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Barbara Finigan Attended 6th Annual DirectWomen Board Institute In New York

Organization Formed To Position Women Lawyers To Serve On Boards Of Public Companies Selects Hasbro's Chief Legal Officer To Attend Institute

PROVIDENCE – Barbara Finigan, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Hasbro, Inc., attended 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 Finigan attended informational sessions on key issues facing current and future corporate directors and had the opportunity to interact with Institute alumnae and past honorees. 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 as well as experienced directors and officers of large public companies. Speakers covered topics such as the role and work of nominating board members, the evolving nature of shareholder relations, the strategic role of audit committees and the role of executive search firms in board searches.

Finigan has been with Hasbro for over twenty years, serving in various positions with increasing responsibility. She was appointed Chief Legal Officer in December 2010. She is an expert at brand-building, developing relationships with key stakeholders and identifying opportunities for growth and innovation. Finigan is responsible for overseeing litigation, intellectual property development as well as employment and product safety matters for Hasbro. She also manages the Company's government affairs, social responsibility and ethics functions. In that role, she has developed creative approaches to ethics and compliance programs and global messaging over the past ten years, which has been instrumental in Hasbro being named one of Ethisphere Magazine's "World's Most Ethical Companies" in both 2012 and 2013. Prior to joining Hasbro she was an attorney at Brown Rudnick Freed and Gesmer in Boston, specializing in corporate and securities law. A graduate of Marquette University Law School, Finigan earned a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross.

QUOTES:

"I am thrilled to be a member of this year's Board Institute," said Finigan. "This program is a singular opportunity for me to meet other women in my field, learn from experts on corporate governance and develop the skills I need to serve on boards with excellence."

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.

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

Carol Robles-Román

President and CEO of Legal Momentum

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

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