

PRESS RELEASE

Linda Klein Inducted Into YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers

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(Atlanta, GA / May 26, 2009) Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, is pleased to announce that Linda A. Klein, managing shareholder of the Firm's Georgia offices and a member of the Firm's board of directors, was recently inducted into the YWCA of Greater Atlanta's 2009 Academy of Women Achievers. Ms. Klein, along with nine other honorees, was recognized at a banquet on May 13, 2009 for her accomplishments in empowering women and eliminating racism in the Atlanta community.

Ms. Klein focuses her practice in business dispute resolution, including contract law, construction law, fidelity and surety law, employment law, and professional liability. In 1997, she became the first woman to serve as president of the State Bar of Georgia. She has gone on to hold numerous other leadership roles in the national legal arena as well as in the Atlanta community. She currently is President of Southface Energy Institute and sits on the boards of Neighbor to Family and the Board of Directors Network.

Well respected in the Georgia legal community by her peers, Ms. Klein was named in 2007 as one of the state's "Legal " by *Georgia Trend* magazine and has been listed among *Georgia Super Lawyers* as one of the "Top 50 Women Lawyers in Georgia" annually since 2004. She is also listed in *Chambers USA* and *Best Lawyers*. In 2004, she was honored with the prestigious Margaret Brent Award. Earlier this year, she received the Randolph Thrower Lifetime Achievement Award from the State Bar of Georgia for her achievements in promoting diversity in the legal profession.