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DirectWomen Announces Its 2025 Award Honorees

NEW YORK — <u>DirectWomen</u> is pleased to announce its 2025 award honorees. The award recipients will be recognized at the <u>Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award Luncheon</u> on October 10, 2025, in New York City.

"Our 2025 honorees are inspiring examples of the value women lawyers can bring to the boardroom," said Shawn Taylor Kaminski, Executive Director, DirectWomen. "Likewise, our 2025 Corporate Board honoree has demonstrated excellence in corporate governance, as illustrated by the critical mass of women directors on their board. These efforts reflect the mission of our organization."

DirectWomen has honored individuals and corporations at its annual Award Luncheon since 2007. This year's honorees include:

Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award Honoree Patricia Salas Pineda, Director, Frontier Airlines, Omnicom Group, and Portland General Electric; Former Group Vice President and General Counsel, Toyota Motor North America, Inc.

Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award Honoree <u>Gaby Sulzberger</u>, Director, Acorns, Auxmoney, Eli Lilly and Company, and Mastercard; Partner, Centerbridge Partners.

This award honors women lawyers who have served with distinction as directors of public companies and exemplify the life and legacy of Sandra Day O'Connor, paving new paths for the women who follow them.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Corporate Board Award Honoree, <u>Organon</u> is an independent global healthcare company with a mission to deliver impactful medicines and solutions for a healthier every day. Organon's vision is for a better and healthier every day for every woman. The company has demonstrated a strong commitment to bringing varied voices into the boardroom. Notably, more than 60% of Organon's board of directors are women. The award will be accepted by Organon CEO Kevin Ali.

DirectWomen's 2025 **Distinguished Alumna Honoree** is **April Miller Boise**, Director Trane Technologies; Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Intel Corporation. This award is presented to a Board Institute Alumna who exemplifies the talents and accomplishments of our alumnae through her service on a large corporate board.

"We congratulate each of our distinguished honorees and thank them for their important contributions," said Lily Yan Hughes, Chair, DirectWomen's Board of Directors. "We are proud

to shine a spotlight on their achievements and the impact thoughtful board composition can have on a corporation's success."

A national nonprofit organization, DirectWomen holds its <u>Board Institute</u> annually to position board-ready lawyers for corporate board service. To date, DirectWomen Alumnae have served on 209 corporate boards.

For more information about this year's honorees and the 2025 Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award Luncheon, please visit www.directwomen.org.

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About DirectWomen

As a national nonprofit, DirectWomen's mission is to increase the representation of women lawyers on corporate boards. DirectWomen identifies leading women lawyers who can provide the experience, independence, and business judgment required for corporate board effectiveness. Through its various programs, DirectWomen develops and positions women attorney leaders for board service. It also serves as a resource for companies seeking qualified board candidates. DirectWomen is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization.