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## DirectWomen Selects 16 Highly Accomplished Women Lawyers for 2019 Board Institute

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

NEW YORK — DirectWomen, whose mission is to promote women lawyers for service on corporate boards, is pleased to announce the members of its 2019 DirectWomen Board Institute class. The Board Institute will be held October 2-4, 2019 in New York City.

The 2019 DirectWomen class is comprised of General Counsel of Fortune 500 companies, partners at top law firms, and leading lawyers from academia. These distinguished women lawyers represent a wide range of business knowledge and experience in their industries, which include finance, security, manufacturing, data management, energy, and cloud communications, among others.

Since its inception more than a decade ago, 198 women have participated in the Board Institute, and nearly 28% of the Institute's alumnae now serve as directors of major companies, such as: Visa Inc., RPX Corporation, Valero Energy Corporation, AK Steel Holding Corporation, Fluor Corporation, Occidental Petroleum Company, The TJX Companies, Inc., Tesla, Inc., and 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, they will have the opportunity to interact with an extraordinary faculty of leading CEOs, directors of large public companies, and top representatives of executive search firms. The Institute is chaired by Professor Hillary A. Sale, Professor of Law and Affiliated Faculty, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University and a member of the FINRA Board of Governors.

“The DirectWomen Board Institute provides a great opportunity for women attorneys to focus their analytical and problem-solving skills on positioning themselves for board service. The 2019 Class continues to make the case that women attorneys possess the judgment and business expertise needed to be effective directors,” said Mary Ann Jorgenson, Selection Committee Chair and Past Chair of DirectWomen.

Denise Keane, Chair of DirectWomen, stated that “as DirectWomen celebrates its 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, I reflect on the success of our alumnae and the many highly qualified women who have drawn on their Board Institute experiences to help move the needle and increase gender diversity in boardrooms across the country. I am confident that many members of the 2019 Class will similarly receive future appointments as directors and will add significant value to their companies’ boards.”

Members of the 2019 DirectWomen Board Institute include:

**Katherine E. Adkins**

Former Chief Legal Officer, Toyota Financial Services  
Plano, Texas

**Valerie L. Banner**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Exterran Corporation; and Director, Main Street Capital Corporation  
Houston, Texas

**Malissia R. Clinton**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, The Aerospace Corporation  
El Segundo, California

**Michele L. Connell**

Managing Partner – Cleveland, Squire Patton Boggs  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Veronica Foley**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Precision Drilling Corporation  
Houston, Texas

**Susan Harte**

Senior Vice President, CBRE Transaction Advisory Services  
New York, New York

**Carolyn Herzog**

Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Compliance Officer, Arm Limited  
San Jose, California

**Diane C. Honda**

Senior Vice President, Human Resources, General Counsel, and Secretary, Barracuda Networks, Inc.  
Campbell, California

**Lily Yan Hughes**

Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Arrow Electronics, Inc.  
Centennial, Colorado

**Stacy J. Kanter**

Of Counsel, Former Head of Global Capital Markets, and Co-Chair, Global Diversity Committee, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP  
New York, New York

**Christine B. LaFollette**

Partner in Charge, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP  
Houston, Texas

**Suzette M. Long**

Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Caterpillar Inc.  
Deerfield, Illinois

**Susan Marsch**

Former Senior Vice President and Acting General Counsel, Flextronics International Ltd.  
San Jose, California

**Georgette Chapman Phillips**

Dean of College of Business and Economics, Lehigh University  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

**Karyn Smith**

General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary, Twilio Inc.  
San Francisco, California

**Michelle M. Warner**

Former Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Executive Committee Member, USG  
Corporation  
Chicago, Illinois

**About DirectWomen**

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 lawyers who provide the experience, independence and diversity required for good corporate governance.

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