

1. What is your name?

Sylvie Straus-Figueroa

2. What is your job/role/title?

I am the majority Partner in my law firm

3. How or why did you enter your industry?

When I became a lawyer my first job was at a firm that worked with construction contractors.

4. What are the barriers/obstacles of being a woman in this industry?

There is sometimes an assumption that you don't know or don't belong.

5. Why do you think there are so few females in the industry and what would you do to change that?

It's a tough business and you've got to have thick skin. I've started a program to support unionized tradeswomen in NYC.

6. What does an average day in your work life look like?

Lots of phone calls, emails, contracts, document review, sometimes I go to job sites.

7. What would you title your autobiography?

Onward and Upward

8. What is your favorite hobby?

Crafting

9. What is your go to song at karaoke?

Dont have one

10. What is advice you would give your younger self?

You'll find what you look for, seek the positive.

11. What do you like most about your work?

Solving problems

12. What is the best career advice you have ever been given?

Listen well and don't be afraid to contribute your ideas.

13. What was your first job?

Babysitting