  
Rye Brook, New York 10573  
800-647-4427

carmentano@paracogas.com

**Chief Operating Officer:** Christina Armentano

**Year company established:** 1968

**Business Description:** Paraco, the largest privately held propane company in the northeast, has been a family-owned and operated business since 1968. With a legacy of excellence and a commitment to customer experience, Paraco leads the industry with its award-winning services and dedication to providing top-notch energy solutions.

## PENNY PINCHER BOUTIQUE

184 Harris Road (Route 117 Bypass)  
Bedford Hills 10507  
241-2134

pennypincherboutique.com

info@pennypincherboutique.com

**President:** Melinda Arkin, owner

**Year company established:** 1985

**Business description:** women's luxury consignment

## REY INSURANCE AGENCY

219 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow 10591  
631-7628 • reyinsurance.com

service@reyinsurance.com

**President:** Laura Rey Iannarelli, owner

**Year company established:** 1978

**Business description:** independent insurance broker

## RUBY MEDIA GROUP

115 N. Broadway, White Plains 10603  
268-8645 • rubymediagroup.com  
krisruby.com

kruby@rubymediagroup.com

**President:** Kris Ruby

**Year company established:** 2009

**Business description:** public relations and social media agency

## RUBY'S OYSTER BAR & BISTRO

45 Purchase St., Rye 10580  
921-4166 • rubysoysterbar.com  
info@rubysoysterbar.com

**President:** Lisa McKiernan, owner

**Year company established:** 2001

**Business description:** restaurant



As a seasoned aviation professional real estate broker, Millie Hernandez-Becker, respectfully known as SkyQueen in the industry, has carved out a niche for herself as a trailblazer in the air and on the ground. With a focus on airport infrastructure and modernization, Millie combines her love of jets with her expertise in commercial real estate brokerage, creating meaningful and long-term opportunities for clients worldwide.

The Company is a certified MWBE and is a member of the National Aviation Business Association, Council of Westchester. Among her many awards, Ms. Hernandez-Becker was appointed to the National Women's Business Council and earned the business person of the year award from The US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She is the past President of the Westchester 100 Hispanic women and is on the board of the Westchester Community Foundation and The Business Council Human Rights Commission, and the Westchester Taxi And Limousine Commission. She is an advocate for the Special Needs Community.

Ms. Hernandez-Becker lives in Pound Ridge, NY with her husband, Thomas A. Bush and their adult son.

Beyond her role as a broker, Millie is also a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion in the aviation industry. Through mentorship programs and community outreach initiatives, she strives to inspire the next generation of aviators and real estate professionals, breaking down barriers and paving the way for a more inclusive and diverse future.

*Millie Hernandez-Becker*  
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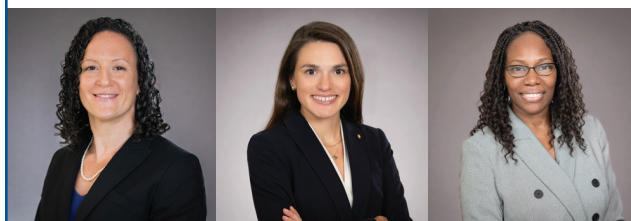
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Scarsdale, NY 10583  
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**President:** Deborah A. Scalise  
**Year company established:** 2019  
**Business description:** law firm

## SILVERMAN REALTY GROUP INC.

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White Plains 10605  
683-8000 • silvermanrealty.com  
info@silvermanrealty.com  
**President:** Bonnie Silverman  
**Year company established:** 1985  
**Business description:** commercial real estate development and management firm

## SKYQUEEN REALTY

136 Tower Rd. Suite 290  
Westchester County Airport  
White Plains 10604  
914-764-1148  
MHB@skyqueenrealty.com  
**Year Established:** 2010  
**Business description:** SkyQueen Realty provides commercial real estate services to clients with a focus on the acquisition and disposition of aviation, industrial, healthcare, and retail assets. SkyQueen is a New York State licensed real estate broker. SkyQueen has a track record of success in working with both public and private entities.

## SNYDER & SNYDER LLP

94 White Plains Road  
Tarrytown 10591  
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lsnyder@snyderlaw.net  
**President:** Kristina Snyder, CEO  
**Year company established:** 1990  
**Business description:** law firm

## SOLARIS SPORTS CLUB

201 Veterans Road  
Yorktown Heights 10598  
962-4094 • solarisclubs.com  
**President:** Elizabeth Gagliardi, president  
**Year company established:** 2002  
**Business description:** health and fitness club

## STETSON REAL ESTATE, LLC

565 Alda Road  
Mamaroneck, NY 10543  
914-381-7173 • stetsonrealestate.com  
mary@stetsonrealestate.com  
**Founder/Broker/Owner:** Mary Stetson  
**Year company established:** 2000  
**Business description:** real estate brokerage

## THOMPSON & BENDER

1192 Pleasantville Road  
Briarcliff Manor 10510  
762-1900 • thompson-bender.com  
liz@thompson-bender.com  
**President:** Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson, partner  
**Year company established:** 1986  
**Business description:** advertising and marketing, public relations, creative and digital services, special events planning and promotion, website development and social media.

## UNITED HEBREW OF NEW ROCHELLE

391 Pelham Road  
New Rochelle 10805  
632-2804 • uhgc.org  
**President & CEO:** Rita Mabli  
**Year organization established:** 1919  
**Business description:** A campus of comprehensive senior care including skilled nursing, assisted living, memory care, affordable housing, and home care.

## VALERIE WILSON TRAVEL INC.

2700 Westchester Ave., Suite 120  
Purchase 10577  
701-3200 • valeriewilsontravel.squarespace.com  
harleyr@vwti.com  
**President:** Valerie Ann Wilson & Jennifer Wilson-Buttigieg co-founders  
**Year company established:** 1981  
**Business description:** travel management company for personal and business travel; services industries, including fashion, finance, publishing and pharmaceuticals

## WESTFAIR COMMUNICATIONS INC.

4 Smith Ave., Suite 2  
Mount Kisco 10549  
694-3600 • westfaironline.com • wagmag.com  
dee@westfairinc.com  
**President:** Dee DelBello  
**Year company established:** 1990  
**Business description:** publishing firm: Westfair Business Journals and associated websites

## WHISPERING PINES FLORIST OF CHAPPAQUA

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Chappaqua 10514  
238-5661  
whisperingpinesofchappaqua.com  
blkisuzi55@aol.com  
**President:** Beth Hundgen, owner  
**Year company established:** 1956  
**Business description:** florist

## WHITE PLAINS HOSPITAL

20 Davis Ave., White Plains 10601  
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**President:** Susan Fox, president and CEO  
**Chief Nursing Officer and Executive Vice President:** Leigh Anne McMahon  
**Year company established:** 1893  
**Business description:** health care organization

## WIN AT BUSINESS COACHING LLC

27 Windle Park, Tarrytown 10591  
226-0807  
winatbusinesscoaching.com  
kathy@winatbusinesscoaching.com  
**President:** Kathy D'Agostino, founder and owner  
**Year company established:** 1997  
**Business description:** executive coaching, company culture consultant and sexual harassment issues

## WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CENTER INC.

901 N. Broadway, Suite 23  
White Plains 10603  
948-6098 • wedcbiz.org  
ajaniak@wedcbiz.org  
**President:** Nikki A. Hahn, chief executive officer  
**Year company established:** 1997  
**Business description:** entrepreneurial training programs and services

## WOMENINBUSINESS.ORG

P.O. Box 277, Purchase 10977  
288-9888 • womeninbusiness.org  
toby@womeninbusiness.org  
**President:** Toby Nadler, founder  
**Year company established:** NA  
**Business description:** national distinction for influential and successful women entrepreneurs, executives and professionals in all business sectors

## ZEIDEL & ASSOCIATES P.C.

800 Westchester Avenue, Suite N-613  
Rye Brook 10573  
914-902-3330 • zeidellaw.com  
**President:** Robin Zeidel, principal  
**Year company established:** 2010  
**Business description:** law firm

## ZEN YOUR CLOSET

931 Garfield Ave., Peekskill 10566  
282-4875  
michele@zenyourcloset.com  
**President:** Michele Cunningham  
**Year company established:** 2016  
**Business description:** personalized closet-organizing services, wardrobe styling, personal shopping



# Inside Yonkers' Push to Empower Women

From the deputy mayor's office to commissionerships and department heads, Mayor Mike Spano has appointed talented women to key roles that drive Yonkers' growth, innovation, and community connection.

"I believe in empowering women to shape policy, and my goal is to make Yonkers a model for other municipalities," said Mayor Spano. "We are weaving diversity into the fabric of our operations because it is a source of strength for City Hall."

**"WE ARE WEAVING DIVERSITY INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR OPERATIONS BECAUSE IT IS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR CITY HALL."**

The women of Yonkers City Hall lead with distinction in areas ranging from economic development and communications to diversity and technology, highlighting the strength of inclusive leadership.

Growing the presence of women in the administration's top-level cabinet positions is not the only aspect of Mayor Spano's push to make city government more reflective of the communities it serves. Yonkers ranks as one of the top cities for LGBTQ+ inclu-

sion in its laws and policies. At the same time, Yonkers increased its municipal minority workforce by more than 50% since Mayor Spano took office in 2012.

Through these efforts, Yonkers demonstrates that meaningful diversity and inclusion initiatives are not just slogans but powerful tools for progress. By fostering an administration that reflects city residents, Yonkers is strengthening its economy and reinforcing the idea that equity is essential for success in the 21st century.

## LEADERSHIP THAT INSPIRES WOMEN POWERING YONKERS FUTURE

Under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers is proud to celebrate the talented women who are shaping the city's success. From economic development to equity, and from communications to community services, these trailblazers embody excellence, innovation, and dedication.

### Meet the women driving Yonkers forward:

**Susan Gerry**  
Deputy Mayor

**Denise Egiziaco**  
Chief of Staff

**Christina Gilmartin**  
Communications Director

**Lisa Reyes**  
Deputy Communications Director

**Carolina Fonseca**  
Department of Planning &  
Development Commissioner

**Melissa Velez-Goldberg**  
Yonkers Film Office Director

**Helen Aggrey**  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

**Karen Ramos**  
Workforce Development Board  
Executive Director

**Lynette Thomas-Braggs**  
City Assessor

**Kelly Chiarella**  
Office for the Aging Director

**Sonja Smash**  
Equity Officer, Office of Diversity,  
Equity and Inclusion

**Cheryl Green**  
IT Deputy Commissioner



Mayor Mike Spano

TOGETHER, THEY ARE MAKING YONKERS A MODEL OF PROGRESS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.

# POWERFUL WOMEN: Fairfield County

Area code: 203 (unless otherwise noted)

## ALLOY ENGINEERING COMPANY INC.

304 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport 06607  
366-5253 • thermowells.com  
engineer@thermowells.com  
**President:** Kris Lorch  
**Year company established:** 1958  
**Business description:** industrial thermowell manufacturer

## ALL MEDIA LLC

25 Country Ridge Drive  
Monroe 06468  
368-8566 • allmediaboutique.com  
**President:** Allison LaGuardia  
**Year company established:** 2014  
**Business description:** media buying, strategy, & planning for small to mid-size companies

## AQUILA'S NEST WINERY

56 Pole Bridge Road  
Sandy Hook 06482  
518-4352 • aquilasnestvineyards.com  
Info@aquilasnestvineyards.com  
**President:** Neviana Zhgaba, owner  
**Year company established:** 2020  
**Business description:** experience-focused winery

## ARIES PRODUCTIONS LLC

12 Ox Yoke Lane, Norwalk 06851  
216-6024  
greaternorwalkchamber.com  
aries@optonline.net  
**President:** Margaret Costa  
**Year company established:** 1990  
**Business description:** video and film production company

## ASPIRE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

38C Grove St., Ridgefield 06877  
208-3165 • aspiredigitalsolutions.com  
Hello@aspiredigitalsolutions.com  
**Co-founder and CMO:** Christine Mullen  
**Year company established:** 2017  
**Business description:** digital marketing agency specializing in solutions for small businesses

## AURORA PRODUCTS INC. \*

205 Edison Road, Orange 06477  
375-9956 • auroraproduct.com  
Eural@auroraproduct.com  
**President:** Stephanie V. Blackwell, founder and President  
**Year company established:** 1998  
**Business description:** organic food products

## BALANCING ACT FINANCIALS LLC

1074 Hope St., Suite 209  
Stamford 06907  
548-0223  
balancingactfinancials.com  
anne@balancingactfinancials.com  
**President:** Anne Mochulsky and Aimee Roden, co-founders  
**Year company established:** 2010  
**Business description:** bookkeeping and accounting firm

## BCM MEDIA

30 Old Kings Highway South  
Darien 06820  
326-1477 • bcmmedia.biz  
bmckenna@bcmmedia.biz  
**President:** Brenda McKenna, founder and managing director  
**Year company established:** 2012  
**Business description:** media planning and buying agency

## BENAY ENTERPRISES INC.

30 Main St., Suite 303  
Danbury 06810  
744-6010 • benay.com  
info@benayei.com  
**President:** Dawn Reshen-Doty, CEO  
**Year company established:** 1986  
**Business description:** administrative and bookkeeping services

## BERNARD'S | SARAH'S WINE BAR

20 West Lane, Ridgefield 06877  
438-8282 • bernardsridgefield.com  
sarah@bernardsridgefield.com  
**President:** Sarah Bouissou, owner  
**Year company established:** 2000  
**Business description:** restaurant and wine bar

## BMW OF DARIEN

140 Ledge Road, Darien 06820  
656-1804 • bmwdarien.com  
**President:** Paula Callari, president  
**Year company established:** 1967  
**Business description:** car dealership

## BURNS COMMUNICATIONS LLC

13 Melville Ave., Fairfield 06825  
257-3163 • burnscommunications.net  
deborah@burnscommunications.net  
**President:** Deborah Burns, founder and managing principal  
**Year company established:** 2007  
**Business description:** brand, business and communications, strategy services, including proprietary offerings

## CAROUSEL PRESCHOOL DAY NURSERY

25 France St., Norwalk 06851  
847-1276 • carouselpreschool.com  
carouselkids1234@aol.com  
**President:** Joyce Abate, executive director and owner  
**Year company established:** 1977  
**Business description:** day care serving more than 120, ages six weeks through five years

## CENTER FOR PEDIATRIC THERAPY

455 Post Road, Suite 202  
Darien 06820 • 424-2584  
55 Walls Drive, Suite 204  
Fairfield 06824 • 255-3669  
101 N. Plains Industrial Road  
Wallingford 06492 • 949-9337  
centerforpediatrictherapy.com  
cpt.director@yahoo.com  
**President:** Dr. Tara Glennon, director  
**Year company established:** 1992  
**Business description:** pediatric therapy offering play-based and child-directed therapies

## CENTRO RISTORANTE & BAR

1435 Post Road  
Fairfield 06825 • 255-1210  
centroristorante.com  
**President:** Susan Dederick  
**Year company established:** 1987  
**Business description:** restaurant featuring Italian cuisine

## CHERYL LECHOK COMMUNICATIONS LLC

30 Glen Terrace, Stamford 06906  
323-6124 • clechok@optonline.net  
**President:** Cheryl Lechok  
**Year company established:** 2001  
**Business description:** strategic marketing, PR and market communications specializing in healthcare, life sciences and technology

## CO-COMMUNICATIONS INC.

120 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 305  
White Plains 10605  
666-0066 • cocommunications.com  
scohen@cocommunications.com  
**President:** Stacey Cohen, founder and CEO  
**Year company established:** 1997  
**Business description:** public relations and marketing



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### CONNECT COMPUTER CORP.

338 Commerce Drive, Fairfield 06825  
333-4444 • connectcomputer.com  
LSouza@ConnectComputer.com

**President:** Lynn Souza

**Year company established:** 1985

**Business description:** internet technology solutions for companies of all sizes

### CODOGIRL

55 Lewis St., Showroom 1  
Greenwich 06830  
900-1600 • codogirl.com  
info@codogirl.com

**President:** Yulia and Andrey Omelich, founders

**Year company established:** 2010

**Business description:** boutique

### CUCINA CASALINGA

171 Drum Road, Wilton 06897  
762-0768 • cucinacasalinga.com  
info@cucinacasalinga.com

**President:** Sally Maraventano

**Year company established:** 1982

**Business description:** home-based Italian cooking school

### DANIKA COMMUNICATIONS

15 E. Putnam Ave., Greenwich 06830  
661-3663 • danikapr.com  
ryan@danikapr.com

**President:** Anne Ryan

**Year company established:** 2001

**Business description:** public relations and marketing agency

### DIDONA ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

70 North St., Suite 301  
Danbury 06810  
778-1840 • didonaassociates.com  
didona@didonaassociates.com

**President:** Jane Didona, founder and principal

**Year company established:** 1989

**Business description:** landscape architect

### DPZ ON WEST SALON AND DAY SPA

81 West St., Danbury 06810  
794-1113 • thedpz.com

**President:** Dawn Blom, owner

**Year company established:** 1997

**Business description:** day spa

### E.R. BECKER COMPANY INC.

16 Betts Place, Norwalk 06855  
852-8077 • erbeckercompany.com  
ellie@erbecker.com

**President:** Ellie Becker

**Year company established:** 2007

**Business description:** inbound marketing

### ESCAPE SALON & BOUTIQUE

232 Greenwood Ave., Bethel 06801  
798-9882 • escapect.com  
customercare@escape.com

**President:** Maria Rodrigues & Robin Miller, co-owners

**Year company established:** 1987

**Business description:** beauty salon and boutique

# POWERFUL WOMEN: Fairfield County

## FAIRFIELD MARKETING GROUP

830 Sport Hill Road, Easton 06612  
261-0884 • fairfieldmarketing.com  
info@fairfieldmarketing.com  
**President:** Pam Johnson  
**Year company established:** 1986  
**Business description:** direct-mail solutions provider for small and large businesses

## FREUDIGMAN & BILLINGS LLC

1720 Post Road East  
Westport 06880  
226-8166 • freudigman.com  
info@freudigman.com  
**President:** Kimberly A. Freudigman & Trey Billings, co-founders  
**Year company established:** 2004  
**Business description:** tutoring service, including standardized test preparation, college advising, writing educational and private school consulting and educational and subject tutoring

## GILDA BONANNO LLC

25 Old Kings Highway North  
Darien 06820  
979-5117 • gildabonanno.com  
info@gildabonanno.com  
**President:** Gilda Bonanno, founder and owner  
**Year company established:** 2006  
**Business description:** keynote speeches, presentation skills coaching, training in communication and leadership skills

## GRAZIANO ASSOCIATES LLC

857 Post Road, Suite 150  
Fairfield, 06824  
254-0195 • graziano@assoc.com  
service@grazianoassoc.com  
**President:** Denise Graziano, CEO  
**Year company established:** 1992  
**Business description:** talent, management and communication strategies that help build, retain and motivate high performing teams

## GREENWICH MEDICAL SPA

40 E. Putnam Ave., Cos Cob 06807  
779-6309  
greenwichmedicalspsa.com  
**President:** Marria Pooya  
**Year company established:** 2005  
**Business description:** specialized skin and body care using medically based treatments

## HAYVN COWORKING

320 Boston Post Road, Suite 180  
Darien, CT 06820  
833-429-8659, HAYVN.com  
felicia@hayvn.com  
**Chief Collaborator:** Felicia Rubinstein, founder  
**Year company established:** 2018  
**Business description:** Flexible office space.

## HEALTH CARE NAVIGATION LLC

30 Old Kings Highway South  
Darien 06820  
655-2614 • healthcarenavigation.com  
**President:** Maura Carley, founder and president  
**Year company established:** 1999  
**Business description:** health insurance consulting and advocacy

## HOULIHAN LAWRENCE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

161 Elm St., New Canaan, CT 06840  
800 Westchester Ave.  
Rye Brook, NY 10573  
**Mia Schipani**  
Real Estate Salesperson  
646-734-7004  
mschipani@houlihanlawrence.com  
miaschipani.houlihanlawrence.com  
**Year company was established:** 1888  
**Business description:** real estate

## IMPACT STAFFING SOLUTIONS

1698 Post Road East  
Westport 06680  
866-2444 X101  
impactstaffingsolutions.com  
maryann@impactstaffingsolutions.com  
**President:** Maryann Donovan  
**Year company established:** 1989  
**Business description:** recruiting firm for temporary, temp-to-hire and full-time positions in the fields of sales, marketing, human resources and administrative

## JUDITH HEFT & ASSOCIATES LLC

1111 Summer St., Stamford 06905  
978-1858 • judithheft.com  
judy@judithheft.com  
**President:** Judith Heft, owner  
**Year company established:** 2008  
**Business description:** financial concierge

## THE KATIE FONG BOUTIQUE

60 Lewis St., Greenwich 06830  
717-1660 • katiefong.com  
sales@katiefong.com  
**President:** Katie Fong  
**Year company established:** 2013  
**Business description:** fashion boutique offering custom designed and made-to-measure apparel

## LANPHIER DAY SPA & SALON

20 West Ave., Darien 06820  
656-4444 • lanphier.us  
info@lanphierdayspa.com  
**President:** Eileen Lanphier, owner  
**Year company established:** 2012  
**Business description:** day spa and salon

## MARTA'S VINEYARD CANINE RESORT

519 Federal Road, Brookfield 06804  
775-4404 • martasvineyard.com  
martasvineyard@aol.com  
**President:** Pamela Antosiewicz  
**Year company established:** 1996  
**Business description:** animal daycare for cats and dogs, servicing pets for boarding, doggie daycare and grooming

## MARTIN, DECRUZE & COMPANY LLP

2777 Summer St., Suite 401  
Stamford 06905  
327-7151 • mdcocpa.com  
kdecruze@mdcocpa.com  
**President:** Kathleen M. DeCruze & Diane E. Martin, co-founders  
**Year company established:** 1979  
**Business description:** accounting firm

## THE MCINTYRE GROUP

2 Enterprise Drive, Suite 306  
Shelton 06484  
750-1111 • themcintyregroup.com  
mdamato@themcintyregroup.com  
**President:** Michelle D'Amato, president  
**Year company established:** 1986  
**Business description:** staffing agency

## NEST OF SOUTHPORT

71 Old Post Road, Southport 06890  
255-1734 • nestofsouthport.com  
esanta@nestofsouthport.com  
**President:** Elizabeth Santa  
**Year company established:** 2002  
**Business description:** interior design, upholstery, windows

## NIELSEN'S FLORIST GARDEN SHOP

1405 Post Road, Darien 06820  
655-2541 • nielsensflorist.com  
nielsen@nielsensflorist.com  
**President:** Sandy Nielsen, general manager  
**Year company established:** 1944  
**Business description:** florist

## PCI CREATIVE GROUP

652 Glenbrook Road  
Stamford 06906  
327-0410 • pcigroup.net  
annec@pcigroup.net  
**President:** Anne Chiapetta, principal  
**Year company established:** 1985  
**Business description:** cross media marketing company utilizing multiple communication channels to help clients meet their goals





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## THE RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE

80 E. Ridge Road, Ridgefield 06877  
438-5795 • ridgefieldplayhouse.org

**President:** Allison Stockel, executive director

**Year company established:** 1938

**Business description:** a nonprofit theatre

## SAUGATUCK COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE LLC

9 Burr Road, Westport 06680  
222-4190

saugatuckcommercial.com

pwickey@saugatuckcommercial.com

**President:** Penny P. Wickey, principal

**Year company established:** 2004

**Business description:** full-service, commercial real estate brokerage firm representing tenants, landlords, developers, owners, investors, as well as buyers and sellers

## SCHIPANI PR

Stamford 06902  
646-734-7004 • schipanipr.com  
mia@schipanipr.com

**CEO:** Mia Schipani, founder and chief publicist

**Year company established:** 2014

**Business description:** public relations, community relations and media planning

## STAMFORD HEALTH

Bennett Medical Center  
One Hospital Plaza  
P.O. Box #9317, Stamford 06904  
276-1000 • stamfordhealth.org

**President:** Kathleen Silard, CEO & president

**Year company established:** 1896

**Business description:** independent, non-profit health system

## VALERIE WILSON TRAVEL INC.

11 Forest St., Suite 301  
New Canaan, 06840  
914-701-3200

valeriewilsontravel.com  
harleyr@vwti.com

**President:** Valerie Ann Wilson, CEO and founder

**Year company established:** 1981

**Business description:** travel management service for business and personal travel, ranging from industries, including fashion, finance, publishing and pharmaceuticals

## WESTFAIR COMMUNICATIONS INC.

4 Smith Ave., Suite 2  
Mount Kisco 10549  
694-3600 • westfaironline.com •  
dee@westfairinc.com

**President:** Dee DelBello

**Year company established:** 1990

**Business description:** publishing firm: publishing firm: Westfair Business Journals and associated websites

## WOMEN'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

184 Bedford St., Suite 201  
Stamford 06901  
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info@ctwbdc.org

**President:** Fran Pastore, CEO and founder

**Year company established:** 1997

**Business description:** entrepreneurial and financial training

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