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Carol Robles-Román Attended 6th Annual DirectWomen Board Institute In New York

Organization Formed To Expand Pool of Women Lawyers To Serve On Boards Of Public Companies

Selects Former Deputy Mayor Of New York To Be Part of Institute Class of 2014

NEW YORK – Carol Robles-Román, Former Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs and Counsel to the Mayor of New York City, participated in the DirectWomen Board Institute from January 22-24 in New York City. DirectWomen, an organization formed to position women lawyers to serve on boards of public companies, selects a group of qualified women lawyers from a competitive pool of applicants across the country to participate in the three-day program.

At the DirectWomen Board Institute Robles-Román interacted with corporate CEOs, board directors and top recruiters in sessions on key issues facing current and future corporate directors. The Institute was co-chaired by Professor Hillary A. Sale, Walter D. Coles Professor of Law and Professor of Management at Washington University in St. Louis and Professor Lisa M. Fairfax, Leroy Sorenson Merrifield Research Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School. Institute faculty featured leading experts on corporate governance and experienced directors and officers of large public companies. Speakers covered topics such as the role and work of nominating and governance board members, the evolving nature of shareholder relations, the strategic role of audit committees and the role of executive search firms in board searches.

Robles-Román served as Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs and Counsel to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, where she led reform efforts that improved public access to justice and city services. She oversaw several city agencies and advised the Mayor and the executive branch on policy issues including judicial selection, compliance and enforcement of anti-discrimination laws, disability and access laws, domestic violence and immigration. Robles-Román began her legal career as a corporate lawyer and later joined the public sector where she held several executive posts including Special Counsel to then Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman. Her career includes executive posts in law, business and management, including her role as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company. A strong advocate of education and mentoring, she serves on the board of the National Association of Women Lawyers, as a trustee of the City University of New York where she is a member of the Fiscal Committee, Fordham University at Lincoln Center and the New York University School of Law Alumni Association. She holds a J.D. from New York University School of Law and a B.A. from Fordham University at Lincoln Center.

QUOTES:

“I am honored to be selected to be in the 2014 Class of the DirectWomen Board Institute,” said Robles-Román. “I interacted with top CEOs and corporate directors, studied the issues facing the corporate board room and gained valuable insight into the process of nominating board members.”

ABOUT:

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 have the experience, independence and diversity required for good corporate governance. Partners of the program include Catalyst, the leading nonprofit membership

organization expanding opportunities for women in business, and the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession.

Other attendees of the 2014 DirectWomen Board Institute:

Susan L. Blount

Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Prudential Financial, Inc.

Marcy S. Cohen

Managing Director, General Counsel and Head of Legal for the Americas, ING Financial Holdings Corporation

Sheri H. Edison

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Bemis Company, Inc.

Barbara Finigan

Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary for Hasbro, Inc.

Michelle A. Friel

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for YRC Worldwide Inc.

Kayla J. Gillan

Principal, Leader of Investor Resource Institute, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Marie Oh Huber

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Agilent Technologies, Inc.

Sarah Hlavinka McConnell

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for ABM Industries Incorporated

Amanda M. McMillian

Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Sheri L. Mossbeck

Vice President and Treasurer of Leggett & Platt, Inc.

Kim M. Rivera

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary for DaVita HealthCare Partners

Jeanne M. Rosendale

Former Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Head of Human Resources for Muriel Siebert Co., Inc.

Margaret K. Seif

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Analog Devices, Inc.

Barbara Sicalides

Partner, Pepper Hamilton LLP - Antitrust Practice

Allison Leopold Tilley

Board Member and Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, Corporate & Securities – Technology practice

Simone Wu

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer for Choice Hotels International, Inc.

Loria Baskerville Yeadon

Executive Vice President of Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC