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**DirectWomen To Host “Breaking Into The Boardroom” Panel
On November 6 In San Francisco**

*Organization Formed To Position Women Lawyers To Serve On Boards Of Public Companies
Hosts and Sponsors Program On Board Diversity*

SAN FRANCISCO — DirectWomen, an organization formed to position women lawyers to serve on boards of public companies, will host and sponsor a program on board diversity on November 6 in San Francisco. The program will focus on how board members are chosen and share strategies for positioning oneself for board service. The program will be held at Visa Inc.’s One Market Plaza space.

Panelists include: **Michelle Banks**, General Counsel, Gap Inc.; **Connie Collingsworth**, General Counsel, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Director, Banner Corporation and Premera Blue Cross, **Mary Cranston**, retired Senior Partner and past Chair, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP and Director, Visa, Inc., International Rectifier, Inc., and Juniper Networks, Inc., Visa, Inc.; **Nicholas Moore**, former Global CEO of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Director, Bechtel Group, Inc., Gilead Sciences, Inc.; **Myrtle Potter**, former COO of Genentech, Inc. and Director, Everyday Health, Inc.; Liberty Mutual Holding Company, Inc., Rite Aid Corporation; **Georganne C. Proctor**, former CFO of TIAA-CREF and Director, Och-Ziff Capital Management Group, Redwood Trust, Inc., SunEdison, Inc.

The DirectWomen Host Committee in San Francisco is co-chaired by San Francisco attorneys Patricia K. Gillette, Partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, and Mary Quazzo, Vice President, Principal Counsel and Secretary, Bechtel Group, Inc. The panel will feature public company directors, along with DirectWomen alumnae and honorees. Gold sponsors for the program include Ballard Spahr LLP, Cision, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, The Clorox Company, DLA Piper, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, Norton Rose Fulbright, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, PFB Connect, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Squire Patton Boggs, Visa Inc., Washington University School of Law, and Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. Silver sponsors include Agilent Technologies, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Analog Devices, Inc., Bemis Company, Inc., Fine, Kaplan and Black, R.P.C., ING Financial Holdings Corporation, Ingram Yuzek Gainen Carroll & Bertolotti, LLP, Leggett & Platt, Incorporated, Littler Mendelson P.C., Neustar, Inc., Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Pepper Hamilton LLP, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, and YRC Worldwide, Inc.

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“This program, which features a very distinguished panel of executives and directors, is part of DirectWomen’s on-going mission to focus attention on the need for greater gender diversity on corporate boards and the significant corporate governance and financial benefits that result from achieving such diversity.” Roberta D. Liebenberg

ABOUT:

The mission of DirectWomen is to increase the representation of women lawyers on corporate boards. DirectWomen identifies, develops, and supports a growing group of accomplished women attorneys who provide 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 and business, and the American Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession.