

## New York Women in Arbitration Virtual Happy Hour on 17 April 2020

ArbitralWomen Member **Claudia Salomon** organised and hosted a Friday evening virtual happy hour on 17 April 2020 for senior New York Women in International Arbitration to toast several promotions, moves and achievements, including **Catherine Amirfar** becoming President of American Society of International Law, **Isabel Fernandez de la Cuesta** making partner and **Lauren Friedman** and **Lucila (Luli) Hemmingsen** joining as partners at King & Spalding, **Jennifer Permesly** making partner at Skadden Arps, **Rainbow Willard** making counsel at Chaffetz Lindsey LLP and **Zeynep Gunday** making partner Squire Patton Boggs.

More than 30 women joined the virtual celebration (unfortunately not all captured in any one Zoom screenshot). Several were unable to join due to illness, scheduling conflicts or time zone differences (those sheltering in abroad during the Covid-19 pandemic).

We not only toasted recent achievements and promotions, but also exchanged candid and sobering accounts of trying to manage through these difficult times, sickness and loss, and the challenges faced working remotely full-time while parenting and home-schooling and doing all of what the “new normal” requires. We also recognized that each week we are better able to meet these challenges as we learn to navigate these uncharted waters - and that we are all there for each other!

Attendees included **Claudia Salomon**, **Caline Mouawad**, **Catherine Amirfar**, **Christina Hioureas**, **Dana MacGrath**, **Deborah Enix-Ross**, **Emma Lindsay**, **Edna Sussman**, **Erika Levin**, **Erin Gleason Alvarez**, **Faith Hochberg**, **Floriane Lavaud**, **Frances Bivens**, **Ina Popova**, **Gretta Walters**, **Isabel Fernandez de la Cuesta**, **Jean Kalicki**, **Jennifer Permesly**, **Jennifer Thornton**, **Josefa Sicard-Mirabal**, **Kiera Gans**, **Lauren Friedman**, **Lucila (Luli) Hemmingsen**, **Lucy Reed**, **Maya Steinitz**, **Melida Hodgson**, **Miriam Harwood**, **Nancy Thevenin**, **Noiana Marigo**, **Rekha Rangachari**, **Samaa Haridi**, **Stephanie Cohen**, **Susan Franck**, and **Zeynep Gunday**.

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