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There are more women advancing into senior management roles globally than at any time since 2010.

According to research from the Grant Thornton International Business Report, 24 percent of senior management roles are now filled by women, up from 21 percent in 2012 and 20 percent in 2011.

Arizona is following suit. A growing number of women are trailblazers, groundbreakers, and leaders of men. Many of those innovators are among Az Business magazine's 2013 list of the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona Business.

To select 50 of the best and brightest women to recognize, the editorial team from Az Business compiled a list of more than 500 women from every facet of Arizona's business landscape. Once that list was compiled, we vetted the nominees and came up with a list of the 100 women we thought were most worthy of consideration. We sent that list to 20 of their peers — female leaders from a variety of industries — and asked them to vote. If they wanted us to consider someone whose name was not on the list, they were invited to write in the names of women who they thought deserved to be members of this exclusive club. Women who were named to the 2012 list of

the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona Business were not eligible for consideration.

When the votes were tallied, the final list featured women who hail from all walks of life and conduct business in industries of every trade. While their resumes and industries may differ, they have all procured influence in their respective fields through hard-earned track records of profitability, innovation, business ethics, and leadership.

Az Business magazine is proud to congratulate the 50 women who earned the right to call themselves one of the Most Influential Women in Arizona Business. They are changing the face of Arizona business.

50 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN



Judith Dworkin

*Managing partner
Sacks Tierney*

Dworkin's practice is devoted primarily to Indian law and water resources law issues. She also teaches courses in water law and natural resources Law at the ASU College of Law and advises its Indian Law Program. She lectures regularly and publishes on topics relating to economic development on Indian reservations.

Surprising fact: "After earning a Ph.D. and pursuing a career as an academic at universities in Canada and the United States, I left academia, with a newborn son in tow, to enter law school."

Biggest challenge: "Whether managing or negotiating, I try to understand the people sitting at the table, so I can find a solution that works for all. It's a continuing challenge."



Diane Enos

*President
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community*

Enos is the second woman elected as president of the SRPMIC. She is dedicated to promoting education for the SRPMIC people and creating new opportunities that allow the traditional O'odham (Pima) and Piipaash (Maricopa) lifestyle to flourish within the community. Enos is the first member of the SRPMIC to become an attorney and is chair of the executive board for the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona.

Surprising fact: "I am a painter at heart. My undergrad degree is in fine arts and I had started on a career in painting and sculpture before getting the political bug."

Biggest challenge: "Time management and learning how to accomplish as much as I can without being scattered."

Christine Espinoza

*Founder and CEO
Platform Scottsdale*

Espinoza has been selling residential real estate since 1997 and currently works with HomeSmart Elite Group. In 2012, she started a women's group called Platform Scottsdale. This group welcomes everyone from the stay-at-home mom to the business owner and serves to connect, promote and inspire local women.

Surprising fact: "My family and I were on 'Family Feud' in 2010."

Biggest challenge: "Going through a divorce. Coming from a family where my parents have been married over 40 years, I was not prepared for this overwhelming life change ... To surround myself with supportive, wonderful women, I founded Platform Scottsdale ... I discovered that I can accomplish much more with the support of these women, and create lifelong friendships that I will forever cherish."



Nicole France Stanton

*Partner
Quarles & Brady*

The primary focus of France Stanton's practice is defending professionals such as lawyers, accountants, insurance brokers and others in malpractice actions, earning a spot in The Best Lawyers in America in 2011 and 2013. In 2012, she created the award-winning Stop Bullying AZ to bring awareness of the issue of bullying.

Surprising fact: "I have three tiaras from pageants I was in during high school. I am a firm believer that every woman should have at least one tiara."

Biggest challenge: "Trying to balance the competing interests in my life ... I have overcome this by knowing what my highest priority is — my kids ... I've become much more organized and intensely selective in what I choose to participate in both professionally and personally."



Kathleen Goeppinger

*President and CEO
Midwestern University*

Under Goeppinger's leadership, Midwestern's Glendale campus has become the state's largest and most comprehensive university for health professionals, as well as a significant economic engine in the West Valley, as evidenced by WESTMARC, which awarded the university its economic engine award in 2012 for its outstanding contribution to the West Valley's economy.

Surprising fact: "I commute between the two Midwestern University campuses in Arizona and Illinois every week and have been doing this for the past 18 years."

Biggest challenge: "Building a strong leadership team that shares in the values and mission of the organization. Together, we have grown and developed our strong academic institution."