

20th Annual Women, Law & Public Policy Seminar

November 13-15, 2009

Schedule of Events

Friday, November 13

9:00 a.m. *A Legal Career in the 21st Century* The Fordham Institute, 1016 16th Street, NW, 7th Floor
Valerie A. Jackson, Esq., Director of Diversity, Sutherland; PLEN Corporate Advisory Council (CAC)

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Early Lunch: Discussion with Co-founding Attorney of Political Consulting Firm**
The Fordham Institute
Sponsored by Sandra Swirski, Principal, Venn Strategies; PLEN CAC

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. *Women Attorneys as Law Clerks for the U.S. Supreme Court*
East Conference Room, U.S. Supreme Court, 1 First Street, NE

Invited:

Eloise Pasachoff,
Chambers of Justice Sotomayor
Lindsey Powell,
Chambers of Justice Sotomayor
Bessie Dewar,
Chambers of Justice Breyer
Jennifer Nou,
Chambers of Justice Breyer
Merritt McAlister,
Chambers of Justice Stevens
Misha Tseytlin,
Chambers of Justice Kennedy

Elizabeth Barchas,
Chambers of Justice Ginsburg
Pamela Bookman,
Chambers of Justice Ginsburg
Jaynie Randall, Chambers of Justice Alito
Katherine Twomey,
Chambers of Justice Scalia
Elizabeth Papez,
Chambers of Justice Thomas
Marah C. Stith,
Chambers of Justice Thomas

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. *Women Attorneys in Congress*
Russell Senate Office Building 385

Emilia DiSanto, Special Counsel to the Ranking Member & Chief Investigator, U.S. Senate Committee on Finance

Julia Martin, Legislative Assistant, Office of Delegate Gregorio Sablan (Northern Mariana Islands)

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. *Debriefing and Discussion*

Kathryn Ellis, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), U.S. Department of Education

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Reception with Mayer Brown LLP** 1999 K St, NW

Melissa L. Baker, Associate
Kristy L. Balsanek, Associate
Carol J. Bilzi, Counsel
Gabrielle N. Butcher, Associate
Suzanne P. Cartwright, Associate
Kathleen Connery Dawe, Associate
Melissa K. Fitzpatrick, Associate
Michele Goss, Staff Attorney

Elisa F. Kantor, Associate
Michele L. Keegan, Associate
Alicia K. Kinsey, Associate
Krista Lindhard, Associate
Marcia Tavares Maack,
Assistant Director of Pro Bono Activities
Amy Ward Pershkov, Partner

Maya D. Song, Associate

Amanda K. Hine, Associate

Brette L. Steele, Associate

Rebecca Valentine, Associate

Saturday, November 14 *The Eisenhower Institute, 818 Connecticut Ave, NW, 8th Floor*

9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Announcements

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. ***Women Lawyers Working in the Non-Profit Sector***

Cait Clarke, Director, Public Interest Law, Equal Justice Works
Julia Kramer, Staff Attorney, Bread for the City

10:30 – 11:30 p.m. ***Discussion with a Woman Attorney & Public Policy Professional***

Peggy Tighe, Partner, Strategic Health Care; PLEN CAC

11:45 - 12:45 Lunch (on your own)

1:00-2:00 p.m. ***Working in the Public Policy Arena without a Law Degree***

Laurel Kamen, Consultant, U.S. Postal Service
Tracy Henke, Principal, The Ashcroft Group; PLEN CAC

2:15-3:15 p.m. ***Panel on Women Attorneys in the Executive Branch***

Lisa Evans, Scientific Workforce Diversity Specialist, Office of the Director,
National Institutes of Health
Christine Turner, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, U.S.
Department of Agriculture; PLEN Alumna, Women & Public Policy 1995

Sunday, November 15 *The Eisenhower Institute, 818 Connecticut Ave, NW, 8th Floor*

9:30 a.m. Announcements

9:45 a.m. ***Panel Discussion: Preparing for Law School and Beyond***

Kabara Praskavich, Second Year Law Student, Georgetown University Law Center
Edina Slomic, University of Georgia School of Law '09; Intern, Global Green USA,
PLEN Alumna, Women & Congress 2006
Veryl Miles, Dean, Catholic University Columbus School of Law

11:15 a.m. to Noon ***Wrap-up Speaker***

Colleen Boothby, Partner, Levine, Blaszak, Block & Boothby, LLP