Huron Leaders Named 2026 Consulting Magazine Women Leaders in Consulting

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CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 24, 2026-- Global professional services firm Huron (NASDAQ: HURN) today announced that four of its leaders have been named 2026 Consulting Magazine Women Leaders in Consulting, celebrating their exceptional leadership, industry expertise and contributions to clients, colleagues, and the consulting profession. Consulting Magazine selected Maggie Barlow as a Diversity Champion, Christina Fenner as a Technology and AI Innovator, Jackie Gaines as a Talent & Workforce Transformation Leader, and Anne Pifer as an Industry Specialization Leader.

"Maggie, Christina, Jackie, and Anne exemplify the leadership, innovation, and commitment to excellence that drive Huron's success," said Mark Hussey, chief executive officer and president of Huron. "Their ability to solve complex challenges, deliver meaningful results and inspire those around them reflects the very best of our firm. We are proud to celebrate their achievements and the lasting impact they are making on our clients, our people, and the industries we serve."

Huron's 2026 Women Leaders in Consulting honorees include:

Maggie Barlow was named a Diversity Champion for her work that reflects a commitment to developing high-caliber teams and creating opportunities for others to succeed. She earned the distinction for her leadership in advancing an inclusive consulting environment. As a healthcare revenue cycle leader, she has helped leading health systems improve performance and deliver measurable financial and patient experience outcomes. She also sponsors Huron's women's employee resource group, one of the firm's largest, supporting programming related to career growth, mentorship and community and fostering a stronger sense of belonging across Huron.

Christina Fenner was selected in the Technology and AI Innovator category for her leadership in technology and artificial intelligence innovation and for her work translating AI from an emerging technology into tangible business value for Huron and its clients. Her leadership spans AI growth and adoption strategies and she works across industries and functions to identify high-value use cases and accelerate AI adoption. Her leadership spans AI frameworks, solution accelerators, governance approaches and reusable capabilities designed to scale across clients and industries, including AI-enabled document intelligence solutions, growth-focused AI offerings and enterprise AI enablement efforts that help organizations unlock efficiencies, generate insights and build confidence in responsible AI adoption. By connecting technical innovation to measurable operational and strategic outcomes, Christina shows how organizations can adopt AI responsibly and effectively, and she continues to advance Huron's position as a leader in AI-enabled transformation.

Jackie Gaines was honored as a Talent & Workforce Transformation Leader for her leadership and impact helping healthcare organizations navigate the evolving world of talent, workforce strategy and transformation. A registered nurse, Jackie brings more than 40 years of healthcare leadership experience serving as an executive leadership coach, partnering with boards, executives and clinical leaders to strengthen accountability, engagement, culture and the day-to-day leadership practices that turn strategy into results. Her work helps organizations align their people, operating models and workforce strategies to successfully navigate change and build stronger organizations. As a national speaker and best-selling author, Jackie has dedicated her career to advancing quality healthcare and to mentoring the next generation of leaders.

Anne Pifer was honored in the Industry Specialization Leader category, a distinction that reflects her deep industry expertise and leadership in helping higher education and research institutions navigate complex risk, compliance and regulatory challenges. She leads Huron’s risk and compliance solutions for higher education and research organizations and brings 25 years of experience advising research universities and academic medical centers. Throughout her career, Anne has worked with more than 70 institutions on risk management, compliance, strategic and operational initiatives and has enabled leading universities to strengthen compliance programs, assess risk and navigate complex federal regulatory matters.

Huron was also recognized for its inclusive mentoring program and its Amanda Bonser Leadership Summit. Both programs focus on building connections and supporting colleagues throughout their careers.

Consulting Magazine's annual Women Leaders in Consulting awards celebrate individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership, innovation and impact across the consulting profession. The 2026 honorees were recognized during the program's 21st annual celebration in New York City on November 19, 2026.

Huron offers opportunities to work alongside industry-leading experts across industries to shape the future of organizations around the world. Explore careers and opportunities at Huron at www.huronconsultinggroup.com/careers.

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