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50 MOST POWERFUL WOMEN IN NEW YORK

**T**HIS YEAR NEW YORK STATE saw the first woman in its history ascend to the governor's seat. And the attorney general, also a woman, helped pave the way for her by holding the previous governor to account for his alleged misdeeds.

These are just two examples of the ways women in this state have made history and grabbed headlines since *Crain's* last 50 Most Powerful Women ranking. Women across industries, from politics to fashion, health care to real estate, in the past two years have helped to set the agenda for how New York rebuilds post-pandemic.

To compile the 2021 version of the list, *Crain's* editors picked the women making the biggest waves in their respective fields. We invested hours of thought into building an inclusive list and making room for newcomers. As a result, the 2021 ranking is ambitious and diverse, encompassing women of all ages and ethnicities, and there are quite a few new names on the list.

—Telisha Bryan,  
Managing Editor

## KELLY COFFEY

Chief Executive, **City National Bank**

**BANK ASSETS** \$87 billion

**IMPACT** Coffey is a board member of the Central Park Conservancy and board chairwoman for Marymount School of New York.

**VETERAN** investment banker Kelly Coffey became the chief executive of City National Bank, a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada, two years ago. Coffey is the fourth person to run the bank—and its first female CEO—in its 67-year history.

Since taking over, she has been at the helm of the financial institution's expansion strategy, opening offices in metropolitan areas around the country.

Despite the pandemic, Coffey debuted a new flagship financial center in Hudson Yards in October 2020.

That came on the heels of two branch openings in August 2020 in Manhattan, in the NoMad and Flatiron districts. City National has five Manhattan offices plus a banking center on Long Island.

In addition to broadening the bank's physical presence during the pandemic, Coffey has increased its virtual operations.

Before City National, she was chief executive of the JPMorgan Private Bank. She previously spent more than 20 years in the firm's investment sector, heading diversified industrials investment banking; equity, foreign exchange and interest rate derivatives marketing; and corporate finance advisory in North America.

Coffey recently was named Diversity, Inclusion and Equity CEO of the Year by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*.

