



PWC hosts online panel: Building Resiliency in Today's Workplace

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New York, NY On May 21st, Professional Women in Construction (PWC) hosted a virtual panel discussion on responding to the changing workplace. "Building Resiliency in Today's New Workplace" was organized and hosted by PWC's Professional Development Advisory Council (PDAC), one of the four committees that organizes programs and events in the New York Chapter. D&A Construction Advisors and Welby Brady & Greenblatt generously sponsored the evening event. In addition to the panel discussion, attendees and panelists had the opportunity to connect with each other directly through online networking and breakout sessions.

The panel discussion was moderated by Sushmita Roy, Esq, Construction Counsel for HAP Construction. Panelists were:

Cynthia Milota, director of workplace strategy, Ware Malcomb;
Bill Duane, principal, Bill Duane and Associates; and
Michael Bonomo, director of global workplace, CannonDesign.

Work environments have changed drastically due to COVID-19, and in turn, so have opportunities for team collaboration and employee resiliency. The discussion addressed ways in which the workplace has transformed and the impact on professionals. Offices, which were built to foster innovation through in-person interactions, have been replaced with working from home and virtual meetings. The panelists spoke about the impact of these changes on employees, companies and overall operations, including the increased acceptance of technology. While the industry examines return-to-work plans and how to organize offices and jobsite operations, new communication methods that have been adopted in response to remote working and distancing measures can help to maintain innovation and collaboration.

PWC is continuing to provide events and opportunities for our community to connect online. Learn more about PWC, keep up-to-date on programming, and become a member here: <https://www.pwcusa.org/>

PWC's Professional Development Advisory Council's mission is to provide vision, leadership, and

educational resources for members. The committee meets monthly and hosts four events per year for members of the AEC community. In 2020, events included Making the Case for WELL Design and Building Resiliency in Today's New Workplace.

PWC New York is the founding chapter of Professional Women in Construction (PWC), a national nonprofit organization founded in 1980 that seeks to support, advance, and connect women and promote diversity within the architecture, engineering, construction (AEC) and related industries. Membership is open to professional women and men, private companies and public agencies in construction and allied industries.

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