



# Banking on Women

Thursday, June 4, 2026 ● 8:30am - 3:15pm  
The Palace at Somerset Park ● Somerset, NJ



## Agenda

**8:30 am – 9:00 am**      **Registration and Breakfast**

**9:00 am – 9:05 am**      **Welcome and Introductions**

*Suellen Arcchi*, Senior Vice President, BSA & Deposit Compliance Officer,  
Manasquan Bank;  
Banking on Women Committee Chair

### **Bold Thinking, Smart Decisions: Strategy that Works**

*Cathy Nestruck*, Vice President, Workforce Excellence, American Bankers Association

*Strategic thinking isn't reserved for boardrooms—it's a mindset rooted in curiosity, clarity, and courage. In this dynamic session, we'll explore how bold decisions are often shaped by thoughtful questions, and how confidence grows not from having all the answers, but from knowing what to ask. Through real-world insights, we'll reframe how we view strategy, decision-making, and leadership. Attendees will leave with a renewed sense of their strategic strengths and practical tools to lead with impact.*

### **Women on Bank Boards — Perspectives, Pathways & Impact**

**Moderated by:** *Nancy Schneier*, Chief Revenue Officer and Founder,  
Vikar Technologies, Inc.

**Panelists:** *Carmen M. Bowser*, Director, Peapack Private Bank & Trust  
Managing Member, Eastpointe Consultants, LLC

*Jenn Docherty*, Co-Founder and Board Chair, Bank on Women, Inc.;

Senior FIG and Capital Markets Strategist, Performance Trust Capital Markets

*Grace Torres*, Director, OceanFirst Bank

*Kelly Watson*, Director, Union County Savings Bank

*This panel discussion will feature women currently serving as directors on bank boards and will explore the unique perspectives these leaders bring to the boardroom as well as the professional journeys that led them to these influential roles. They will discuss:*

- *Board Responsibilities & Leadership Influence: How women directors contribute to strategic decision-making, governance, and long-term organizational success.*
- *Career Pathways & Professional Experiences: The roles these leaders hold within their own companies and how those experiences inform their work as board members.*
- *Challenges & Barriers: The realities women often face when seeking board positions—including visibility, sponsorship, and navigating traditionally male-dominated spaces.*
- *Rewards & Opportunities: The personal and professional fulfillment that comes from board service, including the ability to shape the future of banking and support community-focused missions.*
- *Guidance for Aspiring Directors: Practical insights, lessons learned, and advice for women looking to pursue board opportunities within the financial industry.*

### **From the Banks to R Banks**

*Keli Zinn*, Director of Athletics, Rutgers University

**11:20 am – 11:35 am**

**Networking Break**

**NJBankers Woman of Impact Award**

**Balance Your Busy: How to Outsource your Overwhelm, Take Back your Time, & Repair your Relationship with your Schedule**

*Vikki Duke, Founder, Insomnia Mom*

*What keeps you up at night? Endless to-do lists, competing responsibilities and the steady pull toward burnout as we juggle life with 47 mental tabs open. Join Vikki Duke, Founder of Insomnia Mom, as she introduces Outsource Your Overwhelm - an energizing session introducing her Elevate & Delegate Model - a practical framework that has helped countless clients reclaim their time, energy, and confidence. With humor, honesty, and real-life stories, Vikki shares the personal journey of her own breaking point breakthroughs, the mindset shifts that changed everything and why inviting support is the most underutilized leadership skill in our arsenal.*

*Expect a fresh perspective on productivity, practical delegation strategies, the hidden costs of micromanaging your life, a short list of inexpensive sanity savers, plus five habits to pivot and five actions to implement immediately that create instant breathing room to focus on what matters most.*

*Then, we share! Enjoy some time at your tables to connect with others, swap ideas & share the creative ways YOU are successfully slaying schedules in your own lives.*

**The BankHER's Playbook: Mastering Influence & Amplifying Your Impact in Banking**

*Susana Briscoe-Alba, Founder & CEO, Dunamis Coaching & Consulting Services*

*Banking is one of the most competitive industries in America and the women in this room have already proven they can do the work. This session is about ensuring they are also seen, heard, and recognized for it. The BankHER's Playbook is a high-energy, interactive session that blends emotional intelligence (EI) with personal branding and leadership strategy to give women in banking a practical, actionable framework for advancing their careers—no matter where they sit in the org chart. Drawing from her signature SHAPE framework and a 5-Pillar EI model tailored for the banking environment, Susana guides attendees through the mindset shifts and strategic moves that separate those who work hard from those who lead.*

**1:45 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Networking Lunch**

**2:30 pm – 3:15 pm**

**Dessert Mixer in partnership with The Palace at Somerset Park**

*Join us for a delightful Dessert Reception designed to bring together women from across the banking industry in a warm, welcoming, and inspiring atmosphere. This special event offers attendees the opportunity to enjoy delicious treats while expanding their professional networks and building meaningful connections.*

*Whether you're mingling with colleagues from your own institution, meeting peers from across the region, or engaging with our conference speakers, the reception provides the perfect setting to exchange ideas, share experiences, and spark new collaborations.*

*This relaxed gathering is an ideal way to end the day—celebrating achievements, fostering community, and strengthening the ties that support women's continued growth and leadership in banking.*

**3:15 pm**

**Event Concludes**