

George Latimer  
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Housing Opportunity Commission:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Anahaita N. Kotval, 21 Tarryhill Road, Tarrytown, New York as a member of the Westchester County Housing Opportunity Commission, for the term April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Given under my hand  
and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of April, 2024.



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# Westchester County

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County Executive

April 1, 2024

Ms. Anahaita N. Kotval  
21 Tarryhill Road  
Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591

Dear Ms. Kotval,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Housing Opportunities Commission, effective today, Monday, April 1, 2024. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office within 30 days, either by appearing at the County Clerk's office or mailing the signed and notarized form to our office.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed. Please contact the Planning Department at (914) 995-4402, for the date, place, and time of the upcoming meeting for your participation.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,



George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators  
Blanca Lopez, Commissioner, Planning Department  
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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**ANAHAITA N. KOTVAL**  
21 Tarryhill Road, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591  
914-588-0801 anahaita.kotval@gmail.com

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **LIFTING UP WESTCHESTER, INC., White Plains, NY**

**May 2017 to present**

#### ***Chief Executive Officer***

Manage non-profit organization with 75 staff and \$10 million budget serving homeless and other extremely low-income residents of Westchester County through food security, shelter, transitional housing, supportive housing, workforce development, elder care and youth programs. Responsible for all aspects of strategic, financial, programmatic and operational planning, as well as compliance and governance. Collaborate with other community leaders through various leadership positions and committees to deliver coordinated services throughout the County.

### **INSPIRICA, INC., Stamford, CT**

**November 2011 to May 2017**

#### ***Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel***

Partnered with CEO to revitalize 100 + year old non-profit organization serving homeless individuals and families in lower Fairfield County. Lead team of 25 staff members with responsibility for:

- **Strategic Initiatives:** developed and implemented 3 year Strategic Plan, developed two new 50 unit deeply affordable housing projects, and implemented name change and rebranding.
- **Operations:** establish high performing infrastructure including telecommunications, technology and security platforms, centralized purchasing and other cost containment measures, and policies and procedures to improve efficiency, quality and consistency of services delivered to our clients.
- **Property Management:** Managed capital improvements, maintenance, repairs and health and safety for 10 residential and commercial facilities. Raised over \$3 million in capital grant funding.
- **Legal/Compliance:** provide full scope of legal services to the agency including corporate governance, compliance, internal investigations, employment law related matters, commercial and residential leasing, intellectual property, dispute resolution and litigation, and real estate and affordable housing law.
- **HR:** responsible for employee benefits, recruiting, on-boarding, orientation, training, performance evaluation and retention. Launched culture and values initiative. Conducted compensation and benefits survey of area non-profits.

### **RBS SECURITIES, INC. (formerly Greenwich Capital), Stamford, CT**

**October 1998 to October 2011**

#### ***Managing Director & General Counsel 2007 to 2011***

General Counsel for the U.S., Latin America and Canada based wholesale banking, capital markets and trading operations of The Royal Bank of Scotland consisting of approximately 3,000 employees.

- Member of Management Committee for the Americas.
- Led team of over 75 legal professionals (\$30 million budget) to deliver full range of legal services to all aspects of the North American operation including transactional, litigation, employment, intellectual property, licensing, corporate secretarial, and regulatory advisory functions.
- Managed the firm's legal, reputational and regulatory risk, including U.S. corporate compliance and ethics programs.
- Strategic planning and integration of ABN/RBS businesses post merger.
- Oversight of corporate communications and government relations functions.

#### ***Managing Director & Deputy General Counsel 2004 to 2007***

#### ***Managing Director & Associate General Counsel 2001 to 2004***

#### ***Senior Vice President & Associate General Counsel 1998 to 2001***

Responsible for managing the litigation, regulatory, employment and compliance functions of the firm.

- **Litigation:** managed all litigation and arbitration brought by or against the firm including commercial litigation with vendors and counterparties, securities class action litigation, and employment claims.
- **Regulatory/Internal Investigations:** conducted internal investigations into alleged compliance or regulatory violations and determine appropriate remedial action as needed. Represented firm in investigations by various regulators.
- **Employment Law/Immigration:** advised on hiring, promotion, lay off and termination decisions. Developed personnel policies and employee benefit programs. Responsible for firm-wide diversity and other training. Handled all harassment and discrimination complaints and investigations. Negotiated key employment contracts.
- **Compliance:** designed and implemented firm-wide compliance program including development of written supervisory procedures, design of the information barrier, surveillance, new product, examination and anti-money laundering programs. Managed the firm's relationships with regulators including the SEC, FINRA, CBOT, CFTC and NY Fed.

- *Ethics Officer*: appointed by the General Counsel to handle resolution of conflicts or potential conflicts arising in the course of the firm's business.

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, New York, NY** **April 1993 to September 1998**  
**Senior Trial Counsel, Enforcement Division 1996 to 1998**

Lead counsel for Commission enforcement actions in federal district court and before administrative law judges. Responsible for all aspects of litigation from preparation of pleadings through settlement or trial. Conducted priority investigations with a view to seeking emergency relief (e.g. temporary restraining order, asset freeze, appointment of receiver) to stop ongoing fraud. Managed caseload of 8-10 complex litigations and investigations and supervised case teams of attorneys and investigators. Served as Ethics Officer for the Northeast Regional Office.

**Branch Chief, Enforcement Division 1994 to 1996**

Led a team of six staff attorneys with a case load of approximately 25 cases. Coordinated cases with U.S. Attorney's office and other state and federal criminal and regulatory authorities. Served as Hiring Attorney.

**Staff Attorney, Enforcement Division 1993 to 1994**

Responsible for the investigation, presentation to Commission and subsequent litigation of violations of U.S. securities laws. Cases brought included insider trading, manipulation, Ponzi scheme, accounting and other fraud cases.

**MOQUET BORDE & ASSOCIATES, Paris, France** **October 1991 to March 1993**

Associate attorney responsible for research and drafting of legal memoranda (in both English and French) on various issues of U.S., French and European Community Law. Emphasis on securities law (French, U.S., U.K.) and, in particular, insider trading and tender offer regulations. Updated firm-authored legal treatise Doing Business in France.

#### AFFILIATIONS

<b>Public Company Director, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.</b>	2023 to present
<b>Chair (2020-2022), Director, Non-Profit Westchester, Inc.</b>	2020 to present
<b>Executive Committee (2002 to present), Director &amp; Volunteer, Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.,</b> a major provider of legal services to non-profits; Corporate Volunteer Award (2011) Volunteer of the Decade Award (2008); Volunteer of the Year Award (2003)	1999 to present
<b>Member, Westchester County Police Reform Task Force</b>	2021 to 2022
<b>Public Company Director, OneMain Holdings, Inc. (OMF)</b> Chair, Compliance Committee; Audit Committee; Governance Committee	2012 to 2018
<b>Vice-Chair (2016 to 2017), Director, Westchester County Community Foundation</b>	2014 to 2017
<b>Executive Committee (2008 to 2014), Director, My Sister's Place, Inc.,</b> a domestic violence shelter, prevention and advocacy organization	2007 to 2015
<b>Director, Fairfield County Community Foundation</b>	2009 to 2011
<b>Executive Committee (2008 to 2011), Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association</b> Legal and Compliance Division; Member of Litigation Advisory & Self-Regulation Committees	2006 to 2011
<b>Co-President (2005-2007), Director, Women's Bond Club of New York</b>	2003 to 2009
<b>Founder &amp; Chair, RBS/Greenwich Capital Foundation/Charitable Giving Committee</b>	2001 to 2011
<b>Founder &amp; Chair, RBS/Greenwich Capital Women's Working Group</b>	2000 to 2011
<b>Founder &amp; Chair, RBS/Greenwich Capital Mentoring Program</b>	2000 to 2005
<b>Mentor, Student Sponsored Partnership</b>	2000 to 2004

#### EDUCATION

**Harvard Law School (Class of 1991), J.D. cum laude**

*Prisoners Legal Assistance Project; Landlord Tenant Advocacy Program; Volunteer, Cambridge Soup Kitchen  
 Summer Intern, U.S Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York;*

*Admitted to New York State Bar and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York*

**Brown University (Class of 1988), B.Sc. magna cum laude in Applied Math and Economics**

*Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi (National Science Honor Society)*

*President, Brown Community Outreach (umbrella organization offering volunteer opportunities for students)*

*Intern, Brooklyn Legal Aid Society – Criminal Division*

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
OATH OF OFFICE

For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )

I, ANAKAITA N. KONAL do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support  
(Print or Type Name)

the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of WESTCHESTER COUNTY HOUSING and for the  
~~OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION~~  
(Print or Type Board Name)

County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability

Date: 4/8/2024

[Signature]  
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April,  
2024.

[Signature]  
(Signature)

Joyce V. Fubini  
(Print or Type Name)

Notary Public State of New York  
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

Joyce V Fuhini  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Reg. No. 01FU6393166  
Qualified in Westchester County  
Commission Expires June 10, 2027

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.