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**INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN &**

**WOMEN’S PRO BONO ENGAGEMENT FAIR**

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

When: Monday, March 9, 2020

4:00 PM Set-up for Pro Bono Fair and Cocktail Reception

5:00 PM Cocktail Reception & Women’s Pro Bono Engagement Fair

6:00 PM Speeches and Presentations

Where: New York City Bar, 42 West 44th Street, NY, NY, 2nd Floor

Committees: United Nations Committee African Affairs Committee; Vance Center for International Justice Committee; International Human Rights Committee; Council on International Affairs; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee; Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee; and The Sex and Law Committee

Sponsors: EPIQ Global, The Huntington National Bank, and Citibank

Cost: Registration Required. Free for Members, NGO Employees

$15.00 Non-Member Lawyers

RSVP: 212-382-6663 or for NYC BAR Association Members online at <https://services.nycbar.org/EventDetail?EventKey=CMTE030920&WebsiteKey=f71e12f3-524e-4f8c-a5f7-0d16ce7b3314>

5:00 PM Welcome/Opening Cocktail Reception and Pro Bono Engagement Fair Featuring Information Tables staffed by Non-Profits dedicated to serving women

5:50 PM Welcoming Remarks by Rodger Juan Maldonado, President, *NY City Bar Association*

6:00 PM Opening Remarks by Catherine van Kampen, Esq., BLB&G Law Offices,

Member, *United Nation Committee and African Affairs Committee*

**6:10 PM *Session I:* *Elevating Women in Society through Public Policy and Law:***

***Expert Panel Speeches from United Nations and NY Legal Community***

Moderator: BLB&G

The Status of Women

Panelist: Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Director*, UN Women (Confirmation pending)*

Panelist: Mrs. Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, *United Nations*

Elevating Women in Organizations to Achieve Gender, Racial and Economic Equality

Panelist: Charlotte Laurent-Ottomane, Executive Director, *Thirty Percent Coalition*

The Role of Legal Societies and International NGOs in Aiding Women

Panelist: Stephanie Johanssen, Senior Advocacy Officer and UN Representative, *Women's Refugee Commission*

The Gender Economics Dynamic Separating Women from their Children

Panelist: Fiona Bassett, Board Member, *The Hopeland Charity Foundation*

Women’s Reproductive Health Rights

Panelist: Francoise Girard, President, *International’s Women’s Health Coalition*

**7:20 PM *Session II* –*Innovations in Justice Advocacy: Trends in the Legal Community, at Legal Foundations, and within the Global NGO Community***

Moderator: Robyn Griffin, Managing Director, *The Huntington National Bank*

Global Human Rights Concerns and Abuses impacting Women

Panelist: Akila Radhakrishnan, President, *Global Justice Center*

Speaker on Status of Women & the Role of Lawyers and Law in Improving the Status of Women

Panelist: Julie Fink, Managing Partner, *Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP*

Innovative Approaches to Improving the Lives of Women through the Rule of Law and Government Policy

Panelist: Dr. Faith Mwangi-Powell, CEO, *Girls Not Brides*

Fight for Accountability for Crimes Against Women & Girls: Training Survivors to be Justice Advocates: School of Justice

Panelist: Jessica Reijnders, Executive Director, *Free A Girl USA*

Case Study in Crisis Response to Genocide and Sexual Terrorism: Documenting Human Atrocities and War Crimes in the Pursuit of Justice

Panelist: Laila Khoudeida, Co-Founder and Director of Yezidi Women’s Affairs, *YAZDA*

8:30 PM Keynote Speaker

Panelist: Consolee Nishimwe, Rwandan Genocide Survivor, Author of *Tested to the Limited*, Educational and Motivational Speaker

8:45 PM EPIQ WOMEN 2020 AWARDS FOR JUSTICE & ADVOCACY

Presenter: Victoria Waciura, Vice President, *EPIQ*

HER HEROES 2020 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Presenter: Robyn Griffin, *The Huntington National Bank*

CLOSING REMARKS

Speaker: Barbara Hart, President and CEO, *Lowey Dannenberg, P.C.*

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