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Bliss Lawyers Bulletin

Attorney Spotlights

Julie D: Julie joined Bliss Lawyers in May 2013 as an attorney for a pharmaceutical company.

What Julie Does: Julie is a seasoned commercial litigator with extensive experience litigating pharmaceutical and securities matters.

Previous Experience: Julie comes to Bliss from a top New York law firm where she specialized in residential mortgage backed securities litigation. Prior to that, Julie practiced at another large New York firm where she was responsible for day-to-day case management, development of litigation strategy and supervision of junior associates and paralegals.

More About Julie: Julie lives in Darien, CT, with her husband and two children. In her spare time, Julie enjoys cooking and maintains a blog focused on home entertaining.

Laurie B: Laurie joined Bliss Lawyers in May 2013 as an attorney for a management consulting

About Bliss Lawyers

Bliss Lawyers is a new legal model combining the benefits of secondment and virtual firms. With a national network of over 10,000 lawyers we are positioned to place exceptional lawyers in law departments on a temporary basis. A virtual platform allows us to pass considerable cost savings on to the client. Bliss Lawyers is a certified majority woman-owned business.

With cost-conscious companies increasingly turning to alternative legal staffing solutions to reduce their legal spend, secondment and virtual firms continue to be among the innovative solutions to an increasingly competitive legal marketplace. Here are some notable highlights and headlines that Bliss has been following.

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Bliss Co-Founder Interviews Anne-Marie Slaughter

On April 24th Bliss Lawyers co-founder Deborah Epstein Henry interviewed Princeton University professor Anne-Marie Slaughter. The interview, available [here](#), which took place at Sidley Austin LLP in New York focused on Professor Slaughter's July/August 2012 [article](#) in *The Atlantic* entitled, "Why Women Still Can't Have it All." Two hundred people attended the event and thousands more viewed the conversation via a simultaneous webcast.

Work-Life Balance - Secondment Grows as a Better-life Option

Writing in the [ABA Journal](#), Hollee Schwartz Temple describes the experience of a Bliss attorney. "Kevin Boland recently found sophisticated legal work and better work-life balance in a place that would surprise many attorneys: a temporary legal job. Last fall Boland, 54, a patent attorney who focuses on fluoropolymer technology, was looking for a position that would cut down on his two-hour-plus daily commute. He hoped to find cutting-edge work closer to his Wilmington, Del., home, in part because his triplets were about to graduate from high school and he didn't want to miss the milestones. With the help of

company.

What Laurie Does: Laurie is a corporate attorney with large law firm and in-house experience. She advises clients on risk management and negotiates and drafts a wide range of commercial agreements. Laurie has experience managing complex litigation, handling intellectual property matters and advising on employee issues.

Previous Experience: Laurie comes to Bliss from the New Jersey office of a large media company where she served as General Counsel. She previously held the position of SVP, Legal & Business Affairs for a New York-based media company. Julie has also been a partner at a major New York firm.

More About Laurie: Laurie lives in New York with her husband and two children. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, going to the theatre and traveling.

Upcoming Events

The Future of the Profession: Thursday, September 19th, The Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section will host a program in Chicago featuring Bliss Lawyers co-founder Debbie Epstein Henry. For more information, contact the [Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar](#).

Best Law Firms for Women Gala Awards Event: Wednesday.

Bliss Lawyers, which provides talent to meet temporary hiring needs, Boland found the right match."

A growing number of U.S. companies are hiring secondment firms to find high-caliber attorneys for short-term assignments, according to Bliss Lawyers co-founder Deborah Epstein Henry. "The companies get experienced attorneys without having to make a long-term commitment," says Henry, who placed Boland in his position. Secondments offer an uncommon mix of high-level legal work and predictable hours so attorneys get a work-life boost.

Finding Bliss in Virtual Lawyering

An April article in *The American Lawyer* [profiled](#) the work of Bliss Lawyers and its co-founder Suzie Scanlon. The article explored the benefits of the secondment model and how it is becoming a popular choice for corporate law departments.

New Opportunities

If you are a business interested in learning more about Bliss Lawyers and its services, email us at: qberger@blisslawyers.com.

Bliss Lawyers is always looking for experienced lawyers and legal professionals. If you are seeking an opportunity to do challenging legal work in an in-house legal department on a temporary basis, with the possibility of converting your engagement into permanent employment, then [join our team](#).

We are seeking to fill various in-house counsel positions across the country. Bliss Lawyers has opportunities for lawyers in various practice areas, including corporate, litigation, compliance, licensing, M&A, trusts & estates, intellectual property, and real estate and with experience in numerous industries, including financial services, technology, media, research and development, healthcare, energy, and consumer products. Positions vary from part-time to full-time and typically last from three months to more than a year, with some of the positions converting into permanent employment. Ideal applicants are well credentialed, with a combination of large law firm and in-house experience and graduation from a top national law school. Please email your resume to info@blisslawyers.com.

From the Bliss Lawyers Co-Founders



Deborah Epstein Henry Suzie Scanlon

Garry Berger

September 25th, Working Mother & Flextime Lawyers LLC hosts its annual awards gala at Cipriani in New York City. [To register.](#)

2013 Leadership Conference for Professional Women - Blueprinting Women for Success: Developing Plans for Success in Mentoring, Promotion, Flexibility, Networking & Leadership: Friday & Saturday, October 4th and 5th, the Canada Bar Association's National Women Lawyers Forum hosts this event in Montreal, Quebec. For more information, contact the [Canada Bar Association.](#)

Having it All: The Myths, Opportunities & Trade-Offs: Friday, October 18th, DRI's annual meeting in Chicago will feature this plenary session. [To register.](#)

Blueprinting for Success: Developing Plans for Success in Mentoring, Promotion, Flexibility, Networking & Leadership - How to Capitalize on the Tumultuous Legal Market: Thursday, October 24th, The State Bar of Wisconsin will host this event in the Wisconsin Dells featuring Bliss Lawyers co-founder Debbie Epstein Henry as its keynote speaker. For more information, contact the [State Bar of Wisconsin.](#)

Inspiring Women: Thursday, November 8th, Case Western Reserve University School of Law: Women in Law & Leadership Conference hosts Bliss Lawyers co-founder Debbie Epstein Henry as its keynote speaker at this Cleveland event. For more information, contact [Law & Reorder.](#)



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