

# Wilbanks Partners, llc *Diversity Recruiting*

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## Leadership In Diversity Recruiting

Wilbanks Partners LLC is a leader in Diversity Recruiting, having led major initiatives in this area in the last decade at three major investment firms. The results were both in the "C" Suite, including a Chief Investment Officer, the Heads of Distribution for two different firms, as well as multiple placements at the investment analyst and portfolio manager level for another major East Coast suburban investment company.

- Outstanding track record of success recruiting diversity candidates to leadership roles, as about 50% of our successful candidates since 2011 have represented diverse cohorts.
- Guarantee a diverse slate, but measure success only through the final hire.
- Work closely with the management team to minimize unconscious bias and counterproductive micro-messaging in the recruiting process.
- Sourcing networks include contacts from over two decades of relationship building with diversity cohort organizations such as NASP, OUT Leadership, Wall Street Women's Alliance, Toigo Foundation, etc.
- Extensive public speaking and publishing track record on the topic (see our blogs, "<u>Building a</u> <u>Diverse Workforce in the Investment Business</u>," July 2016, and "<u>Unconscious Bias in New Hire</u> <u>Compensation — Profitability Expectations vs. Gender Pay Bias</u>," November 2018).
- Hosted Women's Leadership Forum of 80 female CEOs from II300 firms from 2013-2015.



### Selected Representative Diversity Recruitments Asset & Wealth Management

#### **Board of Directors**

Major Independent Investment Firm Member, Board of Directors Global Public Investment Mgmt Firm Member, Board of Directors Large Mutual Fund Independent Trustee (3) Major Financial Services Industry Association Member, Board of Directors

#### CEO / COO

Major Family Office Chief Executive Officer Large Family Office President & CEO

#### **Corporate Officers**

Major Independent Investment Firm Head of International Audit Major Wealth Management Firm MD & Chief Risk Officer Mid-Sized Global Investment Manager Director of Human Resources Mid-sized Independent Investment Manager Chief Human Resources Officer

#### **Chief Investment Officer**

Major Regional Bank *CIO – Investment & Wealth Mgmt* Significant UHNW Boutique Private Bank *Chief Investment Officer* Major Pension Fund *Director of Alternative Investments* Major Community Foundation *Chief Investment Officer* Large Family Office *Director of Investments* Large Family Office *Head of Investments & Portfolio Administration* 

#### Equities

Major Independent Mutual Fund Firm MD & Head of Quant. Equity Investing Sr. Quantitative Research Analyst (3) Global Macro Economist (2)

#### **Fixed Income**

Large International Insurance Company Senior Credit Portfolio Manager Senior Credit Research Analyst

#### **Technology and Operations**

Major Independent Investment Firm EVP, Operations & Implementation, Retirement Business Middle Office Software Company Product Manager

#### **Institutional Sales & Marketing**

Major Independent Investment Firm *EVP & Division Executive, Defined Benefits Administration* Leading ESG Investment Firm *SVP & Head of Pension Sales* Mid-Size Global Equity Manager *Partner & Head of Marketing and Client Service* Major Investment Firm *VP & Chief Marketing Officer – Inst'l* Investment Analytics Software Company *Head of Sales* Major Global Asset Management Firm *Senior Institutional Equity Sales Specialist & Client Portfolio Manage* 

#### **Retail Sales & Marketing**

Leading ESG Investment Firm *EVP* & *Head of Distribution Head of Internal Sales Desk* Major Global Asset Management Firm *SVP* & *Head of Retail Marketing* Major Investment Firm *VP* & *Chief Marketing Officer* – *Retail* Major Global Asset Management Firm *SVP* – *Digital Marketing* Major Investment Management Firm *Director* & *Chief Marketing Officer* – *Digital and Social Media* Significant UHNW Boutique Private Bank *Managing Director* & *Head of Client Service* 



### **Diversity Search Strategies**

- > "The only measure of diversity recruiting success is in the final hire."
- > Write and audit job descriptions carefully, avoiding biased language.
- Introduce diversity cohorts in the jury early in the interview process and make sure all jury members are aligned in messaging.
- Work closely with jury members on interview techniques and recruiting processes to minimize unconscious bias and counterproductive micro-messaging.
- Specifically target sourcing and referencing initiatives toward diverse cohorts early in the search process. See the following list of associations with which we maintain frequent contact or of which we are a supporting member, including attendance at association conferences and speaking engagements.



### Wilbanks Partners Diversity Cohort Association Relationships

100 Women in Finance / 100 Women in Hedge Funds Ascend Asian American Insurance & Financial Professional Assoc. Asian Women in Business (AWIB) Association of African American Financial Advisors Association of Asian American Investment Managers Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE) Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA) **CEOAction / Black Corporate Directors Conference** CFA Institute's Driving Change Initiative CFA Institute's Women in Investment Mgmt Initiative **Council of Urban Professionals** Disability:IN Diverse Corporate Directors Coalition (DCDC) The Diversity Project **Effective Leadership Council** Ellevate Network Financial Women's Association Girls Who Invest Girls with Impact The Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) **INROADS** Invest in Girls INvolve JumpStart Advisory Group

**JUST** Capital Latino Corporate Directors Association (LCDA) Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT) MMI Gateway to Leadership / Gateway Foundation National Association of Asian MBAs (NAAMBA) National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP) National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) Native American Finance Officers Associates (NAFOA) Nevthri NICSA Diversity Project North America **OUT Leadership** / Quorum The Partnership, Inc. The Robert Toigo Foundation **SOCAP** Global South Asian Women's Professional Network (SAWPN) Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) TiE Global (The IndUS Entrepreneurs) UN Principles for Responsible Investment Initiative US Sustainable Investment Forum (US SIF) Wall Street Bound Wall Street Women's Alliance (WSWA) Women Corporate Directors Women in ETFs Year Up Zolio Women's Investment Competition



### **Diversity Search Strategies**

Recognize where there is opportunity, for certain functions have more diversity, and certain diverse cohorts are more open to change than others.

	Board of Directors	CEO / COO	CIO	Portfolio Manager / Analyst	Corporate Officers*	Institutional Sales	Retail Sales	Retail Marketing	Tech & Ops
Size of Candidate Pool									
Size of Diversity Pool									
Ease of Recruitment									

\* Corporate Officers include finance, administration, legal, risk/compliance, and human resources functions.



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