## **PRESS RELEASE**

New York, January 13, 2009 -- The New York Women's Bar Association released its survey report of Manhattan firms provides insights into the status of women attorneys working in law firms – their successes, opportunities for advancement, and working environments. The 47 firms that participated in the inaugural survey employ 8,842 attorneys – 3,272 women and 5,570 men.

This initial survey provides data to stimulate questions and, hopefully, attract management attention to what is being measured. To monitor the progress of women attorneys, the NYWBA plans to conduct the survey biannually.

Law firms with Manhattan office(s) are encouraged to participate in our 2009 survey. Please send an email to survey@nywba.org, providing your firm name, the name of a contact person within your firm, and his/her the telephone number and email address.

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The New York Women's Bar Association, established in 1934, is a full-service bar association whose mission includes enhancing the status of women in the profession and in society at large. The NYWBA is also a founding chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, the largest statewide women's bar membership association in the United States.

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