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## Chapman Named Among the Best Law Firms for Women by Working Mother and Law360

*Chapman's career and business development initiatives to advance women attorneys were recognized in reports released by Working Mother and Law360, which name the firm among the best for women attorneys*

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CHICAGO, July 25, 2017 — Chapman and Cutler LLP is pleased to announce that it has been named to the 50 Best Law Firms for Women 2017 list, published by *Working Mother*, which worked in collaboration with the *ABA Journal* as a knowledge partner for the first time. The list recognizes law firms that have demonstrated a significant commitment to career and business development initiatives focused on retaining and advancing women attorneys. This is Chapman's eighth appearance on the list.

Chapman was also recognized in *Law360's* Glass Ceiling Report, which surveyed more than 300 law firms on gender diversity. Among similarly sized firms, Chapman was highly ranked for both the percentage of female equity partners and the total percentage of women attorneys.

"We are proud of Chapman's ongoing commitment to support all of our attorneys in achieving both their professional and personal goals," said Stacey Kielbasa, Director of Talent Development, Diversity, and Human Resources. "The contributions of our women attorneys are critical to the firm's success, which is why we invest in and support programs that develop skills, provide mentoring, and offer networking opportunities to help our women attorneys advance and succeed."

*Working Mother* scored the firm highly for female representation within firm leadership, flex-time and alternative work schedules, compensation structure, diversity and accountability, female leadership, communication, and management and educational opportunities.

Chapman continues to strengthen and develop a variety of initiatives tailored to support the careers of women attorneys. Partners Kim Ahlgrim, of the Asset Securitization Department, and Rebecca Wallenfelsz, of the Trusts and Estates Department, serve as co-chairs of the Women's Affinity Group at Chapman, which hosts networking events and mentoring sessions to help attorneys prepare for leadership roles. The firm's sponsor program pairs diverse associates, counsel, senior counsel and staff attorneys with firm leaders to identify and pursue professional and business development goals and opportunities. Chapman also has a Working Parents Affinity Group that offers parents resources and opportunities to share their experiences and insights. Additionally, Chapman offers extensive paid leave for primary and non-primary caregivers, adoption aid, child care and employee assistance programs that provide support services for women and working parents, educational events, comprehensive benefits for same-sex couples, and private rooms for nursing mothers.

Chapman will be honored by *Working Mother* at its Gala Awards Luncheon in Chicago on October 4, 2017.

### **About Chapman and Cutler LLP**

*Chapman and Cutler 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 220 attorneys with offices in Charlotte, Chicago, New York, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. For more information, please visit [chapman.com](http://chapman.com).*

### **About Working Mother Media**

*Working Mother Network (WMM), a division of Bonnier Corporation, publishes Working Mother magazine and its companion website [workingmother.com](http://workingmother.com). The Working Mother Research Institute, the National Association for Female Executives, and Diversity Best Practices are also units within WMM. WMM's mission is to serve as a champion of culture change. Working Mother magazine reaches more than 2 million readers and is the only national magazine for career-committed mothers.*

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