



**Rene Nourse**, is founder and managing director of Urban Wealth Management Group, LLC. in El Segundo, California. After 25 years of working for large brokerage firms, Rene' left Morgan Stanley in June of 2012, to launch Urban Wealth Management Group to better serve clients. She could see that the industry was shifting and individuals were increasingly interested in financial planning and advice over investment services alone. To that end, the firm's focus is Financial Planning first, which ultimately drives how assets ought to be managed. Recognizing that women face unique and complex financial challenges, the ***Smart Women ~ Savvy Money Club*** was launched in 2016, to provide a supportive, secure environment where women are encouraged to learn, explore and feel confident about making financial decisions.

A frequent guest speaker and blogger on the subjects of Women and Money, she was selected as one of twenty awardees for *Investment News Women to Watch for 2017*. She has also been the recipient of the Five Star Wealth Manager award for years 2012 and 2014-2018. Additionally, she is also a frequent guest commentator for CNBC's *Closing Bell Report* since 2013.

Career activities aside, she is active in and supports organizations that offer services and programs for women and teen girls. She is a member of Step Up Women's Network, an Advisory Board member for EmpowHer Institute, which strives to empower marginalized teen girls to pursue higher education and City Scholars Foundation, which provides leadership development training for Executive Directors of community based after-school programs across Los Angeles County.