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DirectWomen Reception Held To Honor Its Alumnae And Sponsors At Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP On June 3rd In New York City

NEW YORK - DirectWomen, an organization formed to position women lawyers to serve on public company boards, held a reception at the law firm Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP to honor its sponsors and alumnae of the DirectWomen Board Institute. Honorees interacted with one another and discussed strategies for increasing women's representation on public company boards.

Distinguished guests delivered remarks on the success of the organization and the value of women attorneys in the boardroom. Speakers included **Pat Gillette**, Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and Development Chair of DirectWomen; **Roberta Liebenberg**, Senior Partner, Fine, Kaplan and Black, R.P.C. and Chair of DirectWomen; **Elise Wagner**, Partner, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP; **Mary Kate Wold**, CEO and President, Church Pension Group and Director, Unilife Corporation.

Attendees included **Marcy Cohen**, Managing Director, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer for the Americas, ING Financial Holdings Corporation; **Kathleen Franklin**, Senior Compliance Officer, SONY Corporation and Marketing and Professional Alliances Chair of DirectWomen; **Hon. Elizabeth Holtzman**, Counsel and Co-Chair of the Government Relations Group at Herrick, Feinstein LLP; **Sylvia Khatcherian**, Managing Director for the Legal and Compliance Division, Morgan Stanley; **Judith O'Neill**, Chief Operating Officer of CMAS Holdings, LLC; **Jeanne Rosendale**, Event Chair and former EVP, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Head of Human Resources for Muriel Siebert Co., Inc. Members of the Women's Initiative Committee at Kramer Levin also attended.

Twenty-one percent of DirectWomen alumnae are directors of public companies. Guests currently serving on corporate boards included **Lisa Palumbo**, Director of Rayonier Advanced Materials and Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Parsons Brinckerhoff Group Inc.; **Alice Young**, Director of AXIS Capital Holdings Ltd., Mizuho Trust & Banking Co. and Special Counsel and Chair, Asia Pacific Practice, Kaye Scholer LLP.

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"This event was a great opportunity for DirectWomen alumnae and sponsors to network with one another. We are very proud of the fact that many alumnae have secured corporate board seats after attending the DirectWomen Board Institute," said Roberta D. Liebenberg, Senior Partner at Fine, Kaplan and Black, R.P.C. and Chair of DirectWomen.

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, business judgment and diversity required for good corporate governance and board effectiveness. Strategic 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.