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Human Rights Campaign Foundation Names Chapman and Cutler One of the Best Places to Work

Chapman receives 100 percent rating on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 2010 Corporate Equality Index.

Chicago (September 16, 2009) – Financial service law firm Chapman and Cutler LLP (chapman.com) has been ranked one of the best places to work by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation in their 2010 Corporate Equality Index. Chapman earned an 100 percent ranking on the survey, which rated 590 private employers in various industries.

“Chapman believes that supporting an inclusive work environment is not only the right thing to do, it is necessary in providing exceptional service to our clients,” said Rick Cosgrove, Chapman’s chief executive partner. “We are proud to be one of the firms leading this commitment.” The HRC’s ranking closely follows Chapman’s recognition as one of the 50 Best Law Firms for Women by *Working Mother* magazine and Flex-Time Lawyers.

Chapman has consistently supported diversity initiatives through its policies, work culture and support of external organizations. The firm has had domestic-partner benefits in place for years and has more recently established gender-transition guidelines. In addition, Chapman has created a Diversity Committee to provide for the advancement of an inclusive workplace and a GLBT affinity group for attorneys. The firm also supports LGBT organizations and events such as Lambda Legal, Lavender Law and Meet the Bar.

“Legal work in this country is deeply rooted in our nation’s core values of equality and justice for all,” said HRC Foundation President Joe Solmonese in a statement released by the HRC, “And law firms continue to set the gold standard for treating their LGBT employees fairly.”

The 2010 Corporate Equality Index rated businesses on a variety of factors, such as whether they have a written non-discrimination policy, provide insurance that covers transgender-related treatments and contribute to community organizations.

About Chapman and Cutler

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