

For over
175 years
women have shaped
the history of New York Life.



1885

First female employee

New York Life was an industry pioneer in recruiting women, hiring our first female employee, Winifred Supple, in the late 19th Century.



Winifred Supple



1889

First female agent

A few years later, New York Life hired its first female agent – Mary “Minnie” Tumbleson. Soon she was a leading agent, becoming the first woman to appear on the company’s “Roll of Honor” just two years later.

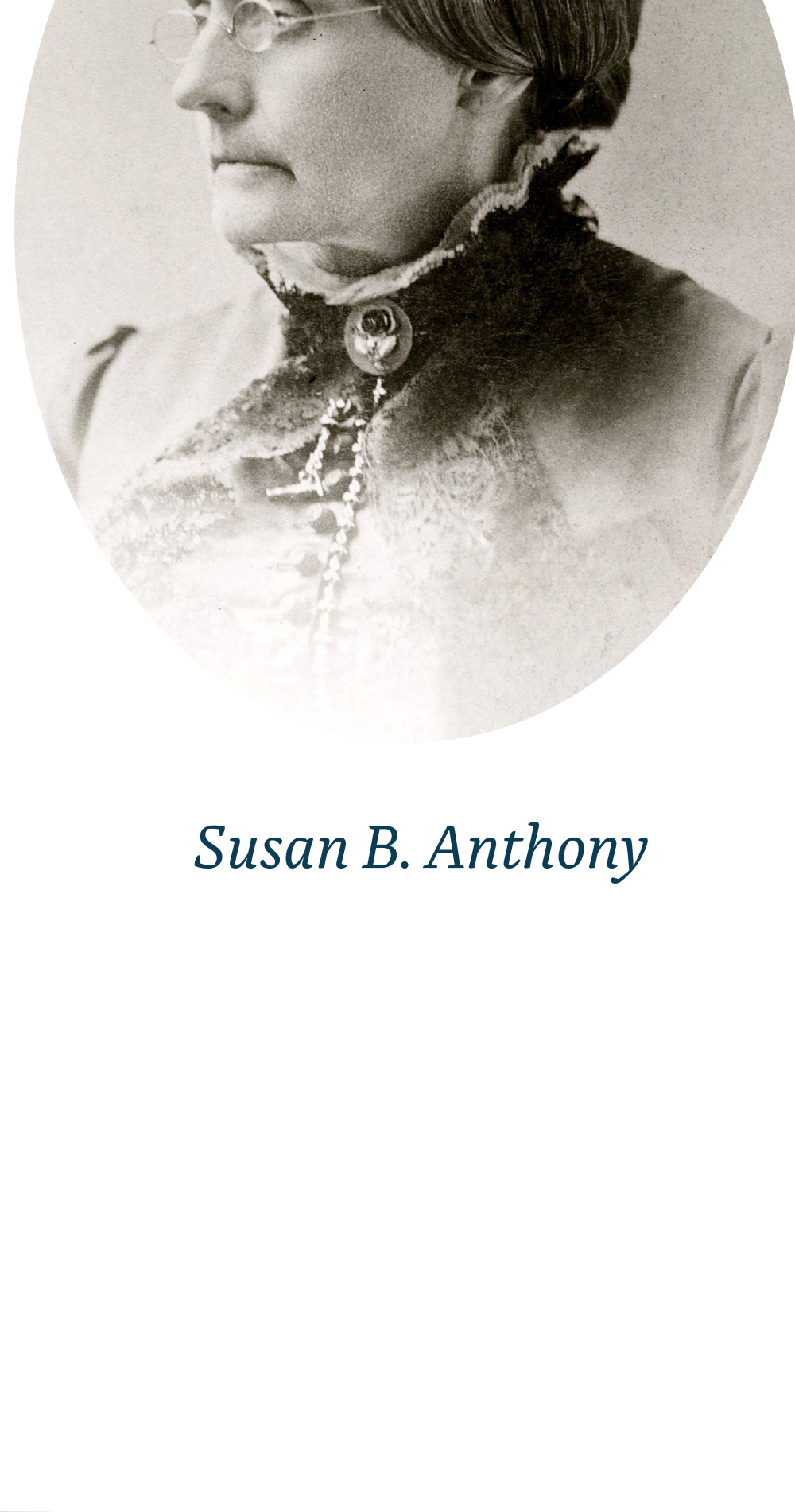
1900

A New York Life policy becomes famous

One of the first women to own an insurance policy was women’s rights activist Susan B. Anthony, who founded the National Woman Suffrage Association in 1869. That policy became famous in 1900, when she cashed it in to get women into The University of Rochester.

The all-male institution had been under pressure to accept both sexes since the 1880s and the board of trustees eventually voted to accept women – but only if they raised \$110,000. When funding fell short just a day before the deadline, Susan B. Anthony pledged the cash value of her New York Life policy to secure the final amount.

The first women attended Rochester that fall.



Susan B. Anthony



1923

First female general manager

These early trailblazers paved the way for women to start leading at New York Life. Anna Rusche became the first female general manager in the 1920s.

1947

First female director

Then, Mildred McAfee Horton became the first woman on the board of directors, serving from 1947 to 1959. She had a distinguished career in education and administration, serving in various leadership positions at Center, Vassar and Oberlin colleges, before becoming president of Wellesley in 1936.

During World War II, she took a leave of absence from Wellesley to serve as the first director of the Women’s Reserve, U.S. Naval Reserve (commonly referred to as WAVES, for Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service). Ms. McAfee began her military career as a lieutenant commander, making her the Navy’s first female commissioned officer. A year later, she was promoted to captain.

She trained 86,000 women across the country to be parachute riggers, aerologists, link trainer instructors for flyers, metalsmiths, radiomen, aviation machinists, mates, and other traditionally male-only jobs. According to newspaper reports, “Under Captain Horton, Waves took jobs in nearly half of the Navy’s 1,000 installations. At the Navy Department in Washington there were more Waves than men.”



Mildred McAfee Horton



Lucille DeVore Tucker

1953

The Million Dollar Round Table

New York Life agent Lucille DeVore Tucker was the first woman to join the Million Dollar Round Table, the highest industry honor for an insurance salesperson.*



Today

58%

of New York Life’s workforce are women



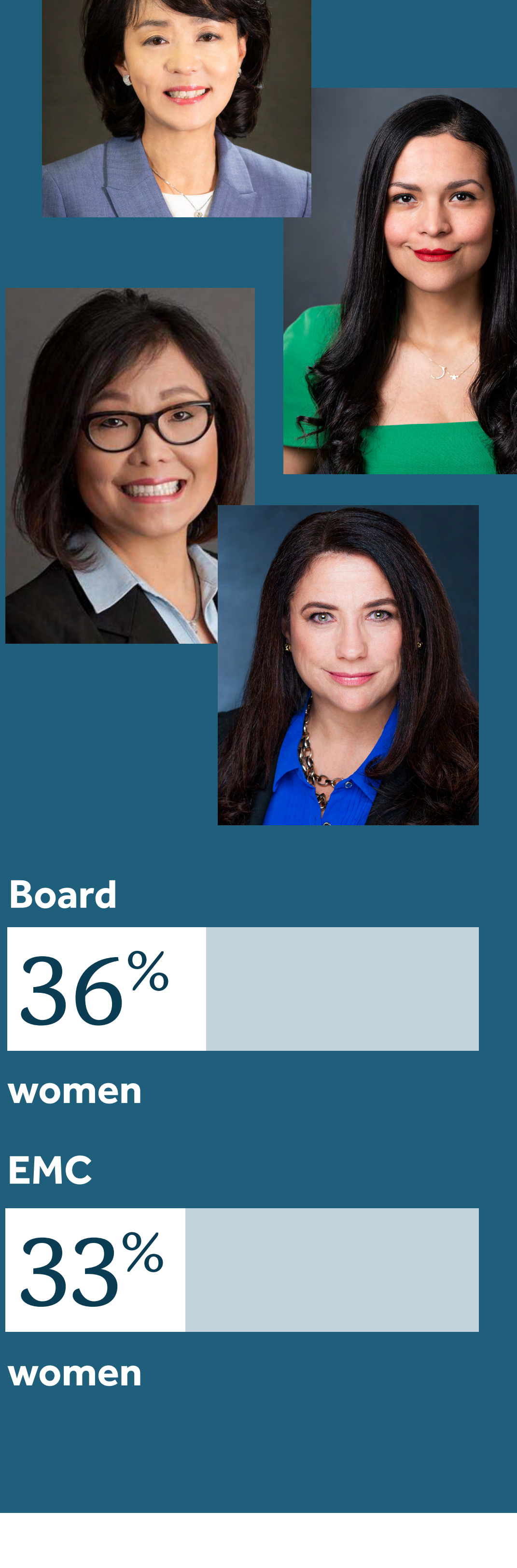
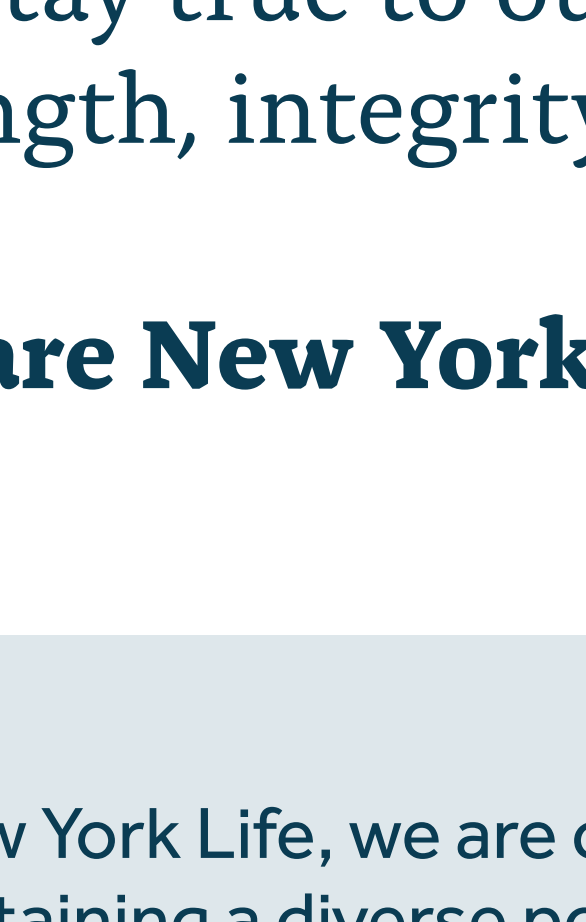
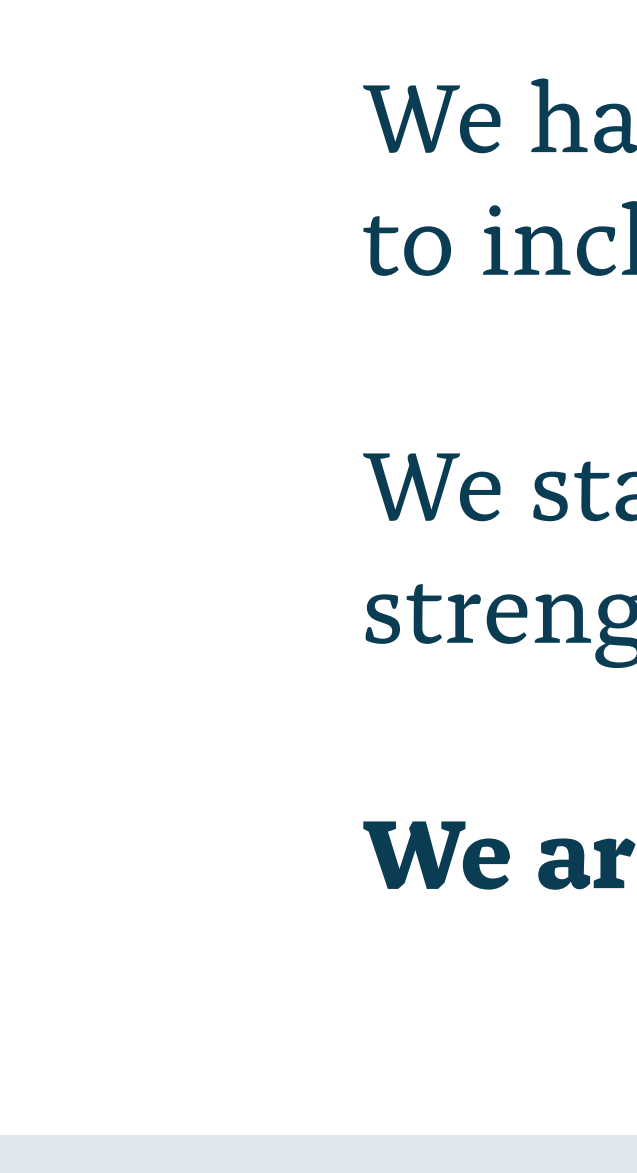
1 in 3

of our agent field force are women



1 in 5

of the company’s sales force managing partners are women



Board

36%

women

EMC

33%

women

We have an unwavering commitment to inclusion and equality.

We stay true to our core values of financial strength, integrity and humanity.

We are New York Life.

At New York Life, we are committed to attracting and retaining a diverse pool of talented employees and financial professionals.

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