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Sisters in Success: Find Your Voice

Delaware's First Lady, Carla Markell, returned to present the keynote address for the second annual Sisters in Success Conference on Monday May 12, 2014 at Baylor Women's Correctional Institution. First Lady Markell, long-time advocate for volunteerism, added her voice to the team of professional women from the local community who came together to offer a series of workshops designed to provide Delaware's justice involved women with the skills necessary to make a successful transition back into the community. Governor Jack Markell and Robert M. Coupe, Commissioner of the Delaware Department of Correction (DOC), were also in attendance and addressed the women on the ongoing efforts to enhance the criminal justice system and the state's response to justice-involved individuals.

The theme for this year's conference, "Find Your Voice," covered a range of topics focusing on expressing yourself for success. The day-long conference, led by the Honorable Jan R. Jurden, Delaware Superior Court Judge, offered a variety of workshops moderated by various Delaware experts that explored issues related to finding your voice through personal growth and health awareness, positive relationships and setting appropriate boundaries, employment skills and the interview process, protecting privacy and concerns raised by social media, parenting issues, and re-entry services.

The event was sponsored by the Delaware Department of Correction, Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI); the Delaware Criminal Justice Council; the Delaware Women in the Law Section, Delaware State Bar Association; and the Delaware Chapter of National Association of Women Judges. Members of the steering committee include: Warden Wendi Caple, Baylor Women's Correctional Institution; Deputy Warden Robert May, Baylor Women Correctional Institution; the Honorable Jan R. Jurden, Delaware Superior Court; the Honorable Andrea Rocanelli, Delaware Superior Court; the Honorable Barbara Crowell, Delaware Family Court; the Honorable Aida Waserstein, Delaware Family Court; the Honorable Loretta Young, Delaware Family Court; the Honorable Arlene Minus Coppadge, Delaware Family Court; the Honorable Mary McDonough, Delaware Court of Common Pleas; Drewry Nash Fennell, Esq., Criminal Justice Policy Advisor to the Governor; Amy Herb, Criminal Justice Council; Laina Herbert, Esq. Immediate Past Chair, Women in the Law Section, Delaware State Bar Association; Faith Levy, Treatment Administrator, Baylor Women's Correctional Institution; John R. (Jack) McDonough, Reentry Coordinator, Delaware Department of Justice; Tanya Sellers, Esq., Crossland & Associates; Jennifer Hutchinson, Community Advocate; June Benson, Mental Health Court Peer Mentor

Program; and Amy Quinlan, Esq., Deputy State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts.

"We are honored to be able to come together once again to voice our hopes and experiences and to support one another to face our respective challenges with dignity and courage" Hon. Jan. R. Jurden, Delaware Superior Court.

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