

WIN USA Newsletter

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WIN represents and connects professional women working in international tax. IFA strives at being a dynamic international tax community and encourages the participation of women.

Letter from the President

Dear WIN IFA Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our recent meeting in Washington, DC. It was truly a wonderful experience to connect with so many new faces and network with all the incredible women who attended the branch conference. A big thank you to all the members who took the time to meet and engage with others at the WIN table. Your enthusiasm and support are what make our network so special. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Fenwick for their collaboration in providing WIN swag, which added a delightful touch to our events. As we continue to grow as a group, it's inspiring to see how we are evolving as a network across the U.S., striving to encompass as many members as possible. The WIN tables at the lunch and dinner events provided fantastic opportunities for networking, and I am excited about the prospect of meeting even more members at our upcoming in-person events.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing you all at the IFA USA branch meeting in Boston in March 2026. Let's continue to inspire, support, and uplift each other as we embark on another year of excellence and achievement.

Neelu Mehrotra
WIN USA President

Dear WIN IFA Members,

As president of the USA Branch of IFA, I want to thank the leadership of WIN for organizing and presenting high quality programs and an opportunity for its members to interact in a supportive and inclusive environment. WIN was organized and supported by many senior IFA members, but Carol Tello was most instrumental. Carol's drive and initiative was key to attracting interest in vast expansion of WIN throughout Global WIN as well. She had been president of the USA Branch for only a short time before we lost her. The Branch was devastated, but its remaining leadership stepped up and soon inaugurated the Carol Tello Lecture Series. Hosted by George Washington University Law School since its foundation, the lecture features a woman or diverse senior tax professional. I hope you will be able to come to Washington, DC, on November 13 to attend in person this year, when Lee Sheppard will be delivering her remarks, and we will hold a social event to which students and participants are invited.

I know that WIN continues to set the standard for leadership and inclusiveness in the international tax community around the world. So thank you for your membership and for building this organization. I want to wish you continued success in your careers and in modeling success for the careers of our younger professionals.

Peter Glicklich
President, IFA USA Branch

Our Mission



Develop networks, visibility, and participation within IFA.



Advance the careers of women international tax practitioners and empower women attorneys, accountants and other professionals to develop fulfilling careers.



Advocate for issues that improve equality, inclusion, and representation.

WIN Leadership



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WIN USA President



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New Members and Regional Leadership

We are pleased to announce that we have added several new WIN regional leaders, including: [Jenna Shih](#), [Sofia Castro](#), [Jessica Wargo](#), [Shae Qian](#), and [Brittany Forgues](#). Their involvement will enhance our outreach and strengthen our network within the international tax community. Additionally, we have updated the [WIN IFA website](#) to reflect these changes and provide more resources for our members.

Recent Events

WIN at the IFA USA Annual Conference



Summary of the 53rd Annual Conference of the International Fiscal Association USA Branch

The 53rd Annual Conference of the IFA USA Branch was a remarkable event that brought together professionals and experts from the international tax industry. Held in a friendly and professional atmosphere, the conference was a testament to the association's commitment to fostering dialogue and sharing knowledge on critical tax issues.

Technical Insights and Analyses: The conference featured a series of technical sessions that delved deeply into tax regulations and policies. Attendees were treated to an in-depth analysis of current and proposed tax regulations, providing them with valuable insights into the ever-evolving landscape of tax law. One of the key discussions centered around the progression of the current Administration's tax reform, offering a comprehensive overview of its impact and future implications for businesses. Panels featuring WIN Members included:

- PTEP Panel: Moderated by Colleen O'Neill, with Amie Colwell Breslow as a panelist.
- Tax Treaties Panel: Moderated by Sahel Assar, featuring Arlene Fitzpatrick as a panelist.
- Corporate Transparency Panel: Moderated by Kimberly Spivey, featuring Barbara Angus as a panelist.
- Transfer Pricing Panel: Lauren Ross was one of the panelists.
- Implications of *Loper Bright* Breakfast Session: Moderated by Lisandra Ortiz, with Einav Axler as a panelist.

A Spring Breeze Blows into 53rd Annual Conference: Beyond the technical content, the conference also had its share of lighter moments. The dinner event was a highlight, particularly for WIN, who lit up the dance floor with their infectious energy. The scene was so lively that even Peter Blessing, the IRS Associate Chief Counsel of International, couldn't resist joining in on the fun.

Collaboration with ABA at LATAM Conference

Recently, WIN collaborated with the American Bar Association (ABA) at the LATAM conference held in Miami. Bibiana Cruz co-moderated a panel on Digital Payment Systems, which was followed by a Women in Tax Roundtable. This roundtable included a happy hour, providing an informal setting for networking and relationship building among attendees.

July 2025 WIN Mixer

Hosted by KPMG, this event provided another excellent opportunity for networking and collaboration among our members.

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Upcoming Events



Save the Date: 54th [IFA USA Annual Conference](#) – Boston March 19-20, 2026

Don't forget to register for [upcoming events](#)!

- Wednesday, September 24 – Houston YIN Chapter Webinar
- Friday, October 3 – Joint Meeting of USA and Spain Branches of IFA (Madrid)
- Saturday, October 4 to Thursday, October 9 – IFA Global Congress 2025 (Lisbon)
- Thursday, November 13 – Carol Tello Annual International Tax Lecture Series
- Thursday, December 11 – 6th Annual Virtual International Tax Conference: Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our participation in the virtual International Tax Conference, where Neelu will be leading a panel focused on compliance and Liliana will be a panelist. This event will further our mission to engage with professionals in the field and promote the WIN IFA initiative.
- Thursday, March 19 to Friday, March 20 – 2026 IFA USA Annual Conference