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## 2015 New York Women in Leadership Symposium Empowers Women to Address Challenges in the Professional Sphere

**New York, NY** – The Tri-State Diversity Council hosted its 2015 New York Women in Leadership Symposium on May 1, 2015, at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York. The theme of this year’s event was “Empowering One Another.”

“The Women in Leadership Symposium offered attendees an opportunity to observe, learn, network and hear different perspectives from a diverse mix of executives who have made the climb up the corporate ladder,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of the National Diversity Council.



The event included a dynamic group of female executives sharing experiences and challenges of rising to the top. The speakers included:

- **Sheryl Battles**, Vice President of Global Communications and Diversity Strategy at Pitney Bowes
- **Wendy Bellus**, Senior Vice President of Talent Acquisition and Development at SMBC
- **Sandy Broadus**, Former Executive Director and Chief Counsel at United Technologies Corporation
- **Shaheen Dil**, Managing Director and Global Solution Leader at Protiviti
- **Patsy Doerr**, Global Head of Corporate Responsibility and Inclusion at Thomson Reuters
- **Keti Mehta**, Chief HR Officer at USI Insurance Services

“Know your own strength and be comfortable with it,” said panelist Patsy Doerr. “The best leaders aren’t experts in their domains. They just have the best influence and communication skills.”

Pictures from the event can be viewed at [diversitycouncilpics.org](http://diversitycouncilpics.org).

On July 17, 2015, the Tri-State Diversity Council is hosting the 2015 New York City Diversity Best Practice Meeting aimed at promoting the importance of diversity and inclusion efforts in the workplace. Visit the [event page](#) to register.

### About the Tri-State Diversity Council

The Tri-State Diversity Council is a non-profit organization committed to transforming our workplace communities into environments where people are valued for their uniqueness and differences, and are confident that their contributions matter. Its mission is to enhance the appreciation for and understanding of the value of diversity and inclusion.

More information about the Tri-State Diversity Council is available at <http://tristatediversitycouncil.org/>.

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