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Developing Women Leaders

Sponsorship Program – The Women's Strategy Committee and Diversity Strategy Committee work closely with our attorneys to cultivate and promote a culture of sponsorship at the firm. Sponsorship is more than mentorship; it occurs when a partner actively uses his/her position within the firm to advance an associate's career.

MoFo Women's Spotlights – Throughout the year, the firm spotlights pairs of women partners in live sessions broadcasted to all offices discussing their unique career paths and experience in developing a practice and succeeding at the firm.

Women's Regional Meetings – The firm hosted five women's regional meetings in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco, providing networking and professional development opportunities for our women lawyers. The programs included client panels, a strategic negotiation workshop, a "Build Your Network" session, and self-advocacy discussions.

Partner Leaders Forum (PLF) – For the next generation of partner leaders, the firm launched PLF 2020-2021, a two-year leadership program for select MoFo partners. PLF employs a combination of facilitator-led cohort sessions incorporating senior partner leadership input and one-on-one executive coaching. This intensive program further advances the career development of our women and diverse partners from offices throughout the firm and its practices.

Industry Opportunities – The firm sponsors participation of our women partners and associates in outside organizations and conferences. These engagements contribute to career advancement, business development, and knowledge-sharing with groups focused on women within the legal profession and across industries. In past years, our attorneys have been actively involved in the Leadership Council on Advancing Women, Hastings Leadership Academy for Women, Leading Women in Technology, and Ms. JD's LaddHerUp.

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Events and Partnerships

Mansfield Certification Plus – MoFo is among a select number of firms that has achieved “Mansfield Certification Plus” every year since Diversity Lab’s launch of the Mansfield Rule in 2017. Certification Plus indicates that we have at least 30% women, minority, LGBTQ+, and lawyers with disabilities representation across notable leadership roles within the partnership and lateral hires, as well as in the talent pools from which we select talent for leadership and lateral recruiting opportunities.

Women in Business Series – Two hundred women lawyers and business professionals have participated in this ongoing series. Since 2014, the Tokyo office has hosted the series to give women business leaders a forum to discuss substantive topics, including key trends in global business, privacy and data security, and regional Asia business trends. Through these events, women have the opportunity to create a supportive professional network.

Women’s Initiative Think Tank – MoFo welcomed leading attorneys and diversity professionals from influential law firms to our New York office for meaningful dialogue and actionable takeaways on women’s initiatives within law firms and the legal profession.

International Women’s Day – MoFo annually celebrates International Women’s Day by holding events, social media campaigns, and other activities that align with each year’s theme. In 2020, pre-pandemic, the firm celebrated #EachForEqual by hosting New York University Professor Melissa Murray for a discussion on family law and reproductive rights. The firm also organized group photos to showcase this theme and demonstrate male allyship.

Biennial MoFo Summit for Women In-House Counsel

More than 200 women lawyers, on average, attend the MoFo Summit for Women In-House Counsel, a daylong client program that equips women lawyers with the skills needed to become trusted advisers, reach higher professional goals, and thrive in the legal profession. The summit also provides MoFo women the opportunity to network and showcase their practice expertise to clients.

Increasing Community

On the Road – Our Women’s Strategy Committee (WSC) annually hosts “*What’s up with the WSC*” meetings in every U.S. office and a six-way video discussion among our Asia and Europe offices to discuss goals, initiatives, and advancements.

A Firmwide Commitment to the Advancement of Women: Work-Life Programs

Reduced Hours Program



Parental Leave



Adoption Leave



Return from Leave Parental Transition Time



Backup Caregiving



Breast Milk Shipping



Flexible Work Options



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By the Numbers

50%

of the Board
of Directors are
women

67%

of 2023 U.S. Partner
Promotions were
people of color, women,
and/or LGBTQ

33%

of the Partnership
Review Committee are
women

47%

of the Partner
Compensation
Committee are women

36%

of our total partner
promotions have been
women over the last five
years

30%

of our Office Managing
Partners are women

44%

of the Executive
Committee are women

NUMEROUS

individual
women lawyers representing top
rankings in *Best Lawyers*, *Chambers*,
IFLR1000, and *Legal 500* based on
client feedback

Recognitions



Awarded the Gold Standard Certification by the Women in Law Empowerment Forum, which recognizes firms where women have a strong presence in the equity partnership and firm leadership and are among the most highly compensated partners in the firm.



Named Women in Business Law "International Firm of the Year" and "Firm of the Year: U.S. – West" by Euromoney LMG at the Americas Women in Business Law Awards 2023

14x

The firm has been on *Seramount's* list of the top firms for women 14 times

15 Women's and Working Parents Affinity Groups

Berlin Women, D.C. Women, Denver Women, Los Angeles Women, Los Angeles Working Parents, New York Asian Women, New York Women, Palo Alto Women, San Diego Women, San Diego Working Parents, San Francisco Women, San Francisco Working Parents, San Francisco Women of Color, Singapore Women, Tokyo Women

To learn more about MoFo's women's initiatives, contact [Natalie Kernisant](mailto:nkernisant@mofo.com), Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, nkernisant@mofo.com.

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