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Chapman and Cutler Named in the Top Thirty-Eight Illinois Law Firms in Equality Illinois 'Raising The Bar' Survey

Chapman and Cutler is being recognized as leading the way to LGBT workplace equality and community engagement.

Chicago, IL (August 1, 2013) — Equality Illinois today recognized Chapman and Cutler and 37 other Illinois law firms for "Raising the Bar" and leading the way in providing a safe and fair work environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) employees and engaging with the LGBT community.

“Lawyers, as defenders of the law, are at the forefront of what we have accomplished in securing and protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Illinoisans, and their work environments should reflect that same commitment,” said Bernard Cherkasov, CEO of Equality Illinois, the state’s oldest and largest LGBT advocacy organization. "The law firms that Equality Illinois is recognizing exceed that criteria, and we are pleased to honor them in the 2013 Raising the Bar report."

Chapman and Cutler not only support the LGBT community, but strive for diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Chapman’s commitment to equal opportunity employment transcends the hiring process. Women, ethnically diverse, and openly gay attorneys participate at the highest levels of firm management as partners, hiring partners, Policy Committee members, office heads, and committee members and chairpersons. Chapman has also formed affinity groups for women, ethnically diverse, and LGBT attorneys which provide support for networking, mentoring, and professional development for these individuals.

“Chapman and Cutler is a leader in equal opportunity employment because we value excellence,” says Stacey Kielbasa, Chapman’s Director of Professional Development, Attorney Recruitment and Diversity. “Excellence has no color, no gender, no sexual orientation, but rather is found in cultivating the talents and unique perspectives of each individual employee.”

Chapman and Cutler, along with the other 37 firms, will be honored by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel at the Equality Illinois Raising the Bar Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, August 8, 2013 in the JW Marriott Hotel in Chicago's Loop.

About Chapman and Cutler

Chapman and Cutler LLP is a national law firm with a practice that is focused on financial services transactions and clients. Founded in 1913, the firm has more than 215 attorneys with offices in Chicago, New York, Washington D.C., Salt Lake City, and San Francisco. For more information, please visit chapman.com.

About Equality Illinois

Founded in 1991, Equality Illinois is the state's oldest, largest and most effective organization advocating for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Illinoisans.