

In January, 2011, Heather G. Suarez, Esq., a partner at Walder, Hayden & Brogan, P.A., Roseland, New Jersey, was asked to join the board of Women Rising, Inc. Since joining the board, she has been a member of its Fund Development Committee. As a committee member, Heather was instrumental in arranging for Women Rising to host a Meet & Greet at 2600 Kennedy Blvd., in Jersey City. This event was held on October 10, 2011, and provided an opportunity for building residents and other Jersey City residents to learn about the important work being done each and every day by a Jersey City based non-profit.



Heather has been with her law firm since 1980, and has been a partner since 1989. She is committed to her profession and dedicated to providing information and guidance to those interested in entering the profession and those interested in the law. With those goals in mind, Heather is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts. She is a member of its law school education sub-committee. On September 26, 2011, the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts, in conjunction with Career Services of Seton Hall University Law School, presented a program to law students and young lawyers entitled: “Communication Boot Camp”. Heather was the moderator of the panel discussion, with a distinguished panel. The panel was comprised of the Honorable Darrell Fineman, J.S.C., Catherine Wells, Esq., Sapana Shah, Esq., and Stephanie Palo, Esq. Heather believed that those in attendance would benefit from the perspective and insights of an experienced managing partner, and certified public accountant, and included Alan Sobel of Sobel & Co. as a panelist.

On November 10, 2011, Heather moderated another panel discussion, this one hosted by the Rutgers Women’s Forum at Rutgers University Law School in Newark, Heather’s alma mater. The focus of this panel discussion was women in the corporate practice. The distinguished panelists for this event were: Kimberly Banks MacKay, Esq., Executive Director, Legal Dept. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; Abigail Bomba, Esq., Corporate Partner, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP; Veronica Montagna, Esq., Associate, McCarter & English; and Cindi Smith, Esq., Managing Corporate Counsel, Alcatel-Lucent. That event was hosted at the law school the evening of Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Bright and early the following morning, Heather was on her way to Bethlehem, PA. There, at Lehigh University, for the third consecutive year, she was a featured guest lecturer to two undergraduate courses at Lehigh University. She shared with those students in the Introduction to Real Estate class offered through the Goodman School for Real Estate Studies at Lehigh University, her knowledge and insights with respect to zoning, condemnation and environmental law. After her two lectures, Heather participated in a luncheon hosted by the University in the impressive faculty dining room overlooking the campus so as to continue the dialogue with the Lehigh undergraduates.

Also in attendance was one of the course instructors, Kelly Berfield, Esq. Kelly is a member of CREW Lehigh Valley, PA.