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DirectWomen Announces Selection of 19 Highly Accomplished Women Lawyers in 2022 Board Institute Class

The DirectWomen Board Institute Positions Women Lawyers for Service on Corporate Boards

NEW YORK — DirectWomen is pleased to announce the members of its 2022 DirectWomen Board Institute class. The Board Institute will be held October 12-14, 2022.

The 2022 DirectWomen Board Institute class is comprised of General Counsel of Fortune 500 companies, senior partners at top law firms, and leading lawyers from the nation's largest private companies and non-profit organizations. These distinguished women lawyers represent a wide range of business knowledge and experience in their industries, which include agriculture, financial services, technology, energy, retail, and manufacturing, among others.

Board Institute participants are identified through a rigorous search and selection process that involves a written application, reference letters, and a committee selection panel. At the Board Institute, the class will meet with an extraordinary faculty comprised of CEOs, C-suite and search firm executives, and directors of public companies to discuss key issues facing corporate directors. The Board Institute is chaired by Professor Hillary A. Sale, Associate Dean for Strategy, Agnes Williams Sesquicentennial Professor of Law, and Professor of Management, Georgetown University; Public Governor, FINRA Board of Governors; Advisory Board Member, Foundation Press.

“Empirical studies indicate that lawyer-directors’ professional judgment, legal expertise, and familiarity with regulation and risk management improve the value and operation of the company,” said Catharine Biggs Arrowood, Chair of DirectWomen. “The women we select for our Board Institute are also highly successful business executives and strategic thought leaders in their industries. DirectWomen Board Institute alumnae have held more than 150 corporate board seats,” she added. “As I reflect on the success of our alumnae, I am confident that many members of the 2022 class will similarly receive future appointments as directors and will add significant value to their companies’ boards.”

Members of the 2022 DirectWomen Board Institute include:

Jennifer I. Ansberry

Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.
Cleveland, OH

L. Scott Askins

General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, Kabbage, An American Express Company
Atlanta, GA

Megan M. Belcher

Chief Legal and External Affairs Officer, Scoular
Omaha, NE

Lora D. Blum

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary, Momentive Global Inc.
San Mateo, CA

Trecia M. Canty

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, PBF Energy Inc.
Parsippany, NJ

Kimberly Y. Chainey

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary, Aptar Group Inc.
Crystal Lake, IL

Cynthia J. Cole

Partner, Baker Botts
Palo Alto, CA

Kristin M. Coleman

Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, US Foods Holding Corporation
Rosemont, IL

Michele Colucci

Founder, DigitalDx Ventures
Menlo Park, CA

Noni Ellison

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Tractor Supply Company
Brentwood, TN

Phyllis P. Harris

General Counsel and Chief Compliance, Ethics, and Government Relations Officer, The American Red Cross
Washington, DC

Laura Heltebran

Chief Legal Officer, Wheels Up
Leesburg, VA

Monica Karuturi

Executive Vice President and General Counsel, CenterPoint Energy, Inc.
Houston, TX

Sue Meng

Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
New York, NY

Jennifer W. Pileggi

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Zuora, Inc.
Redwood City, CA

Mary Smith

Vice Chair, VENG Group
Lansing, IL

Vanessa Allen Sutherland

Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Phillips 66
Houston, TX

Sally Thurston

Former Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
New York, NY

Kim Yapchai

Senior Vice President and Chief ESG Officer, Tenneco
Lake Forest, IL

About DirectWomen

The mission of DirectWomen is to increase the representation of women lawyers on corporate boards. DirectWomen identifies leading women lawyers who are able to 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 women board candidates. Direct Women is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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