



Catherine M. Marriott Named YWCA of Richmond Outstanding Woman in Law

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RICHMOND, Va. - Williams Mullen announces that Catherine "Kate" M. Marriott, partner and chair of the firm's employee benefits section, was named YWCA of Richmond Outstanding Woman in law. Cassandra D. Emery, Executive Director and CEO of the YWCA of Richmond made the following remarks about Kate earlier today at the press conference: "The Selection Committee felt that Kate exemplified the values of the YWCA through her volunteer and professional achievements. We are honored to be able to recognize and share her accomplishments with the community."

"Kate really is an extraordinary woman," said Julious P. Smith, Jr., chairman of the firm. "Her work with the Richmond Public Library Foundation, Family Lifeline and Capital Area Health Networks has impacted the lives of so many in the Greater Richmond community. This recognition is truly deserved."

Kate's practice focuses on all areas of employee benefits, including stock-based compensation, executive and incentive compensation arrangements, pension and welfare plans for private and tax-exempt employers, ESOPs for public and privately-held companies, and ERISA issues arising in mergers and acquisitions.

She is a member of the Virginia State Bar, as well as the American, Virginia and Richmond bar associations. She is a founding member of the Central Virginia Employee Benefits Council, a member of the board of directors for the Capital Area Health Network and is vice chairman of the board of directors for Family Lifeline. Martindale Hubbell has rated Ms. Marriott an AV attorney, its highest rating available. Ms. Marriott is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and Virginia Business magazine's "Legal Elite." In addition, Ms. Marriott has been named a "Super Lawyer" for Employee Benefits/ERISA by Virginia Super Lawyers magazine. In 2009, Ms. Marriott was named one of the "Top 50 Women Lawyers" by Virginia Super Lawyers magazine, and was among the "Influential Women" of Virginia by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

In addition to her practice, Kate also serves as chair of the firm's pro bono committee. Her efforts have resulted in thousands of pro bono hours for organizations like the Virginia Poverty Law Center, the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, the Wills for Seniors program, and the Wills for Heroes program.

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