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**WOMEN IN BUSINESS LAW AMERICAS AWARDS 2020 –
WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Morrison & Foerster recognised as Best International Firm for
Diversity and Barbara Mendelson as Best Lawyer for Banking &
Finance at WIBL Americas Awards**

Leading firm takes two awards for women lawyers

**BEST IN BANKING & FINANCE – BARBARA R MENDELSON, MORRISON & FOERSTER
BEST INTERNATIONAL FIRM FOR DIVERSITY – MORRISON & FOERSTER**

John Harrison, Lead Researcher, Women in Business Law said of their awards success “Morrison & Foerster was among the most represented firms at the Women in Business Law Awards 2020. All together they made it to the shortlist on sixteen categories across a spectrum of potential firm, individual practitioner, and rising star awards and took home two well deserved accolades.

Barbara R. Mendelson is known for being a distinguished lawyer in the banking industry and brings over thirty years of experience to her clients. She has represented international banks in entering and expanding their footprint within the U.S and has been lauded for her practical approach to complex problems. She is a volunteer lawyer in Bronx Family Court through the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program, and outside of practicing law, she serves as a trustee and the Executive Vice President of the Board of Trustees of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City.

Morrison & Foerster has formed a variety of internal initiatives, programs, and groups designed to recruit, train, mentor, and retain diverse lawyers. They were one of the first law firms recognised as having attained Mansfield Certification Plus. The firm holds regular professional development workshops targeted at addressing the issues facing lawyers of color and those from the LGBTQ+ community.

In all Morrison & Foerster has developed an impressive structure for the promotion of diverse legal talent that derives from an inclusive mentality. Congratulations to Barbara Mendelson and all the team.

To see the full announcement and winners for the awards please visit:

<https://awards.womeninbusinesslaw.com/Americas-winners>

To see the full list of shortlisted please visit:

<https://awards.womeninbusinesslaw.com/Americas-winners/Americas-shortlist-2256J3-1446584.html>

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