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### Stephanie Scharf Leads NAWL



Partner Stephanie A. Scharf has led the National Association of Women Lawyers this year.

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## Alliance for Women Challenges Firms to Add Women Partners

*Jenner & Block Sponsors Timely "Call to Action"*

Jenner & Block was one of nine original signatories of the Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women's "Call to Action," which challenges Chicago law firms to increase the number of female partners and to appoint more women to all leadership positions by 2008.

"The movement of women into leadership positions would remain unnecessarily slow without a focused effort from the leaders of the Chicago legal community such as this," explained Partner E. Lynn Grayson, Co-Chair of the AFW.

To date, 28 area law firms have signed the Alliance's pledge.

According to a national survey conducted in September by the National Association for Law Placement Foundation (NALP), Chicago's law firms as a whole fell below the national average for percentage of female partners. Women have comprised more than 40 percent of new associates in Chicago law firms since 1998, yet on average, women make up a mere 18.12 percent of the partners.

In addition to low partnership rates, the NALP survey also found that, on average, women earn 83 percent of men's salaries, beginning very early in their careers.

With the exception of women in private practice in Chicago, who earn 5 percent more than men, there seems to be a widespread difference in pay nationwide.

Partner and Director of Professional Development, Charlotte L. Wager said Jenner & Block has been able to



Partner E. Lynn Grayson, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Women discusses the "Call to Action" initiative with Partner Susan C. Levy, Chair of the Women's Forum, and Jane DiRenzo Pigott, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Women.

eliminate a salary gap between young men and women lawyers largely through a formal mentoring system, as well as a semi-formal assignment system and a series of networking and educational programs for female attorneys.

"A formal program ensures that no one falls through the cracks. It also ensures accountability," she explained.

If all the goals of the CBA Alliance for Women "Call to Action" are met, each law firm signatory will have women represented on every firm committee in the same proportion as the number of women partners at that firm. Other goals laid out by the plan call for firms to increase the number of women practice group leaders, and to materially improve any disparity in the rates in which men and women are retained, promoted, and laterally recruited.

Partner Susan C. Levy, Chair of the Firm's Women's Forum, said, "The Firm is very proud to assume a leadership role in this timely equal opportunity challenge and is committed to its success."

## Meet Our Newly Elected Women Partners



**Traci M. Braun**  
**Chicago**

Traci M. Braun is a member of the Firm's Products Liability and Mass Tort Defense and Class Action Litigation Practices. Ms. Braun's litigation experience includes a wide range of complex commercial matters, including contract disputes, insurance coverage, business torts, product liability, class action and internal investigations. Her trial experience includes bench and jury trials involving insurance coverage and criminal matters. Ms. Braun obtained her J.D. with honors from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1997.



**Julie M. Mandanas**  
**Chicago**

Julie M. Mandanas is a member of the Firm's Real Estate Practice. Ms. Mandanas has represented lenders, borrowers, landlords, tenants, developers, sellers and buyers throughout the country in connection with all aspects of real estate transactions. Ms. Mandanas is a member of the real property, probate and trust law section of the American Bar Association. Ms. Mandanas obtained her J.D. from University of Illinois, *magna cum laude*, in 1997.



**Elizabeth A. Davidson**  
**Chicago**

Elizabeth A. Davidson is a member of the Firm's Corporate and Corporate Finance Practices. Ms. Davidson has significant experience counseling corporations and other business organizations with respect to financing transactions, including unsecured and secured senior, subordinated and mezzanine credit facilities. She also frequently represents financial institutions in the structuring and negotiation of senior and subordinated credit facilities. Ms. Davidson received her J.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1997, *cum laude*, Order of the Coif.



**Megan B. Poetzel**  
**Chicago**

Megan B. Poetzel is a member of the Firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice. Ms. Poetzel focuses her practice in the commercial litigation area, representing clients in a wide range of matters before federal and state courts. Recently, Ms. Poetzel has focused on insurance and reinsurance matters. Ms. Poetzel graduated from the Chicago-Kent College of Law with high honors in 1997, Order of the Coif.



**Elaine J. Goldenberg**  
**Washington, DC**

Elaine J. Goldenberg is a member of the Firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice. Ms. Goldenberg has been involved in a broad range of appellate and other litigation matters before federal and state courts. Ms. Goldenberg graduated from Harvard College in 1993, *summa cum laude*, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1997, Ms. Goldenberg graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School, where she was an executive editor for the *Harvard Law Review*.



**Suzanne J. Prysak**  
**Chicago**

Suzanne J. Prysak is a member of the Firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Class Action Litigation, and Securities Litigation Practices. Ms. Prysak focuses her practice in the commercial litigation area, representing clients in a broad range of areas in state and federal courts. Ms. Prysak has developed a particular interest and experience in class actions and securities litigation. Ms. Prysak joined Jenner & Block in 1997 after graduating *magna cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School where she was elected to the Order of the Coif.

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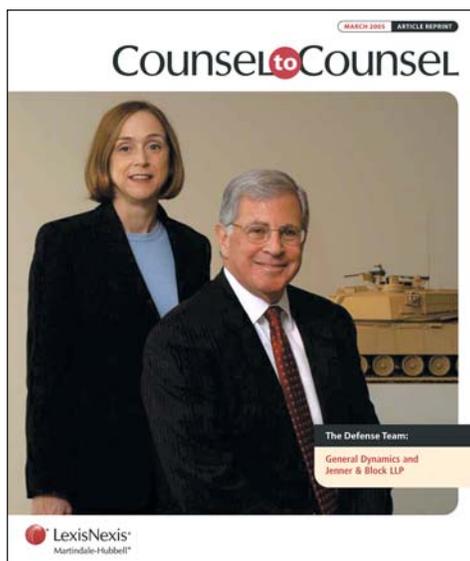
## Counsel to Counsel Profiles Firm's Strong Relationship With General Dynamics

The secret to great client service?

"We have to continue to prove our value every day to our clients," Partner Linda L. Listrom, the Firm's lead relationship partner for General Dynamics, recently told a national trade publication. "We don't take anything for granted."

The long-standing relationship between General Dynamics and Jenner & Block was the subject of a cover-story in the March issue of *Counsel to Counsel*, providing the magazine's corporate counsel readers with an in-depth look into a remarkable partnership that began in the 1960s.

"One would be hard-pressed to find a stronger bond" than the one between the Fortune 100 company and the Firm, said the magazine's editors. Even so, they noted that the client relationship continues to expand with General



Linda L. Listrom, with David A. Savner of General Dynamics, as pictured on the March 2005 cover of *Counsel to Counsel*.

Dynamics' growth in the industry and evolving legal needs.

"The lawyers on our General Dynamics Client Service Team are

outstanding professionals who work continuously to exceed our client's expectations in every way," states Ms. Listrom. Ms. Listrom has spent nearly two decades working on a "wide range of complex lawsuits and transactions" for the defense contractor, the article noted.

While the company's relationship with Jenner & Block dates back to the 1960s, it blossomed in the 1990s as the firm successfully handled a number of important business disputes and played a key supporting role in a major corporate restructuring that included a series of mergers and acquisitions.

Today General Dynamics is one of the country's leading defense contractors with annual revenue of \$19 billion and an international workforce of 70,200. Jenner & Block is honored to be a part of this American success story.

## Veteran Policy Advisor Joins Firm

Catherine R. Nolan has joined Jenner & Block as Partners in the Firm's Washington, DC office. Ms. Nolan was hired in May 2004 to start the Firm's Public Policy practice.

"Cathy's presence is the first step in building a top quality legislative practice to complement our active regulatory practices," said Paul M. Smith, Managing Partner of the Firm's D.C. office.

Ms. Nolan joins the Firm after most recently advising corporate

clients on a range of policy issues before the U.S. Congress, the Administration, and the Federal Communications Commission. From 1997 to April 2001, she served as Vice President for Law and Public Policy at Time Warner Inc., the largest media company in the world. During



Catherine R. Nolan

her tenure with Time Warner, Ms. Nolan was successful in achieving the policy goals of the company in several key areas, including cable deregulation, broadband access, digital carriage issues, copyright protection, Internet privacy and the regulatory approval of the largest corporate merger in history involving America Online.

## CBA Alliance for Women Praises its Co-Chair's Groundbreaking Term

Jenner & Block Partner E. Lynn Grayson's year-long leadership of the Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women and her efforts to increase the number of women partners in the profession were commended May 12 at the organization's annual luncheon and awards ceremony.

Ms. Grayson helped shape and coordinate the Alliance's various operational programs throughout 2004-05.

Under Ms. Grayson's joint leadership with Co-Chair Jane DiRenzo Pigott, the CBA Alliance for Women teamed up with the CBA Subcommittee on Violence to create an online database of agencies that specialize in helping women in the areas of domestic violence, substance abuse, intervention services for pregnant women and mothers, housing, educational and employment services, and legal services.

Ms. Grayson also helped draft the Alliance's "Call to Action," which has been successful in challenging Chicago area law firms to significantly increase the percent of their women partners. *See full story on page 1.*



Aurora Abella-Austriaco, Of Counsel, Peck Bloom Austriaco & Mitchell, LLC and recipient of the 2005 CBA Alliance for Women's Alta May Hulett Award; Laurel G. Bellows, Principal, Bellows and Bellows, P.C., and founder of the CBA's Alliance for Women; Joy Cunningham; and Ms. Grayson.

"Through programs like the Call to Action, Lynn and Jane have made an outstanding effort to take the Alliance for Women to the next level," said current CBA President Joy V. Cunningham, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Northwestern

Memorial Hospital, who was also honored at the luncheon with the Founder's Award for her contribution to the advancement of women in the legal profession.

Ms. Grayson, the inaugural winner of the organization's Alta May Hulett award, will continue to serve on the Alliance for Women Executive Board.

## Rozycki Leads Fundraiser Aiding Elderly Caregivers

Partner Carla J. Rozycki led a first-time benefit and silent auction for the Suburban Area Agency on



Aging (SAAA) on May 5 which was attended by more than 200 people. Proceeds from the event benefited

family caregivers of older adults, as the agency provides respite care for needy area caregivers of elderly family members and neighbors.

Ms. Rozycki, the SAAA's board president, is pictured at right with

Jonathan Lavin, the SAAA's Executive Director.

The creative silent auction included gifts large and small, including Chicago White Sox skybox tickets, a Bahamas vacation, handmade jewelry and gift certificates to local salons.

"This event makes possible care for Cook County's elderly family members that would otherwise not be possible," said Ms. Rozycki, Co-Chair of the Firm's Labor & Employment Practice.

## Partner Leads NAWL with Innovative Programs

Since Jenner & Block Partner Stephanie A. Scharf was installed in August as President of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) for the 2004-05 term, the organization has initiated a number of cutting-edge programs on professional development for women, as well as on legal and regulatory issues regarding women's health.

"Stephanie Scharf has set a strong course for NAWL," said Zoe Sanders Nettles, Immediate-Past President of NAWL. "The nationwide programming put in place under Stephanie's leadership...has helped revive a strong national network of women lawyers and has also provided easy access to substantive career advice for the woman practitioner."

For instance, in January Mrs. Scharf helped direct a popular NAWL event in the nation's capitol that featured two Supreme Court Justices who spoke on the "Dos and Don'ts" lawyers should consider when appearing before the High Court.

NAWL has also implemented the informative series entitled, "Taking Charge of Your Career: Best Practices for Women Lawyers & Their Firms," including an October



Zoe Sanders Nettles, Immediate Past-President of NAWL; Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, recipient of the 2004 NAWL President's Award; and Partner Stephanie A. Scharf are pictured at the "President's Reception" held for Mrs. Scharf in August in Atlanta.

seminar held in conjunction with NAWL and the Association of the Bar of New York City.

In addition, Mrs. Scharf has keynoted similar career-building events in Washington, DC, Atlanta and other cities.

"It's important for women attorneys to seek mentors whom they can learn from...someone who will promote them in whatever setting they are in,

by speaking about them and vouching for them," she has told receptive audiences across the country. "Ideally, women attorneys have to align what they're doing with their personal lives and their careers," thereby taking effective charge of their destinies.

"I am proud to be at the helm of NAWL's continuing focus on effective career development for women lawyers, especially in helping provide its mentees with the knowledge, skills and experiences needed to prepare for leadership positions," Mrs. Scharf said.

In addition to Mrs. Scharf serving as President this year, other Jenner & Block leaders in NAWL include:

- Partner Lorelie S. Masters, Co-Chair of the NAWL amicus committee;
- Associate Kali N. Bracey, member of NAWL's Committee for the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees;
- Associate Michelle Speller-Thurman, Co-Chair of NAWL's upcoming General Counsel Institute, which will be held in Fall 2005 in New York; and
- Partners Charlotte L. Wager and Traci M. Braun and Associate Molly J. Moran, who co-chaired other programs.



### NAWL Forum Helps Students Switch From Backpack to Briefcase

Several Jenner & Block attorneys helped lead an April NAWL career development event for law students seeking insight into the professional world, entitled "From Backpack to Briefcase." Pictured (from left): Associate Michelle Speller-Thurman, Associate Molly J. Moran, Partner Traci M. Braun and Cheryl D. Cesario, Esq., Assistant Director for the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, John Marshall Law School.

## A Look at Professional Development at Jenner & Block

Throughout her career at Jenner & Block, Charlotte L. Wager has played a key role in the development of its associates, most notably as Co-Chair of the Hiring Committee and as the Firm's Director of Professional Development. A reinsurance and insurance litigator, Charlotte recently shared her thoughts on the Firm's ongoing professional development program.

### How does the Firm's leadership support the Professional Development Program?

With great enthusiasm and careful planning. For instance, our leadership understands that our associates are the future leaders of the Firm and we need to train them not just to be excellent lawyers, but also to be experts in their field, practice group leaders and business developers. We are also lucky because at Jenner & Block, many of our associates are already leaders in community and civic organizations, charitable institutions, religious and other groups. As a result the Firm's Professional Development Program has been designed to build upon the skills they have demonstrated in one area of their lives, into another area.

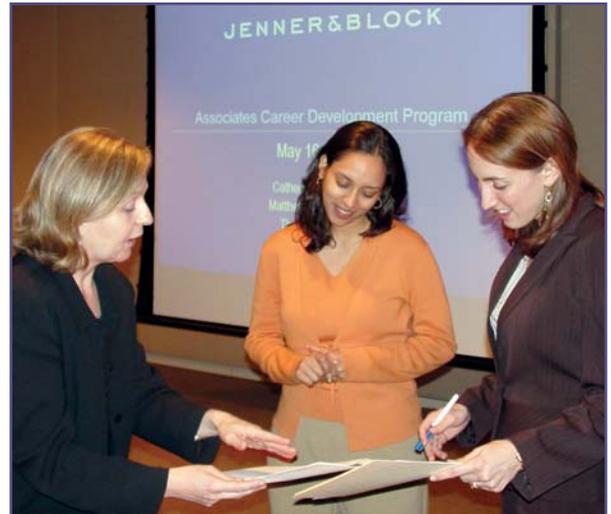
### What professional development initiatives is the Firm currently sponsoring?

We're very excited about a Firmwide mentoring program for all new and junior associates.

It is widely acknowledged that a formal mentoring program is hard to implement successfully, but our experience has been extremely positive. Last Fall, for instance, we paired all our new associates with senior associates and all our second- and third-year associates with Partners from their departments. The mentors participated in a one-hour training program in which we clearly set out our expectations of them and for the program. Once the pairs were up and running we monitored their growth every month.

It's been inspiring to see so many mentor and mentee pairs meeting on a regular basis to discuss everything from assignments to practice groups and performance reviews. I've heard from many associates that they consider this program to be a huge success.

We've also recently added two new full-time staff members to the Professional Development Department to help us launch additional initiatives, including a Career Development Plan Program for senior associates.



Director of Professional Development Charlotte L. Wager with Associates Shehla F. Syed and Christine A. Parker at a recent Associates Career Development Seminar.

### What is the biggest challenge about professional development program at a large law firm?

One of the biggest challenges any law firm faces is how to create and manage a professional development training program that is comprehensive enough to respond to the needs of its associates, but is also realistic in terms of time demands. Our associates are busy working and often get caught up in time-sensitive projects which require their complete attention. So it's important in this profession, and at this stage, to teach associates how to multi-task.

### What advice would you give to new associates?

Be invested in your cases and assignments. Demonstrate to the attorneys you work with that you really care about the client's problems and are thinking about solutions. Watch how senior attorneys work, especially in meetings and phone conferences. Successful lawyers think about the big picture — what the client wants and how to achieve their goals — and, then, break the tasks down into manageable projects. If you are just doing the smaller tasks, without considering how they fit into the big picture, you're limiting your potential and your service to the client.

## Associates Create Career Program for New Lawyers

Seven enterprising Jenner & Block women associates last winter created and produced their own self-help program, "Learning the Secret Handshake: Professional Development for Young Women Attorneys."

The January panel discussion played to a large, receptive audience at the Chicago Bar Association's headquarters and as part of a popular annual series presented each year by the CBA Alliance for Women and the Young Lawyer Section Committee on Women in the Law.

The idea for the "Secret Handshake" was born.

"We knew that the Alliance for Women had another great line-up of professional development programs already planned for the coming year," explained Elizabeth L. Fine, who helped create the new program along with fellow Associates Bethany K. Biesenthal, Alison A. Dieterichs, Jayne Laiprasert, Emily S. Palmer, Laura E. Pelanek and Joanne H. Sweeney. "But, none of those upcoming presentations seemed to address all the special needs of new attorneys. We got excited about the possibility of filling this gap and were confident we'd be able to do just that."

According to Ms. Laiprasert, the seven fledgling program producers quickly obtained the support of Jenner & Block Partner E. Lynn Grayson, who was Co-Chair of the



Associates Elizabeth L. Fine, Emily S. Palmer, Jayne Laiprasert, Joanne H. Sweeney, Alison A. Dieterichs, Bethany K. Biesenthal, and Laura E. Pelanek at the January event.

Alliance. Ms. Grayson also showed the associates some of the ropes in coordinating a successful event, while emphasizing the importance of recruiting a line-up of engaging speakers who would complement one another when addressing the event's unifying theme or idea.

The team of associates met a number of times to discuss possible themes for their program, and gradually developed "the secret handshake" concept involving a number of proven relationship-building techniques that help get attorneys through the figurative "door" of practicing successfully, noted Ms. Biesenthal.

The group also set to recruiting as their program speakers Sara J. Gourley, a partner at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood; Laurie Leader, a

professor at IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law; Jill O'Brien, a partner at Laner Muchin Dombrow Becker Levin & Tominberg; and Vicki Peters, Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago.

"With such top attorneys for our program, we felt we were assured of offering the promised unique perspective on professional development for young women attorneys," said Ms. Palmer.

After all their event brainstorming and coordinating efforts, over 80 attorneys and law students attended their panel discussion. Among other things, the panelists shared ideas of making favorable first impressions and finding good mentors early on in a professional's career.

"I came away with helpful insights and hope the audience did, too," said Ms. Dieterichs.



### Sharing Keys to Career Advancement

Mentorship, continuous self evaluation, a positive attitude and ownership of one's work are four keys to success in a young lawyer's career, according to a recent Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago roundtable discussion hosted by Jenner & Block entitled, "Career Benchmarks – Is your career on track?" Pictured are panelists Associate Michelle Speller-Thurman, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenyanna M. Scott, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Patricia B. Holmes, and Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago Dorothy Capers at the March 10 discussion.

## “Women Everywhere” Lawyers Help the Needy

Associates Alison A. Dieterichs and Courtney A. Stevens helped coordinate a city-wide day of service in May for the Women Everywhere organization, which for six years has rallied hundreds of Chicago-area lawyers to volunteer a day of service to organizations that help women in need and introduces female junior high and high school students to women leaders in the court system and government.

The two Co-Chairs of Women Everywhere’s Volunteer Committee coordinated work projects at over 30 organizations, matching assignments with teams of volunteers from law firms across Chicago.

“It’s good to know that you’re participating in a large effort that collectively is making a big impact throughout the community,” said Ms. Stevens. “And volunteering can be a lot of fun — you’re helping others, doing some physical labor, and getting to know the other volunteers who are with you.”

For its part in the annual day of service, Jenner & Block continued its support of WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger), which provides emotional and financial support to women and children in need. As in



Women Everywhere volunteers Partner Gail H. Morse, City of Chicago Treasurer Judith C. Rice, and Associates Courtney A. Stevens and Alison A. Dieterichs.

years past, the Firm’s volunteer attorneys traveled to a Northwest suburb of Chicago to work for a day in WINGS’ resale shop, helping to catalog items and other tasks at the store, whose profits fund WINGS’ operations. Part of the team of Jenner & Block attorneys also performed gardening and other maintenance chores at WINGS’ new Safe House. *(See related story on the Safe House below.)*

Also as part of the Women Everywhere program, Partner Gail H. Morse on May 12 introduced City of Chicago Treasurer Judith C. Rice at a Federal Court Tour in downtown Chicago for some of the city’s

female grade school and senior high school students.

In addition to a talk by Ms. Rice on how the city government works, the girls observed a courtroom trial and heard other women civic leaders lecture on what it’s like to be a professional.

“Each speaker inspired the girls by honestly recounting what obstacles they had encountered in their lives,” said Ms. Dieterichs. “I thought they gave good examples of how they had persevered despite failing a class, being advised to skip college by a guidance counselor, or facing discrimination in male-dominated careers.”

## Attorneys Throw a Shower for Women’s Shelter

Jenner & Block’s Women’s Forum and the Chicago Bar Association’s Alliance for Women hosted a “shower for the shelter” fundraiser last year for WINGS’ new Safe House, which will provide immediate emergency shelter for up to 45 victims of domestic violence nightly in the North and Northwest suburbs of Chicago.

The event, Co-Chaired by Associates Christine A. Parker and Christine L. Childers, raised over \$4,000 and was structured around a gift registry, similar to those used for weddings or baby showers. The registry featured many

basic necessities to furnish the 15,000 square foot safe house, including tables, chairs, bedding and equipment for mothers and their children.

“It is the generosity of the community and partners like Jenner & Block that will allow WINGS to open the doors to the Safe House,” said WINGS Executive Director Rebecca Darr. “We remain grateful for their support.”

The safe house expects to open its doors in November 2005.

Pictured: Ms. Childers, Ms. Parker and Ms. Darr.



## Brief: Domestic Abuse Victim Denied Due Process

Jenner & Block Partner Lorelie S. Masters filed an amicus brief in a closely-watched domestic violence case involving a woman whose three children were murdered by her estranged husband after having obtained a restraining order against him.



Lorelie S. Masters

Jenner & Block filed this amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) and the National Crime Victim Bar Association (NCVBA).

At the crux of *City of Castle Rock v. Jessica Gonzales* is whether local governments can be sued for failing to enforce restraining orders and, if

so, what constitutes an appropriate level of procedural due process. Jessica Gonzales sued the city and several police officers alleging a violation of her constitutional rights after the police failed to enforce her restraining order the night of the slayings.

The Court heard oral arguments on March 21, 2005, more than two years after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit ruled that Ms. Gonzales held a protected property interest in the enforcement of her restraining order, giving her "a legitimate expectation of police protection," and that Castle Rock should have provided her with notification and a hearing before failing to enforce the order.

Jenner & Block weighed in on the procedural issue, arguing in its brief that the state of Colorado failed to provide adequate due process of law to Ms. Gonzales.

In urging the Court to affirm the Tenth Circuit decision, the Firm argued that since an informed hearing with police would have been a viable pre-deprivation process and could have prevented the harm in this case, the state's failure to follow that process was "the result of a policy of unresponsiveness to victims of violence."

"The failure by police to undertake the enforcement promised by mandatory arrest statutes inevitably compounds the magnitude of domestic violence and helps ensure its repetition," the brief states. "The costs of this violence are real and manifold."

### Vandenberg Testifies on Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

Associate Martina E. Vandenberg testified before a joint session of the House Armed Services Committee and the Helsinki Commission on September 21 along with Administration officials and experts. She provided a report card to the U.S. Department of Defense on the implementation of a "zero tolerance" policy on trafficking in persons in accordance with the President's December 2002 National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD-22) on Trafficking in Persons. "Despite assurances of compliance with the President's directive from DoD, today we have zero prosecutions of contractors implicated in trafficking, not zero tolerance," said Ms. Vandenberg. Ms. Vandenberg has been an active and vocal advocate in the fight against human trafficking worldwide.



## Partner Honored for Death Penalty Reform Work

Largely because of her work on behalf of Willie Thompkins, Jr. and several other Death Row inmates who were granted clemency in 2001 by then-Governor George Ryan, the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (ICADP) recognized Partner Terri L. Mascherin on October 14 with its 2004 Cunningham-Carey Award.

In bestowing the award, the ICADP honored her "special contributions to the fight against the death penalty and the promotion of humane alternatives to capital punishment." Last year Ms. Mascherin, who is Chair of the American Bar Association Death Penalty Representation Project's Steering Committee, convinced the Illinois Supreme Court to reaffirm Gov. Ryan's blanket clemency order,



Ms. Mascherin receives the award from the Very Rev. Demetri Kantzavelos, President of the Board of the ICADP, and Maria Cunningham and Alix Carey, whose late husbands, Richard Cunningham and Jack Carey, both enjoyed long careers as public defenders.

which had been challenged by the Illinois Attorney General. This victory preserved the historical right of the state's chief executive to grant clemency for those on Death Row.

Whether and how to reform state death penalty laws, including Illinois', "is truly one of the greatest challenges that faces our profession today," said Ms. Mascherin. "And without a program like the ABA Death Penalty Representation Project to recruit volunteer lawyers, many people would face rounds of appeals and many stages of the process, without competent legal counsel."

Ms. Mascherin feels that her work on death penalty cases is the most important work that she does as a lawyer. "When a lawyer takes on a death penalty case," she said, "he serves the individual, he serves the court system, and he feels a lot better about the profession."

## Students Counseled on First Amendment in War Time

Partner Debbie L. Berman shared her passion for protecting the First Amendment with Chicago-area university students on April 12, as she was featured in a panel discussion focusing on the tension created between rights to free speech and the government's curtailment of those rights in times of war.

Partner Debbie L. Berman (second from left) addresses the audience at Robert Morris College; to her right, Phil Kadner of the *Daily Southtown*; to her left, Bernard M. Judge, Editor and Vice President of Law Bulletin Publishing Company, Jane Mueller Ungari of Robert Morris College, and Rick Kogan of WGN Radio 720.



## News & Notes

*A Sampling of Women Attorneys' Most Recent Achievements in the Courtroom & the Boardroom*

### **Jury Awards Client \$1.45 Billion**

In May 2005, a unanimous Florida jury awarded Jenner & Block client Coleman (Parent) Holdings Inc. ("CPH") \$604.33 million in compensatory damages and \$850 million in punitive damages against Morgan Stanley for aiding and abetting and conspiring with Sunbeam Corp. to defraud CPH into selling CPH's 82% interest in The Coleman Co. Inc. to Sunbeam, a client of Morgan Stanley. The women attorneys on the Firm's legal team were: Partners Deirdre E. Connell and Suzanne J. Prysak and Associates Margaret J. Simpson, Denise Kirkowski Bowler, Joanne Hannaway Sweeney, Thalia L. Myriantopoulos, Kathleen R. Hartnett, Ayodele T. Carroo, and Jessica Ring Amunson.

### **File Sharing Goes to Supremes**

Partner Elaine J. Goldenberg and Associate Kathleen R. Hartnett are part of the Firm's team representing every major movie studio and record company in the country before the U.S. Supreme Court in *MGM v. Grokster*, a case that addresses whether peer-to-peer file sharing services that allow Internet users to download music and movies at-will knowingly contribute to copyright infringement. The Court is expected to rule on the case this summer.

### **Record Real Estate Deal**

Partner Julie M. Mandanas recently helped advise Prime Group Realty Trust in its successful negotiations with a local firm to lease nearly 300,000 square feet of office space at Chicago's Bank One Center for 15.5 years beginning in 2007. The deal is believed to be the largest office lease transaction completed in Chicago this year.

### **Fighting for Fair Housing**

Partner Susan R. Podolsky successfully represented a class of African-American public housing residents, when a federal court ruled January 6 that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development had violated the federal Fair Housing Act by failing to adequately consider regional approaches to ameliorate racial segregation in Baltimore's public housing.

### **7th Circuit Defense Win**

Partner Catherine L. Steege helped convince the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to dismiss in February an appeal by Enodis Corporation that sought to force the Trustee of Consolidated Industries, the Firm's client, to obtain bankruptcy court approval for a settlement of an \$8 million personal injury suit in Alabama. The victory is the latest dismissal obtained by Jenner & Block on behalf of the Trustee of many appeals by Enodis.

### **Advising Chicago Public Schools**

July will mark the closure of Associate Lisa T. Scruggs' first year as Senior Policy Advisor to Chicago Public Schools, the nation's third-largest school system. Ms. Scruggs has been advising the school system's CEO, Arne Duncan, on a variety of policy areas with a focus on new school development, as well as funding issues, implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act and other special initiatives.

### **Daubert Victories for Dow**

The Dow Chemical Company obtained a major victory in federal court in December when Partner Lise T. Spacapan won two *Daubert* motions and were granted summary judgment in a product liability case involving the

chemical perchloroethylene, a dry cleaning solvent produced by the client. Ms. Spacapan argued the two *Daubert* motions on behalf of all five corporate defendants in the case.

### **Large Settlement in Pro Bono Case**

Associate Laura E. Pelanek was part of a Jenner & Block legal team that helped a former Cook County Jail inmate settle a federal lawsuit alleging that he and other inmates had been victims of a mass beating. As part of the April agreement, the Firm's pro bono client received a cash award believed to be one of the largest of its kind.

### **Submarine Litigation Ends**

Associate Jennifer A. Hasch helped write a Brief in Opposition to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and thereby helped convince the U.S. Supreme Court decline review of *Gilliam v. General Dynamics*, a False Claims Act case involving General Dynamics' contract for construction of the Jimmy Carter nuclear attack submarine. The Firm successfully defended General Dynamics in two lower court battles in the case.

### **Settlement in Nuclear Fuel Case**

Exelon Corporation and the U.S. Department of Justice, in close consultation with the U.S. Department of Energy, announced in August 2004 that they had reached a settlement under which the government will reimburse Exelon for costs associated with storage of spent fuel at the company's nuclear stations, ending litigation that the Firm has pursued on behalf of Exelon since 1998. The women attorneys on the Firm's litigation team were Associates Lisa M. Eddington, Nada Djordjevic, Karen A. Waple and Joanne Hannaway Sweeney.

## Women's Forum Launches Website

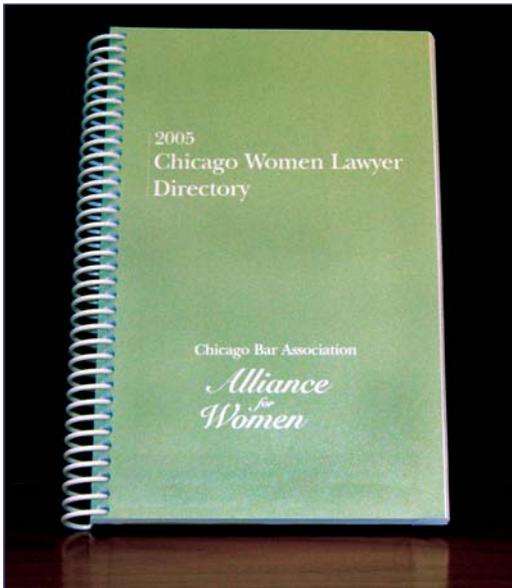
Want to know what Jenner & Block's women attorneys are doing in the courtrooms and boardrooms across America?

Now you can find the latest news involving the Firm's women attorneys and links to detailed professional biographies at the new Women's Forum website.

"The website is an excellent vehicle to share the accomplishments of our women attorneys and allows the Firm to promote and support their activities and leadership," said Susan C. Levy, Chair of the Women's Forum, a networking and support group for Jenner & Block's women Partners and Associates. "It's important for women attorneys to publicize their successes, activities and examples of leadership in order to develop their practice."

The site, which was launched in April 2005, also provides a calendar of events sponsored by the Women's Forum. Visitors will also find links to various women bar associations.

Go online: [www.jenner.com/womensforum](http://www.jenner.com/womensforum)



## Women's Forum sponsors Chicago Women Lawyer Directory

Partner E. Lynn Grayson, 2004-2005 Co-Chair of the Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, was pleased to announce the arrival of the inaugural *Chicago Women Lawyer Directory* at the Alliance For Women Founders Award Luncheon on May 12.

The *Women Lawyers Directory* was created as part of an initiative to make the AFW relevant to and a resource for every woman attorney in Chicago. The Directory contains the names of over 1,000 women attorneys submitted by bar associations and law firms from across the Chicago area.

"I hope this directory will be a meaningful resource that can be used every day by our members," said Ms. Grayson.

Underwritten and created by Jenner & Block and its Women's Forum, the directory was distributed to the over 300 attendees of the Founders Award Luncheon. Additional copies are available upon request. To receive a copy of the *2005 Chicago Women Lawyer Directory*, please send your request to the Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, 321 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604.

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