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300 Women Gather in Chicago for Ms. JD's Third Annual Conference: Avenues to Advancement
Nov. 20-21 at Northwestern Law School

Avenues to Advancement begins with an interactive workshop for law students, judicial clerks, and deferred law firm associates. This session will be facilitated by a faculty of local law firm partners and industry leaders. It will cover communication, networking, presentation and self-promotion skills designed to prepare law students and junior attorneys for successful legal practice.

Friday evening the conference will kick off with a welcome reception sponsored by Cravath, Swaine & Moore and featuring keynote speaker Michele Mayes, General Counsel, Allstate Ins. Co.

Saturday will feature twenty-four panels highlighting different career paths available to women in the legal profession, the changing professional environment, and the personal and professional infrastructure that best enables women to excel in any environment. Speakers include: Andrea Zopp, VP & GC Exelon Corp.; Cathy Lamobley, former GC Shell Oil Co.; Sue Bettman, VP & GC R R Donnelley & Sons Co.; Lee Miller, CEO DLA Piper; Judge Joan Lefkow, Northern District of Illinois; and Corrine Wood, former Lt. Governor of Illinois.

The conference will conclude with a final reception on Saturday evening hosted by Latham & Watkins.

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The conference is co-sponsored by the following organizations: Northwestern’s Women’s Leadership Coalition, the National Association of Women Lawyers, the ABA’s Commission on Women in the Profession and the Young Lawyers Division, the Women & Law Committee of the Illinois Bar, the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association, and the Illinois State Bar Standing Committee on Women and the Law.

For more information on panels, speakers, and programs visit: ms-jd.org/conference

Ms. JD is an online forum for women in all arenas of the legal profession. Ms. JD is a nonprofit, nonpartisan community coordinated by law students for the entire legal community. Contributors are dedicated to reinforcing and expanding the representation of women in law school and the legal profession. In addition to maintaining content at ms-jd.org, Ms. JD also funds two annual scholarship programs, administers an online library of resources and research on women in the profession, hosts an annual conference for women in the law, conducts original research on the representation of women in law firm partnerships and in leadership positions on law school campuses, and supports over 70 law school student organizations that form the National Women Law Students’ Organization.

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