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DirectWomen Alumna Catharine Arrowood Is Incoming President Of The North Carolina Bar Association

Top Litigator And DirectWomen Alumna Becomes President Of The NCBA On June 25

RALEIGH – Catharine Biggs Arrowood becomes the 120th President of the North Carolina Bar Association on June 25, 2014 at the NCBA Annual Meeting in Wilmington, NC. Arrowood is a Litigation/Arbitration Partner at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP and a DirectWomen alumna. DirectWomen, an organization formed to position women lawyers to serve on company boards, selects a group of qualified women lawyers from a competitive pool of applicants across the country to participate in its annual Board Institute. Arrowood is Vice Chair of its Marketing and Professional Alliances Committee.

At Parker Poe, Arrowood represents and advises clients on a broad range of issues that affect the viability of small and large businesses. Her clients have included accounting firms, educational institutions and companies in a variety of industries including healthcare, insurance, technology and banking. For over a decade she served on the firm's management committee.

Arrowood is a leader in North Carolina's legal and business communities. She recently joined the Board of Directors for Rex Healthcare, Inc., a major private health care system, and is General Counsel to the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. She has chaired the North Carolina Symphony and the North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society. Arrowood graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wake Forest University and obtained her JD from its School of Law in 1976.

She is a member of the Panel of Neutrals for the American Arbitration Association and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution and serves as a Certified Superior Court Mediator. Past leadership includes serving on the NCBA Board of Governors and as chair of the Women in the Profession Committee. Arrowood is a past president of the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial District Bar, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She is a past chair of the ACTL International Committee and the North Carolina State Committee.

At the DirectWomen Board Institute of 2009 Arrowood attended informational sessions with distinguished faculty on key issues facing current and future corporate directors. As a DirectWomen alumna, Arrowood is part of a network that includes over 100 Board Institute alumnae, nearly 30 Sandra Day O'Connor Board Excellence Award honorees and a vibrant group of supporters including CEOs, directors of large public companies, executive search firm principals and other leaders of the business community.

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"I am honored to be a member of the DirectWomen community," said Arrowood. "DirectWomen provides alumnae with valuable insights into corporate governance and the board nomination process."

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 are able to provide 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.