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**Education Session No. 626:  
The Parallel Challenges Faced by Women in Politics and Corporate America**

April 28, 2016 at 6 PM  
Stamford, CT

Engage with your peers as Susan Bysiewicz, Partner at Pastore & Dailey LLC and prior Secretary of the State of Connecticut from 1999 to 2011, discusses the synergies between women in Politics and Corporate America during our exclusive fireside chat.

Washington Post published an opinion article on January 21, 2016 headlined with: "In corporate and political America, women just can't win". Are women in politics facing the same roadblocks as women in corporate America? Even if so, can women win? Yes, we can!

Together, we will explore:

- i) Overview of the female Heads of State across the globe
- ii) Women in the United States Senate, Congress and State Government
- iii) How Connecticut compares to the rest of the country
- iv) Representation of women in Fortune 500 companies
- v) Women in the labor force and pay equity
- vi) Action Plan to decrease and solve the disparities in both arenas

**Participants**

**Susan Bysiewicz**, Pastore & Dailey LLC  
**Elise Chowdhry**, *Moderator*, Optimum Advisors LLC

**Event Details**

**Date:** April 28, 2016

**Time:** 5 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and cocktails before and after session.

**Hosts:** RSM US LLP and UCONN Stamford

**Location:** UCONN Stamford

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

## **Biographies**

### **Susan Bysiewicz**, Partner, Pastore & Dailey LLC

Ms. Bysiewicz has broad experience in corporate and business law. Her practice focuses on corporate law and finance, banking, securities, and commercial transactions.

Prior to joining Pastore & Dailey LLC, Ms. Bysiewicz served as Secretary of the State of Connecticut from 1999 to 2011. In that role, she served as the Chief Business Registrar, registering more than 300,000 companies and as the Chief Elections Official. Prior to her work as Secretary of the State, Ms. Bysiewicz served as State Representative for the 100th District, representing Middletown, Durham and Middlefield. She chaired the Government Administration and Elections Committee and served on the Judiciary, Program Review and Investigations, and the Regulations Review Committees. Ms. Bysiewicz practiced corporate, banking and international law at White and Case in New York City and Washington, D.C. She also practiced corporate and business law at the firm of Robinson and Cole in Hartford. Additionally, at the Aetna Insurance Company in Hartford, she served as counsel in the Law Department, where she focused on healthcare and pension law.

Ms. Bysiewicz received her B.A. from Yale College, magna cum laude. She received her J.D. from Duke Law School. While attending law school, she wrote *Ella: A Biography of Governor Ella Grasso*, published by Peregrine Press. She is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and New York. She is also admitted to practice in the U.S. District courts of the Southern District of New York, and U.S. District Court and Connecticut.

### **Elise Chowdhry**, Founder and Managing Principal, Optimum Advisors LLC

As Managing Principal of Optimum Advisors LLC, Elise works with leaders in the middle market investment community to realize higher productivity and increase profitability through greater alignment of people, processes and strategic objectives. Known as being dynamic and results-oriented, she draws upon her career in middle market private equity finance to yield invaluable stakeholder feedback, assess organizations and offer leaders operational and strategic guidance.

Elise began her career as an auditor at Arthur Andersen & Co but soon launched into middle market private equity finance, where she spent over two decades in increasingly senior roles. She has invested in and managed senior and mezzanine capital in private equity transactions at institutions including Heller Financial, JH Whitney and Fleet Financial. Prior to founding Optimum Advisors LLC Elise was a Managing Director at CIT Group, where she held both investment and management positions in Corporate Finance and at CIT Bank.

Elise received a MBA in Finance from New York University's Stern School of Business, a M.S. in Professional Accounting from the University of Hartford and a B.A in Economics from Bates College. She is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive) and serves as a Board Member and Treasurer of Community Access, a leading NYC provider of housing and support services to homeless individuals with psychiatric disabilities.



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