

Greetings to the Women in Securities Finance community. . .

We are excited to introduce the first Women in Securities Finance quarterly update. These quarterly reviews are designed to keep members updated on WISF's news, upcoming events, resources, and spotlight different chapter members. We hope you enjoy these updates and we welcome feedback on the types of information you would like to see in the future.

### Upcoming Industry Events

**April 22**

IHS Markit  
Prominent Women  
in Finance

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**May 6**

Securities Finance  
Technology  
Symposium

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**May 12-13**

Finadium Investors in  
Securities Lending  
Conference

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**June 9-10**

CASLA Virtual Conference  
on Canadian Securities  
Lending

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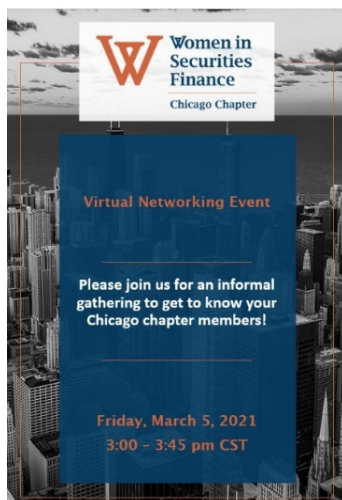
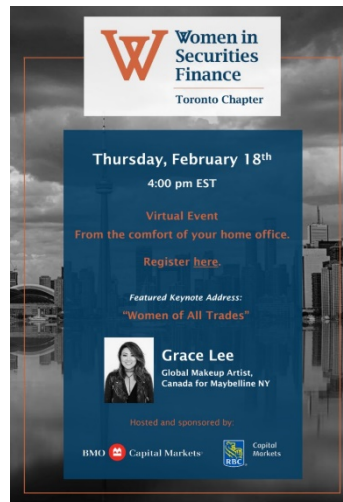
**June 15-17**

ISLA's 29th Annual Securities  
Finance and Collateral  
Management Conference

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### WISF Q1 Event Updates

On February 18th, the Toronto Chapter of Women in Securities Finance hosted an open discussion with Grace Lee, Official Makeup Artist for Maybelline NY in Canada, where they found parallels between the two gender driven industries and how those factors can drive individuals towards effective leadership.



The Chicago Chapter of Women in Securities Finance hosted a networking event on March 5, 2021 where they shared their TOP 10 list for Working from Home and played some icebreaker games to allow members within the Chicago Chapter to get to know one another.

### Women in Securities Finance launches website

Women in Securities Finance is bona fide with a newly launched website. The group has been working diligently to create a sleek and easy to use informational platform for members to keep current and informed on Women in Securities Finance content and events.

In addition to defining Women in Securities Finance and our mission, the website offers information on events as well as relevant content for members such as podcasts that members have recorded, articles where members of the group have appeared and other insightful pieces.

Interested to join the group? There is a simple Join Form where interested industry contacts can join the group. After submitting the form, a Women in Securities Finance representative will reach out to the new member to welcome them to the group.

Check it out:

<https://www.womeninsecuritiesfinance.com/>.

## Q1 Podcast Updates

*Perspectives* by Women in Securities Finance, the podcast series that was started last year, has been going strong bringing members together to discuss various topics from professional development to personal growth to industry educational topics.

*We are always interested in suggestions for potential topics or speakers for future podcast episodes. Please reach out to any Chapter Lead or Tri-Chair with suggestions.*


To listen to this quarter's episodes, please visit:

<https://www.womeninsecuritiesfinance.com/media>

 **Advocating for yourself**

 **When Diversity is a Core Value, Grassroots Actions Can Take Hold**

 **Lockdown lookback: finding the silver linings**

 **Your career needs the network effect**

### *Highlighting Women in Securities Finance:*

*In each quarterly update, Women in Securities Finance seeks to feature local chapter members that are shining in their careers. The Boston Chapter is excited to highlight the following. We would love to hear about other members rocking their careers, so please reach out to any Chapter Lead or Tri-Chair with future suggestions.*

#### **Kristen Blake, Goldman Sachs**

Kristen Blake, an active member of Women in Securities Finance, was recently promoted to Vice President at Goldman Sachs after three years with the firm. Kristen is a member of the Client Service and Relationship Management team at Goldman Sachs Agency Lending (GSAL). Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Kristen spent 4 years at State Street. Kristen also recently received her Master of Business Administration from Babson F.W. Olin Graduate school of Business where she graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Kristen recently shared her thoughts on career development and learning to champion her own work on a WISF podcast episode, *Lockdown lookback: finding the silver linings*. She spoke about the need to rethink her approach to making her work visual while in the virtual environment.

Congratulations Kristen on your recent achievements!



#### **Holly Tokarz, eSecLending**

There are always faces of a brand. It is the way marketing and advertising work. But there is so much work that goes on behind the scenes that we never talk about. Those who do this work are the unsung champions that do not ask for recognition. The unsung champion of Women in Securities Finance is Holly Tokarz of eSecLending. She is a Senior Marketing and Design Associate who has designed every aspect of the Women in Securities Finance brand. She designed the logo, the graphics, and recently the entire website. She has spent countless hours assisting in bringing this vision to life.

Holly has worked at eSecLending for four years after graduating from Emmanuel College in 2016. She not only excels at her craft, but she is a genuinely positive person. She brings this positivity into everything that she does, and it shows in her work and in her everyday interactions. Thank you, Holly, for all you do for WISF!

