



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FACSIMILE: _____

NUMBER OF ATTORNEYS: FIRM-WIDE: _____ IN CHICAGO: _____

ADDITIONAL OFFICE LOCATIONS: _____

NAME OF FIRM'S WOMEN'S INITIATIVE: _____

DELEGATE / ALTERNATE DELEGATES: Each Coalition Member shall identify (i) one partner or associate or employee, preferably with direct responsibility for the firm's women's initiatives to serve as the Delegate; and (ii) up to two additional attorneys or employees to serve as the Alternate Delegate(s) in the event the Delegate is unable to serve.

NAME OF DELEGATE: _____ TITLE/POSITION: _____

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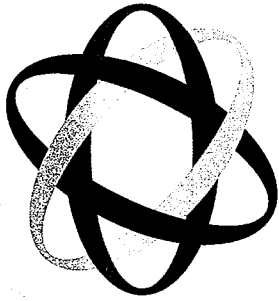
ASSOCIATE DELEGATE: _____ TITLE/POSITION: _____

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PAYMENT INFORMATION: The Coalition Annual Membership Dues are based on the number of attorneys in the firm's Chicago office, according to the following scale: (i) 1-25 attorneys - \$500/year; (ii) 26-50 attorneys - \$750/year; (iii) 51-99 attorneys - \$1500/year; (iv) 100-300 attorneys - \$2500/year; (v) +300 attorneys - \$3500/year.

By Friday, March 26, 2010, please return this application and payment to Angela R. Elbert, Coalition Treasurer, Neal Gerber & Eisenberg, LLP, Two North LaSalle St., Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60602. Checks should be made payable to The Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law Firms.

PAYMENT ENCLOSED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____.



Coalition

OF WOMEN'S INITIATIVES IN LAW FIRMS

2009: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Accomplishments:

- Six active committees advanced Coalition programs, policies and initiatives
- 32 member firms with almost 80 representative delegates
- Hosted numerous events, including programs on business development, networking and career growth strategies
- Promoted increased third party recognition of women attorneys
- Sponsored the Women Lawyers Reception in conjunction with the ABA Annual meeting and the NCWBA Annual Summit
- Launched the Coalition's website: www.thewomenscoalition.com
- Partnered with Step Up Women's Network, a non-profit dedicated to strengthening community resources for women and girls

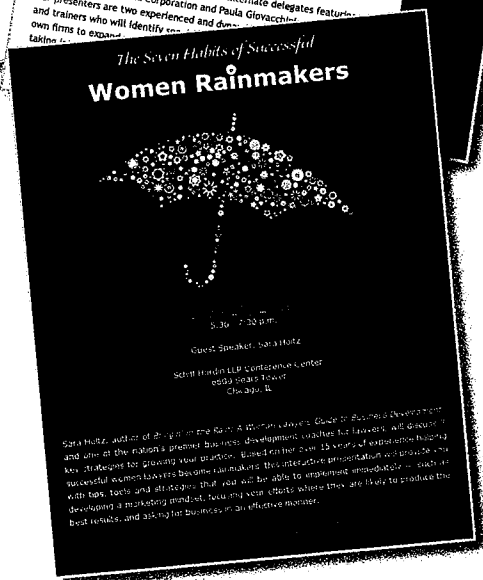
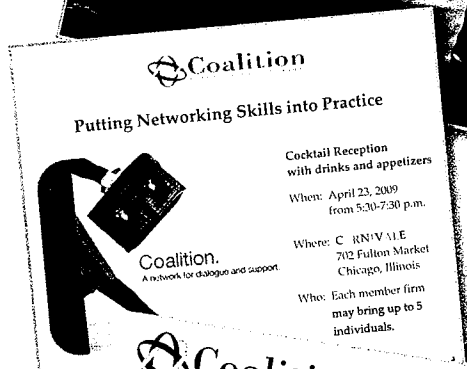
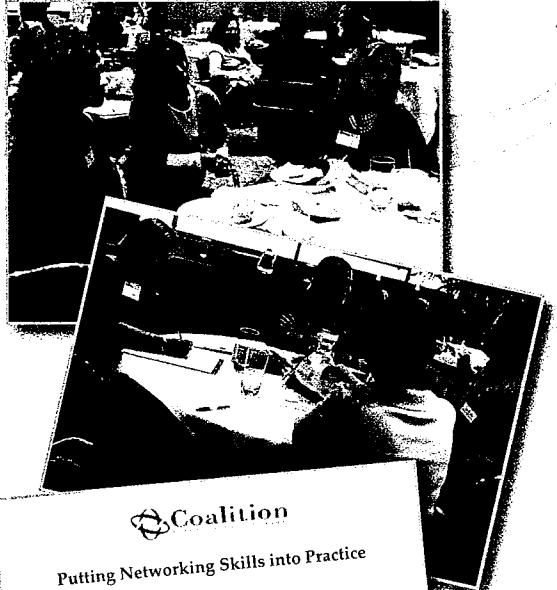
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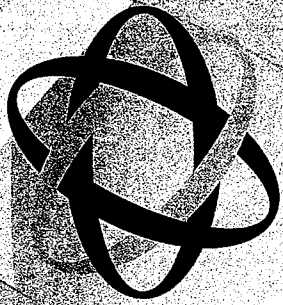
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Member Firms:

- Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione
- Chapman and Cutler LLP
- DLA Piper US LLP
- Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
- Freeborn & Peters LLP
- Goldberg, Kohn, Bell, Black, Rosenbloom & Moritz, Ltd.
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- Jones Day
- Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
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- Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP
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- Ropes & Gray LLP
- Schiff Hardin LLP
- Schopf & Weiss LLP
- Seyfarth Shaw LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Thompson Coburn LLP
- Troutman Sanders LLP
- Valorem Law Group LLC
- Vedder Price P.C.
- Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP
- Winston & Strawn LLP

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Join us for the
Annual All Delegate Meeting

Please come meet our new Board Member, Angela Elbert (Neal Gerber), and Jennifer Kennedy (Locke Lord Liddell), the new Coalition Secretary, Gina Marotta, Managing Director of Step Up Women's Network, will talk about this relationship.

Reminder
If you need to change the main delegate or alternate delegate for your firm, please email to delegates@coalition.org with name, contact information and your firm name and address. Each delegate must be a member of the firm.

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Join us...

Please join the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law Firms for a joint networking event with members of The Senior Businesswomen's Forum: Career Success Strategies for Women in a Turbulent Market. Rosemary Geisler and Tracy Conditello from The Leader's Edge will discuss some of the challenges confronting women in the workplace and provide solutions to build a strategy for success.

The event is open for up to five women from your firm, so please share this invitation so your representatives may properly RSVP. The evening will begin with networking, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a 6:30 program. There will be time to view the program to view the photo exhibit.

September 30, 2009

National Conference of Women's Bar Associations

In Conjunction With
Coalition
OF WOMEN'S INITIATIVES IN LAW FIRMS

Cordially Invite You to Join Us At the
ABA Annual Meeting
Women Lawyers Reception

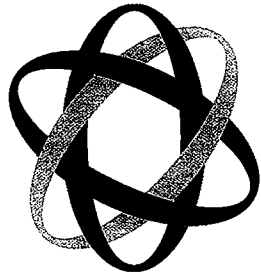
With Special Guest
Jeffrey L. Bleich
Special Counsel to the Office of the President
Past President State Bar of California

Friday, July 31, 2009
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Drinker Biddle & Reath
at its offices located
191 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3700
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Reception, with beverages & appetizers
Please RSVP to Diane Olsen at diane.olsen@dlbr.com or (312) 612-1902





Coalition

OF WOMEN'S INITIATIVES IN LAW FIRMS

February 12, 2010

Re: Coalition Year in Review for 2009

Dear Coalition Member Firms:

As the new year takes shape, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law Firms, I would like to thank you for the role that you and your firm have played in the Coalition's progress last year. In one of the most difficult economic times in recent memory, we were able to build upon the prior success of the Coalition. As a result, 2009 was a year filled with numerous accomplishments.

In 2009, the Coalition continued to provide cost-effective, relevant and informative programming purposefully tailored to the needs of our members during these challenging times. The Coalition's 2009 programs included, for example, sessions with outside speakers focused on effective networking and business development strategies, advancing women lawyers in turbulent times, and efficient time management. In many instances, firms were invited to bring attorneys in addition to the delegates in order to expose our programming to additional people in the firm. Our programs were designed to deliver useful and concrete information and strategies that members could apply in their own practices and several were delivered in a "brown bag" teleconference format allowing participation of women attorneys in all member firms. To foster the external networking opportunities that are so important to women attorneys, we held a joint event with the Senior Businesswoman's Forum in the fall.

The Coalition also has continued to find ways to raise the profile of women attorneys, and in particular our members, so that women attorneys can generate more of their own business and ultimately be more successful in their law firms. One way to reach this goal is for more women to be recognized in legal directories, awards and media surveys. The Coalition initiated strategies to achieve this objective in 2009 with a focus on leveraging the relationships among our members. For instance, members were encouraged to nominate other members in the peer-nominated "Best Lawyers" survey, and in certain instances, the Coalition as a whole has nominated members for specific awards.

In 2009, we focused not only internally on our members but also externally on outreach activities in the Chicago area community. The Coalition sponsored a forum for women entering the

profession, and 70 first-year and second-year law students from Illinois law schools participated in the event. The Coalition also has partnered with the Step Up Women's Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening community resources for women and girls. Through this partnership, the Coalition's member firms are able to take advantage of the networking, mentoring and community service opportunities that Step Up provides.

Last year, the Coalition launched our new website at www.thewomenscoalition.com. If you have not yet visited the website, I encourage you to do so, as it provides our members and the community with relevant, useful and timely information. The website includes a password-protected "members only" page for Coalition member firms (the username and password are "member").

We also began publishing the Coalition's newsletter in July, and we plan on circulating the newsletter on a quarterly basis in 2010. We encourage you to forward the Coalition newsletters to the women in your firm, the leaders of your firm's diversity committee or women's initiative, and the managing partner or others who might be interested in how the Coalition is putting your firm's dues payments to work. The newsletters also will help spread the word about the great programming and other events and activities that the Coalition provides.

Despite the climate of economic uncertainty, the majority of our member firms renewed their Coalition membership for 2009, and we even added new firms to the membership. Currently, we have 30 member firms, with 78 delegates representing those firms. The continuity of our membership coupled with the growth in membership tells us that firms and their Coalition representatives recognize the value of the Coalition as we work together to advance women's initiatives in our respective firms. We also restructured the first tier (100 or fewer attorneys in Chicago) of our annual dues amounts for 2010 Coalition membership to be more responsive to the needs of firms with a smaller Chicago presence and to encourage those firms to join the Coalition.

The enclosed "2009: A Year in Review" summary provides additional highlights of a number of the Coalition's programs and accomplishments in this past year.

We anticipate that 2010, the Coalition's third year, will be another successful one for the Coalition and our members. One exciting development for 2010 is the creation of an Associates' Committee which will provide networking and leadership opportunities for women in the earlier stages of their careers. More information on this new committee will follow shortly. In addition, the Programming Committee has planned another exciting year filled with interesting and useful sessions for members, including additional networking events with women in the business community. The Membership Committee will continue its efforts to reach out to firms that are not yet members of the Coalition. The Community Outreach Committee will focus on continuing to find ways to help raise the profiles of women attorneys and to work with our community. Please visit our website for upcoming programming and other relevant information about the Coalition in 2010.

We appreciate your membership in 2009 and look forward to your continued support in 2010.
Best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,

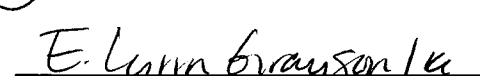
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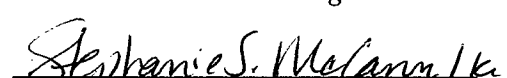
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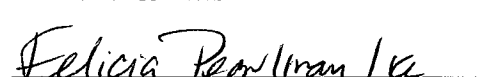
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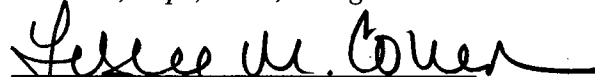
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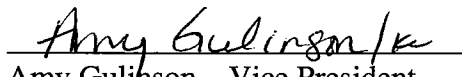
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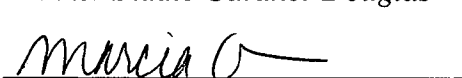
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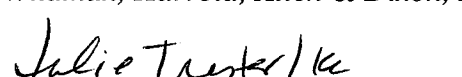
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Legal Balance Free Membership - Check It Out!

The Legal Balance is an online community catering exclusively to women attorneys like us who seek a resource in work-life balance. To help you find a better balance they offer resources that improve the promotion, retention and leadership of women attorneys in the legal profession and beyond. The Coalition invites you to take a free peek inside their community.

Legal Balance is offering all delegates of the Coalition a free one-year membership to their private community.

To collect your free membership, please email Erica@thelegalbalance.com.

For more information about Legal Balance, check out their website at www.thelegalbalance.com

The Coalition of Women's Initiatives in Law Firms' mission is to benefit its member firms by providing positive avenues of communication, collaboration and guidance that help member groups to 1) enhance the recruitment, retention and promotion of women lawyers and 2) support the building, implementation and continued relevancy of women's initiatives in law firms.

www.thewomenscoalition.com