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82 LAW FIRMS RECOGNIZED FOR "TIPPING THE SCALES" TOWARDS GENDER PARITY IN THEIR 2024 NEW PARTNER CLASSES

Report Reveals 41.6% of 2024 New Law Firm Partners Were Women

Washington, DC (October 29, 2024) – Today, the <u>Diversity & Flexibility Alliance</u> released the results of its 2024 <u>New Partner Report</u>, a compilation of public data related to the gender breakdown of attorneys promoted to partner at law firms. Last week, the eighty-two law firms that had 50% or more women in their 2024 new partner class, globally and/or U.S.-based, were recognized as "*Tipping the Scales*" and honored at the Alliance's annual conference.

The Report revealed that 41.6 percent of U.S.-based new partners from 196 major law firms in 2024 were women, representing a decrease of 2.1% from last year's figure of 43.7%. Accounting for increased globalization of the legal industry, the Alliance began including data on *global* new partner promotions last year. Globally in 2024, women accounted for 41.6% of new partners, down from 43.3% in 2023.

"While it's encouraging to see more firms achieving gender parity in their partner classes, the overall decline in women's representation is a stark reminder that progress isn't inevitable - it requires intentional action," said Manar Morales, President & CEO of the Diversity & Flexibility Alliance. "Law firms must double down on creating equitable systems for advancement and retention," she added. "The success of our Alliance members shows that sustainable progress is possible when firms make diversity and flexibility core business priorities."

Other highlights include:

- While there has been a "boomerang effect" between 2021 and 2024, the share of women new partners has increased 8.7 percentage points since 2012, when the Alliance began compiling this data.
- The share of firms with 50% or more women in their new partner class increased from 39.3% last year to 41.8% this year (82 of 196 firms).
- Alliance member firms achieved a 0.6% higher share of women among U.S.-based new partners (42.2%) compared to the industry average (41.6%).
- Unfortunately, there was a substantial 3% increase in the gap in the share of new women partners compared to the share of women associates from a gap of 5.7% in 2023 to a gap of 8.7% this year.

The Alliance's *New Partner Report*, which is released in full to its members, is a yearly compilation of data from the nation's largest and top-grossing law firms examining the gender breakdown of attorneys promoted to partnership. The data is based upon publicly available firm announcements and other self-reported sources on new partner classes with an effective date of promotion between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024.

The "Tipping the Scales" firms recognized for having 50% or more women in their 2024 new partner class included:

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	1. Akin	28. Dinsmore	56. Morris Manning
	2. Allen Matkins	29. Duane Morris	57. Munger Tolles
	3. Armstrong Teasdale	30. Dykema	58. Nixon Peabody
	4. Arnall Golden	31. Eversheds Sutherland	59. Orrick
	5. Baker McKenzie	32. Epstein Becker &	60. Patterson Belknap
	6. Baker Botts	Green**	61. Paul Weiss
	7. Baker Donelson	33. Finnegan	62. Pillsbury
	8. BakerHostetler	34. Fredrikson & Byron	63. Polsinelli
	9. Ballard Spahr	35. Goldberg Segalla	64. Porter Wright
	10. Barnes & Thornburg	36. Gordon Feinblatt	65. Pryor Cashman
	11. Benesch	37. Goulston & Storrs	66. Quinn Emanuel
	12. Beveridge & Diamond	38. Greenspoon Marder	67. Robins Kaplan
	13. Bilzin Sumberg	39. Herrick	68. Ropes & Gray
	14. Blank Rome	40. Hinckley Allen	69. Saul Ewing
	15. Boies Schiller Flexner*	41. Husch Blackwell	70. Sheppard Mullin
	16. Bradley Arant	42. Ice Miller	71. Sidley
	17. Buchanan Ingersoll	43. Irell	72. Snell & Wilmer
	18. Burns & Levinson	44. Jackson Lewis**	73. Susman Godfrey
	19. Burr & Forman	45. Jenner & Block*	74. Thompson Hine
	20. Chapman and Cutler	46. Kelley Drye	75. Tucker Ellis
	21. Cooley	47. Kilpatrick Townsend	76. Venable
	22. Cox, Castle &	48. Lane Powell	77. Vorys
	Nicholson	49. Lewis Roca	78. Whiteford
	23. Cozen O'Connor	50. Littler**	79. <i>Weil*</i>
	24. Davis Wright	51. McCarter & English	80. Wiley Rein*
	Tremaine***	52. McDermott	81. Williams & Connolly
	25. Debevoise*	53. Miller & Chevalier**	82. Williams Mullen
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54. Moore & Van Allen

55. Morgan Lewis*

27. Dickinson Wright

26. Dechert*

Firms in italics are recognized on their US-based class only.

Diversity & Flexibility Alliance Member Firms are highlighted in orange.

^{*}Four-year *Tipping the Scales* Recipient

^{**}Five-year *Tipping the Scales* Recipient

^{***}Six-year *Tipping the Scales* Recipient

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