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DIRECTWOMEN SELECTS TOP LAWYERS FOR BOARD INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, February 24, 2012—DirectWomen announced today the members of the 2012 DirectWomen Board Institute, a program, now in its 5th year, designed to identify and promote qualified women lawyers to serve on corporate boards of public companies. The Board Institute will be held October 18-19, 2012 in New York City.

The 2012 DirectWomen Class is composed of an outstanding group of accomplished women lawyers, which include general counsels of *Fortune 500* companies as well as partners at top firms and highly respected consultants.

The 2012 class members represent a wide range of business knowledge and experience. Twelve members of the new class are in-house counsel or executives at leading companies in their industries, which include the energy, financial, information & technology, insurance and manufacturing sectors. Four of these companies are listed in the S&P 500. The 2012 class includes the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services, as well as the CEO of a prominent government group. Three of the new class members currently serve as managing partners of their law firms.

The DirectWomen Board Institute is an annual two-day program providing an orientation and update on key issues facing current and future directors, with the goal of positioning a group of exceptional senior women lawyers for service as directors of major U.S. corporations. The Board Institute faculty features leading experts on corporate governance, as well as experienced directors and officers of large public companies. The program covers topics including the role and work of nominating and corporate governance committees, the evolving nature of shareholder relations, the strategic role of audit committees and the role of executive search firms in board searches. In addition, the Institute affords participants the opportunity to network with DirectWomen alumnae and past recipients of the Sandra Day O'Connor Board Achievement Award which honors women lawyers who have served with distinction as independent directors of public companies, as well as top representatives of executive search firms.

The mission of DirectWomen is to increase the representation of women on corporate boards. DirectWomen identifies, develops, and supports a growing group of accomplished women attorneys who provide the experience, independence and diversity required for good corporate governance. Both Catalyst, the leading nonprofit membership organization expanding opportunities for women and business, and the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession are partners with DirectWomen.

The members of the 2012 DirectWomen Board Institute are:

Linda L. Addison

Partner-in-Charge, New York, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

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Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Biogen Idec Inc.

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Chief Administration Officer, Avaya Inc.

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Retired General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Huron Consulting Group, Inc.

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Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Administration Officer, Geeknet, Inc.

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