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A WHF MENTORING  
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PANELIST



DINA ELLIS ROCHKIND  
AND ROSS DELSTON  
PANELISTS

# WHF MENTORING RECEPTION



## An Evening with Experts: WHF Mentorship Subcommittee Hosts an Evening with Accomplished Professionals in the Financial Services Industry

On Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Women in Housing and Finance Mentorship Subcommittee hosted “A WHF Evening Reception: There’s More to Law than Lawyering in the Financial Services Industry.” The evening included a panel of accomplished professionals in the financial services who each spoke about their experience entering the financial services industry, overcoming challenges and the role WHF has played in their careers.

This event is the second in a series of *four* developed by WHF Mentorship Subcommittee in collaboration with The WHF Young Professional Subcommittee

**A Esteemed Panel of Experienced Professionals**

The panel was moderated by WHF Board Member, Courtney Ashley Vaughan, principal of the boutique strategy –consulting firm Courtney Vaughn, LLC. Panelists included Ross Delston, a Washington, DC-based attorney with significant experience in compliance and consulting, Mary Kinney, a retired Ginnie Mae Executive and current independent financial services consultant and Dina Ellis Rochkind, an accomplished Senior Legislative Advocate and Executive.

The event, which was generously hosted by Paul Hastings, began with refreshments and networking for attendees. The panel was kicked off by introductions by WHF leadership, including the Chair of the WHF Mentorship Subcommittee, Lawrence Kaplan, the WHF President, Martha Clarke, and the Vice Chair of the WHF Membership Committee, Kris Kully. During the panel, Mr. Delston spoke about the role of luck and industry trends in building a successful career. Ms. Kinney spoke about building a team and overcoming obstacles together. Ms. Rochkind spoke about cooperation with the opposition and building long-term relationships.

**Small Group Mentoring Sessions with WHF Leadership**

Following the panel, attendees formed small mentoring groups where they discussed the importance of networking and relationships, ways to take the next step in their careers and generally received advice and guidance from experienced WHF members.

The WHF Mentorship Subcommittee develops mentoring programs for WHF membership. The Subcommittee helps to execute marketing and promotional plans to include programs for recruitment and activities that focus on new member orientation. The Subcommittee also undertakes activities to educate members about the full range of WHF mentoring opportunities and benefits as well as encourages members to take on leadership and supporting roles throughout the WHF organization.

WHF is a premier association of women and men that actively promotes its members in the fields of housing and financial services while retaining a focus on its women members. WHF promotes its members through the presentation of topical programs and opportunities in housing, financial services, professional enrichment, and leadership enhancement and the opportunity to meet with government and private sector leaders in these areas.

*Gallery of Activities from the event*



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Dionne Joemah, Vice Chair of WHF Mentorship Subcommittee assisted with designing the evening's mentoring program.