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WX ANNOUNCES THE 2025 WOMAN OF THE YEAR HONOREE: SONIA KAUR BAIN

Gala to Take Place on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at The Plaza

NEW YORK – April 30, 2025 – WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate (WX) is excited to announce that its 2025 Woman of the Year Gala will honor <u>Sonia Kaur Bain</u>, a highly respected partner in the Real Estate group at Blank Rome LLP and a leading figure in the commercial real estate industry. The gala will take place on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at The Plaza in New York City.

Sonia is a transactional commercial real estate attorney known for her strategic counsel and extensive experience across a broad range of asset classes. Over the course of her career, she has represented major developers, retailers, hospitality groups, family offices, and institutional investors in some of the most complex and high-value real estate transactions across the United States, and specifically New York City.

"Sonia exemplifies the intelligence, generosity, and strength of leadership that WX celebrates with this honor," said Lauren Cahill, President of WX Inc. "Her contributions to the real estate industry are rivaled only by her unwavering commitment to mentorship and advancing the next generation of real estate professionals. Sonia's career is an inspiration, and her leadership within WX has left a lasting mark on our community."

A Legacy of Legal Excellence and Impactful Deal-Making

Sonia has built a nationally recognized practice focused on acquisitions, dispositions, ground and space leases, financing, and development. Her client roster includes some of the world's largest retail brands, developers, private equity groups, REITs, and family offices. Among her many notable deals are the \$1.3 billion acquisition of a portfolio of data centers across 18 U.S. jurisdictions, and the acquisition of a \$600 million Class A office tower in Oakland, California.

Sonia has also served as lead counsel on landmark projects in New York City, including mixed-use developments in DUMBO, Brooklyn,- Hudson Yards, and Times Square, luxury residential towers, and large-scale retail and entertainment destinations, and national transactions involving a variety of asset classes. Her approach blends strategic insight with practical execution, consistently earning her recognition as a top attorney in publications such as *Best Lawyers in America*, *Commercial Observer*, and *Crain's New York Business*.

A Champion for Mentorship, Inclusion, and Community

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Sonia is deeply committed to mentoring and empowering women in the real estate industry. As a longtime member of WX, Sonia served as President from 2019 to 2022, following earlier roles as Vice President and Board Director. She was formerly a co-chair of the organization's Mentoring Committee where she played a leading role in creating and developing the mentoring program as we know it

today. She served on the WX Charitable Fund Board leading efforts to support WX's charitable partnerships with NEW and Project Destined and lead the organization of the annual WX Golf and Tennis Outing. Her leadership has helped shape the next generation of women in real estate and foster a more inclusive and supportive real estate community.

Sonia received her B.A. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and her J.D. from New York Law School. She lives in New York with her husband and two sons,-and is an active sports fan and lover of the outdoors.

About WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate

WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate is an exclusive association comprising executive-level women actively involved in New York's commercial real estate sector. WX's mission is to foster the advancement of women in commercial real estate, enhance the industry's perception of women's roles, and uphold the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and integrity. Through various initiatives, including educational seminars, leadership breakfasts, mentoring programs, scholarships, and special events, WX offers its members a platform for visibility, knowledge exchange, and celebration of individual achievements while laying the groundwork for the next generation of women leaders in real estate.

For more information about WX and the Woman of the Year gala, please visit www.wxnyre.com.

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