

MOVERS & SHAKERS

AND INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN



Sarah Olivier
program director,
The Trust for Public Land

Sarah Olivier's work in New Orleans focuses on the office's Climate Smart Cities New Orleans initiative, which partners with the city to enhance the climate benefits of green space. While with TPL, she has overseen the installation of a Fitness Zone in City Park's festival grounds, the renovation of Mickey Markey Park in the Bywater and the groundbreaking of a green schoolyard.

Olivier has lived in New Orleans for 20 years and has worked in the planning field for 18, mainly for nonprofits focused on community development and affordable housing. She was a Rockefeller Foundation Redevelopment fellow in New Orleans through the University of Pennsylvania. Olivier holds a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of New Orleans and a bachelor of arts degree from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.



Katy Casbarian
co-owner, *Arnaud's Restaurant and Remoulade Restaurant*

As a fourth-generation owner of Arnaud's, Katy Casbarian is proud to carry on her late father's legacy of serving exceptional Creole cuisine. Casbarian also oversees the operation of French 75 Bar, Remoulade Restaurant and Arnaud's Food Company with her brother and mother. Casbarian started her career at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City as a restaurant manager, assistant executive steward and sales manager. In 2003, she was lured back to the city and restaurant she called home to ensure the restaurant remained just as her father would like it.

Casbarian also devotes her time and expertise to the betterment of the community. She currently serves on the board of directors for the New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau, Louisiana Hospitality Foundation and Louisiana Museum Foundation. She is also an executive member of the Louisiana Restaurant Association State Board, previously serving as New Orleans Chapter president, and serves as past chairman of the board for Lighthouse Louisiana (formerly Lighthouse for the Blind). Casbarian was named as one of "The Reigning Business Women of the South" by Forbes.com, was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Louisiana Restaurant Association Greater New Orleans Chapter and was named 2012

Restaurateur of the Year by the Louisiana Restaurant Association's Greater New Orleans Chapter, among others. A graduate of Isidore Newman School, Casbarian attended Cornell University, earning a degree from the School of Hotel Administration.



Destinee' Marshall
program builder,
unCommon Construction

A New Orleans native, Destinee' Marshall returned to the city in 2010 and applied to unCommon Construction's founding class of apprentices as a high school senior in August 2015. After the sudden and violent death of a family member, and facing other obstacles at school, Marshall was at risk of not graduating on time. Despite this, she consistently served as a leader and role model for her uCC peers and excelled at leading groups of college and industry volunteers in every task she was assigned.

When presented with the opportunity to join the uCC team as the first official staff member, she took it. With the help of her uCC mentors and the prospect of a fulfilling job, Marshall graduated both high school and the uCC program in 2016, joining the unCommon Construction build staff as a program builder about a week later. She is a mentor for the high school apprentices who follow in her footsteps, and an inspiration to the hundreds of volunteers who engage with the program under her leadership. She is most proud of the way the unCommon Construction provides an "alternate way of educating, which includes letting kids know that the college path isn't the only path."



Stephanie Miller Murphy
owner,
Miller Murphy Travel and independent affiliate Brownell

Louisiana-based luxury travel adviser Stephanie Miller Murphy was recognized as a Top Travel Adviser at Brownell Academy. She received the "Devonian" award which signifies over \$1 million in sales. Miller Murphy specializes in custom international travel including honeymoons, destination weddings, multigenerational family travel and adventure travel. As a Brownell independent travel advisor, she has the network, resources and support to carefully curate itineraries for her clients around the world. Miller Murphy had a 25-year career in the hotel industry before becoming a luxury travel advisor through the award-winning Brownell Mentoring Program in 2013.



Lynn Luker
of counsel,
Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford LLC,
2006, 2014 & 2015 Women of the Year honoree

Lynn Luker has been recognized for her work in the legal profession for her legal skills as a trial lawyer and for her commitment to giving back. She has also taught law students Trial Advocacy for over 30 years at Tulane Law School. She is co-director of the Trial Advocacy program and the Civil Litigation Pre-Trial Boot Camp and has received the Distinguished Teaching Award.

Luker is chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association civil law and litigation section and speaks at numerous continuing legal education seminars on a variety of substantive subject areas in which she has practiced and on ethics and professionalism. She is also a former president of the Tulane Law School Inn of Court. She has been named as a "Super Lawyer" by that organization every year since 2007, a "Leader in Law" by CityBusiness, a "Top Lawyer" and as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" for eight consecutive years.

Luker was the recipient of the LSBA Human Rights Award. As honorary chair of the Association for Women Attorneys Annual Food From the Bar, she assisted in reaching its highest donation ever. She also does pro bono legal work for Bridge House and Grace House and speaks frequently on unconscious bias to promote diversity and inclusion. Luker is a New Orleans public school graduate and a former president of the University of New Orleans Alumni Association. She received a J.D., an LL.M. in admiralty (with distinction) and an LL.M. in energy and environment from Tulane Law School.



Michelle Akin
assistant vice president/
branch manager,
Home Bank

New to Home Bank, Michelle Akin has more than 30 years of expertise in banking and lending. As retail banking center manager for the Veterans and Elmwood branches, Akin is poised to help businesses and families with deposits, loans, lines of credit and more. Prior to joining Home Bank, she worked in retail and private banking with Capital One.

Community and civic involvement is important to Akin. She is actively involved in the Elmwood Business Association and the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, and she is a recipient of the Paul Harris Award for civic and charitable contributions from Rotary International. Akin received her bachelor's degree in finance from the University of New Orleans.