

WiS Week 2024

Leader Spotlight

**WOMEN IN
SECURITIZATION**

Renew. Reengage. Reimagine.



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Can you share any role models or mentors who have inspired you in your journey? How have they influenced your approach to leadership?

I have long been a fan of Madeleine Albright. She was a trailblazer as a woman, a deeply accomplished diplomat who was the first woman to serve as Secretary of State. Her history as a child of refugees who rose to be the highest-ranking woman in the history of the US government has always been inspiring to me. She was a master of foreign affairs and appeared so comfortable on the world stage. The lessons I learned watching her were to know my subject matter, be prepared, and be confident in my knowledge – this is the advice I give to all young women, regardless of the career they choose to pursue.

What inspired you to pursue a career in structured finance?

The residential housing market has always interested me as I believe it is the backbone of the economy and for many, buying a house can be the ticket to financial stability. I'm proud to work in a sector that is helping people accomplish their dreams.

What does WiS mean to you?

WiS is helping create an opportunity for women to network within the structured finance industry. WiS is also hosting events for students to get them interested in finance and I have found volunteering at those events to be an enriching experience.