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Partner Anne Gaustad Named Among Global Investigation Review's Leading Women in Investigations

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May 19, 2021 – Anne Gaustad has been named to Global Investigation Review's (GIR) "Women in Investigations 2021" list, which highlights remarkable women in the field of white-collar law and investigations.

The report, published on May 17, selected 100 honorees following an open nomination process that yielded hundreds of submissions from across the globe.

Among the other honorees in the third annual survey are former U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, now a partner at Paul Weiss; former Deputy U.S. Attorney General Sally Yates, now a partner at King & Spalding; Anna-Elisabeth Krause-Ablass, the senior prosecutor at the European Public Prosecutor's Office; and Rebecca Dix, associate general counsel at the U.K.'s Serious Fraud Office.

In her GIR profile, Gaustad noted that compliance and ethics-related investigations usually occur in challenging environments, and in a majority of cases decision-makers are still men.

"In my view, a more flexible work environment will have enduring positive effects on the legal industry, our clients and the environment – better distinguishing what requires in-person presence from what does not, and reducing travel cost and the impact on the environment. I hope it will also have broader positive effects on lawyers' work-life balance and family lives, which will hopefully keep more women in private practice."

"During the course of my practice I have encountered and fought off chauvinism, attempted bribery, professional threats, and even physical threats and intimidation. I learned early on that the best way to respond to these situations was to master the facts, refuse to take offense to remarks, calmly lay out the situation when individuals refuse to cooperate and to be ready for the fight when it comes."

In 2020, Gaustad was named to GIR's "40 under 40" list, which recognizes the next generation of top investigations specialists.

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