

Grace Cosachov Protos Bio

Grace Cosachov Protos is the Executive Director of Work Life at NYU. In the last two years she has established a work life office and team that provides connection to resources, educational programs, advocacy on work environment enhancements and solutions to work and personal life integration.

Formerly she was the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau where she oversaw the implementation of policy, research and advocacy projects devoted exclusively to promoting the advancement of working women. Developing strong relationships with community-based organizations, federal, state and local government agencies she and her team worked collaboratively on various initiatives related to women's work force issues across the US.

Prior to joining the Women's Bureau, Grace was a senior vice president at MacKenzie Partners, Inc., a corporate advisory services firm, where she worked on corporate mergers, acquisitions and stakeholder identification and communications for clients who were Fortune 500 companies.

Grace is a former adjunct professor at Columbia University School of Social Work where she taught courses on leadership and management and effective board development. She is a past Board member and Treasurer of Dancewave, a nonprofit organization focused on youth development through dance, a former Co-chair of NYC 2020 Women on Boards and former Chair of the NY Regional Executive Committee of the US Department of Labor. Currently, Grace is a Board member of the College and University Work Family Association.

Grace has a master's degree in social work from Columbia University and lives in Brooklyn, NY with her family.