2015 Women in Litigation Conference: Leadership Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities
9–9:30 AM   Registration and Breakfast
Power Rogers & Smith Ceremonial Courtroom, 10th Floor

9:25 AM   Opening Remarks
Megan Canty
Assistant Director
Dan W. Webb Center for Advocacy
Zelda Harris
Director
Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy

9:30–10:30 AM   Special Address
Breaking Through Bias – Communication Techniques for Women in Litigation
Andrea Kramer
McDermott Will & Emery
Ms. Kramer will discuss professional advancement, gender stereotypes, disparity in compensation, strategies for self-evaluation, and how professional organizations can and should advance women leaders.

10:30–11:30 AM   Panel Discussion
Women as Leaders in Law: Where We Are Now and How to Get Where We Want to Be
Amy Campanelli
Cook County Public Defender
Mary Ann Hynes
Dentons
Stephanie A. Scharf
Scharf Banks Marmor
Lauren Robinson
American Bar Association
Moderator: Megan Canty
The members of this panel will discuss successful strategies for professional advancement and the progress women have made, as well as what factors continue to hold women back from achieving leadership roles in the litigation field.
11:30 AM–1 PM  
**Lunch**

12–1 PM  
**Presentation**  
*Opportunities and Challenges Facing Women Attorneys*

Kathryn Conway  
Power Rogers & Smith

Ms. Conway will discuss current opportunities for career advancement and leadership that women should take advantage of, and how to create opportunities for yourself. She will also discuss the challenges women attorneys face on the path the leadership.

1–2 PM  
**Panel Discussion**  
*Becoming a Successful Leader in the Legal Profession*

Eileen Letts  
Greene & Letts  

Susan Levy  
Northern Trust Corporation  

Gloria Santona  
McDonalds Corporation  

Melissa A. Smart  
Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission  

**Moderator:** Zelda Harris

This panel will discuss the fact that an excellent work product alone is not enough for women to rise to leadership roles. Panelists will share their unique perspectives on what makes women stand out in the legal profession in order to gain recognition. They will also discuss what critical skills are necessary not only to rise to a leadership role, but to be a successful leader in the legal profession.

2 PM  
**Closing Remarks**  
Megan Canty