

Benesch Named A 2011 NAFE And Flex-Time Lawyers Best Law Firm For Women

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CLEVELAND, OH - September 13, 2011 - Benesch is pleased to announce that the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE) and Flex-Time Lawyers have named the firm as a NAFE and Flex-Time Lawyers Best Law Firm for Women. NAFE is a division of Working Mother Media.

“Our research team has seen an increase in the number of female partners working at the Best Law Firms within the past five years, with women as 19 percent of equity partners, compared to the national average of 15 percent,” said Dr. Betty Spence, President, NAFE. “We applaud how the 2011 Best Law Firms for Women are making it possible for women to succeed by offering programs and policies that support their needs.”

The 2011 NAFE & Flex-Time Lawyers Best Law Firms for Women are continuing to redefine the standards of success, with written reduced hour policies at 100 percent of the winning firms and 78 percent who are offering full-time telecommuting. Now in its fifth year, the Best Law Firms for Women have increased support for programs that encourage networking, training and mentoring.

“The 2011 Best Law Firms for Women are encouraging the retention and promotion of women, in addition to creating conducive work environments for all lawyers to thrive,” said Deborah Epstein Henry, Founder and President, Flex-Time Lawyers. “By offering leadership and business development opportunities for women, along with generous flexibility, parental leave and childcare programs, these firms are better poised to retain and promote the brightest legal minds, with the goal of reaching parity for women in the profession.”

Benesch and the 50 Best Law Firms for Women and their work/life and women-friendly policies will be featured in the fall 2011 issue of *NAFE* magazine and are profiled at nafe.com, www.workingmother.com and www.flextimelawyers.com. Winning firms will be honored in New York on September 21. NAFE is a division of Working Mother Media, a division of Bonnier Corporation.

Methodology: The 2011 Best Law Firms for Women application was developed in a partnership between Working Mother Media and Flex-Time Lawyers LLC. Firms with at least 50 lawyers were eligible to apply and the application included detailed questions about the issues that are most important to the retention and promotion of female lawyers. Completed applications were collected online from November 12, 2010 to January 21, 2011. All data for the 2011 survey was collected from the full year of 2010. The 50 winning firms were selected based on their responses to an application measuring areas such as workforce profile, family-friendly benefits and policies, flexibility, leadership, compensation, advancement and retention of women.

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