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Casey is a Director on the Short Term Markets and Financing Desk, where she is responsible for trading bills and short coupons, and is also the backup trader covering the Treasury curve out to 4 1/2 years. Casey has earned a solid reputation with our clients. Casey continues to exceed expectations and proves to be one of the key players on the desk. She is extremely driven and continually works to expand her product knowledge.

Casey completed her MBA at Columbia Business School in May 2011. She also continues to be active in the Firm's graduate recruiting program and sits on the Firm’s Women's Network Steering Committee as co-head of Career Development. Casey earned a BA in Economics from the College of the Holy Cross in 2003.

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Since 2008, Julie has executed over 95 lead-managed transactions for issuers across all products globally.

Prior to joining the firm, Julie was an investment banker at UBS specializing in health care.

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As a Senior Manager in Deloitte’s Chicago consulting practice, Karmen has over 16 years of experience in Consulting. For the past 8 years she has worked specifically with Financial Service clients to align their talent to deliver against their strategy.

In addition, she supports the Deloitte Talent Management practice and is currently working on a point of view around the ROI for Talent. Lastly, she is involved in the Deloitte’s Women’s Initiative program where she has worked to develop and sustain a Midwest Mentoring Program.

Karmen has served as adjunct faculty for Loyola University Chicago and DePaul University. Karmen received her Master in Organization Development at Loyola University Chicago and her Bachelor (Finance & Banking) at the University of Missouri.

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Katie has been a Finance Women’s Network Steering Committee member, during which she has led events relating to leadership and sponsorship. Katie is actively involved in recruiting and mentoring and has also participated in several people development initiatives at the firm.

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Mirela has received several distinguished service awards from both client’s and BNY Mellon in recognition of her hard work, dedication and singular focus on client’s needs. Mirela earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance, with honors, from St. Johns University. She is a member of BNY Mellon’s Women’s Initiatives Network (WIN) program.

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Rebecca Cameron is a Rising Star at NASDAQ OMX. She was recently promoted to Vice President in the Corporate Strategy group and has had increasing levels of responsibility since she joined NASDAQ OMX as an intern in 2001. In her current role, she is responsible for leading an effort that is focused on influencing the company culture with emphasis on supporting innovation and product development that targets alpha revenue growth and profitability.

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Renate Kenney was promoted to Product Manager for VPM when there was no established Product Management function in the organization. She quickly adapted to the new role with a level of ownership and pride that we rarely see in individuals. She continually demonstrates her capabilities and pushes herself to new boundaries. For example, Renate was instrumental as we reshaped our development methodologies and implemented an agile / scrum approach and she ran customer advisory board meetings to gather market requirements. Going forward the foundation Renate built will maintain our track record of successfully delivering market leading software on time. VPM achieved its revenue targets for 2011.

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