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Anna Rappaport Named 2018 EBRI Lillywhite Award Recipient

Washington, D.C. – November 5, 2019 – At today’s Pensions & Investments DC West Coast Conference, the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) honors Anna Rappaport as this year’s winner of the annual Lillywhite award. Named after Ray Lillywhite, a pioneer in the pension field, the award honors employee benefits professionals for extraordinary lifetime contributions to Americans’ economic security.

“Anna has been a pioneer and inspiration in the employee benefits field — especially among women — for decades,” says Stacy Schaus, chair of EBRI. “She has dedicated not only her working career, but considerable volunteer time, to improving workers’ retirements not only from a financial perspective, but in terms of overall quality of life.”

An internationally recognized expert on the impact of change on retirement systems and workforce issues, Anna’s career started in the life insurance industry in 1958, as one of the first female actuaries. Then, after a 28-year career with Mercer Human Resource Consulting, she established her own firm specializing in strategies for better retirement systems. Committed to improving America’s retirement systems, and with special focus on women’s retirement security, Anna has brought forward important issues to ensure that retirement decision makers can act on the best available information, strongly driven by facts and thorough analysis.

“Some of the most impressive work that Anna has done is with the Society of Actuaries, conducting retiree focus groups for nearly two decades to understand directly from those in various stages of retirement the factors that make for a successful life after working years,” says Lori Lucas, EBRI President & CEO.

Past Lillywhite award winners include Karin Brodbeck, former leader of Retirement Investments North America at Nestlé USA, Inc.; Olivia Mitchell, Executive Director of the Pension Research Council at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; Christine C. Marcks — President of Prudential Retirement; Mary Nell Billings — Director of Global Retirement Programs for Hilton Worldwide; and William F. Sharpe — Stanford University.

“The Lillywhite award truly represents EBRI’s mission by honoring those that devote their careers to improving employee benefits, which we believe makes for a stronger American workforce, and a more secure U.S. economy,” says Lucas.

Rappaport was honored at EBRI's May Board Dinner in Washington DC prior to being recognized at the Pensions & Investments West Coast Defined Contribution Conference.

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