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DIRECTWOMEN SELECTS TOP WOMEN LAWYERS FOR BOARD INSTITUTE

CHICAGO, Sept. 8, 2009 — DirectWomen announced the 21 members of the 2009 DirectWomen Board Institute, a program designed to identify and promote qualified women lawyers to serve on corporate boards of public companies. The Board Institute will be held Oct. 28-30, 2009 at the Waldorf=Astoria in New York City.

DirectWomen is an initiative of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section and Catalyst. It supports accomplished women lawyers for service on U.S. corporate boards, while also promoting the independence and diversity required for good corporate governance.

The DirectWomen Board Institute will culminate on Friday, Oct. 30 with the Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award Luncheon, recognizing a distinguished group of women lawyers who have served as corporate directors and the companies on whose boards they have served.

The members of the 2009 DirectWomen Board Institute are:

Catharine Biggs Arrowood—Partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Raleigh, NC

Rosemary T. Berkery—Consultant, Former Vice Chairman, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., New York, NY

Connie R. Collingsworth—General Counsel, Secretary and Management Committee Member of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, WA

Deborah A. Golden—Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of GATX Corporation, Chicago, IL

Storrow Gordon—Retired Former General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Executive Vice President of Electronic Data Systems Corporation, Dallas, TX

Peggy A. Heeg—Partner and Executive Committee Member at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Houston, TX

Alyce C. Katayama—Senior Partner at Quarles & Brady LLP, Milwaukee, WI

Mary Denise Kuprionis—Vice President, Secretary and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer of The E.W. Scripps Company, Cincinnati, OH

Judy K. Mencher—Principal of DDJ Capital Management, LLC, Boston, MA

Shelley B. Milano—Co-Founder of Zavida Gemstones, Vashon Island, WA



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Hilary Molay—Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Zale Corporation, Irving, TX

Portia R. Moore—Partner at Lane Powell PC, Seattle, WA

Lisa M. Palumbo—Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc., New York, NY

Gloria A. Pinza—Managing Partner at Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland, ME

Debra E. Pole—Partner and Executive Committee Member at Sidley Austin LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Laraine Rothenberg—Partner at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, New York, NY

Sari Ann Strasburg—Owner and Member at Strasburg Law P.L.L.C., Bedford, NH

Deborah S. Thoren-Peden—Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Susan Tomasky—President—AEP Transmission, American Electric Power, Columbus, OH

Rebecca J. Wing—General Counsel of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc., Chicago, IL

Kathleen J. Wu—Partner at Andrews Kurth LLP, Dallas, TX

For more information about DirectWomen, visit www.DirectWomen.org.

Founded in 1962, Catalyst is the leading nonprofit membership organization working globally with businesses and the professions to build inclusive workplaces and expand opportunities for women and business. With offices in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and more than 400 preeminent corporations as members, Catalyst is the trusted resource for research, information and advice about women at work. Catalyst annually honors exemplary organizational initiatives that promote women's advancement with the Catalyst Award.

With approximately 60,000 members, the ABA Section of Business Law is one of the association's largest sections. It provides business lawyers with education and analysis that furthers their development and improvement of business law while helping its members serve their clients competently, efficiently and professionally. Additionally, the section serves as the ABA forum that determines policy positions on laws and regulations that govern business and commerce with members and committees routinely engaged in activities that shape and refine the law.