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## **DIRECTWOMEN SELECTS TOP LAWYERS FOR BOARD INSTITUTE**

NEW YORK, Oct. 26, 2010—DirectWomen announced the 23 members of the 2011 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 February 9-11, 2011 at the Waldorf=Astoria in New York City.

The 2011 DirectWomen Class is composed of a phenomenal group of 23 accomplished women lawyers, which is DirectWomen's largest class yet. DirectWomen has expanded its class size for this year due to the high caliber of applicants, which included general counsel of Fortune 500 companies as well as partners at top firms, experienced judges and highly respected consultants.

The 2011 class members represent a wide swath of business knowledge and experience. 13 members of the new class are in-house counsel at leading companies in their industries, which include the energy, financial, hospitality, information & technology, insurance and retail sectors. Seven of these companies are listed in the S&P 500. The 2011 class includes a justice from the Supreme Court of Delaware as well as the general counsel for a prominent government group. Two of the new class members come from the non-profit sector, representing a communications organization and a charitable foundation.

Over half of DirectWomen's 2011 class is from outside the Northeast/East Coast area, with 21% hailing from the Midwest, 17% from the Southwest and 8% each from the West Coast and South. 21% of the 2011 class identified themselves as African-American, Arab-American, Asian-American or Hispanic.

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 an elite 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, experienced directors and officers. 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 honorees as well as top representatives of executive search firms.

The DirectWomen Board Institute will culminate on Friday, Feb. 11 in 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.

DirectWomen is a project of the Tides Center.

The members of the 2011 DirectWomen Board Institute are the following:

**DeLisa K. Alexander**

Senior Vice President, People + Brand – Red Hat, Inc.

**Abigail Arms**

Partner – Shearman & Sterling LLP

**Sherry F. Bellamy**

Of Counsel – Leftwich & Ludaway LLC and Vice President – L&L Consulting LLC

**The Hon. Carolyn Berger**

Justice – Delaware Supreme Court

**Ann M. Cresce**

General Counsel and Head of Compliance – Hong Kong Mercantile Exchange

**Elizabeth Howard Crowell**

Partner – Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP

**Janet Dhillon**

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary – J.C. Penney Company, Inc.

**Emily D. Dickinson**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary – PetSmart, Inc.

**Kimberly T. Ellwanger**

Director – Heritage Financial Corporation

**Randa Fahmy Hudome**

President – Fahmy Hudome International, LLC

**Elisa D. Garcia C.**

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary – Office Depot, Inc.

**Sara Hanks**

General Counsel – Congressional Oversight Panel

**M. Ann Harlan**

Vice President - Legal – The J.M. Smucker Company

**Katherine Hatton**

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary – Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**Julia (Julie) S. Janson**

President, Duke Energy Ohio and Duke Energy Kentucky – Duke Energy Corporation

**Carolyn J. Johnsen**

Lawyer/Member – Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, PLC

**Vivian A. Maese**

Global Head, Resource Strategy Group – Morgan Stanley

**Deborah Platt Majoras**

Chief Legal Officer & Secretary – The Procter & Gamble Company

**Joyce D. Slocum**

Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Ethics Officer – National Public Radio, Inc.

**Susan T. Smith**

Senior Vice President, Legal – Hyatt Hotels Corporation

**Rena Miwako Wheaton**

President – The Wheaton Group

**Linda A. Willett**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary – Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

**Mary Kate Wold**

Director – Unilife Medical Solutions