Sharon Strand Ellison, founder of The Institute for Powerful Non-Defensive Communication, of California, is an award-winning author, speaker and internationally recognized consultant. Ellison was a nominee for the “Leadership in a Changing World” Award, sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Advocacy Institute. She works with people in more than thirteen different professions, including administrative personnel, small businesses, corporations, education, healthcare, government, law, law enforcement, social service and non-profits.

Lauren Stiller Rikleen is a nationally recognized expert on developing a thriving, diverse and multi-generational workforce. As president of the Rikleen Institute for Strategic Leadership, Lauren provides interactive workshops, keynote speeches, and customized consulting on women’s leadership and advancement; unconscious bias; and strengthening intergenerational teams. Lauren is also the Executive-in-Residence at the Boston College Center for Work & Family in the Carroll School of Management. Lauren is the author of Ending the Gauntlet: Removing Barriers to Women's Success in the Law and Success Strategies for Women Lawyers. She is currently writing a book about Millennials in the workplace. Among her awards and honors, Lauren has previously been selected by her peers to be listed in Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA America’s Leading Business Lawyers, and Massachusetts Super Lawyers.

Karen Lockwood combines leadership, trial, communication, and business skills in leading NITA, starting December 2012, in its mission to advance justice and improve advocacy skills of lawyers. Previously Founder of The Lockwood Group, she remains a thought leader in advancing the professions for diversity effectiveness. Speaker, writer, and strategic consultant, Associate Professor and Arbitrator, Ms. Lockwood also serves as member of the ABA Presidential Task Force on Gender Equity (Model Compensation Group); Past-President, Women’s Bar of DC; Liaison, ABA Board, NCWBA; and Trustee, College of Wooster.

Wendy Davis has been called “courageous,” “articulate and gutsy” and “inspiring” by the Fort Worth Star Telegram, which also described her as a legislator who “will stand up and fight.” Wendy has been taking on tough fights her entire life. She began working after school at 14 to help support her single mother and three siblings. By 19, Wendy was a single mother herself, working two jobs to make ends meet in hopes of creating a better life for her daughter. Through a brochure laid on her desk by a co-worker, Wendy learned of a paralegal program at Tar- rant County Community College that she thought could be the ticket to creating that better life for her young daughter. After two years of community college, Wendy transferred to Texas Christian University. With the help of academic scholarships and student loans, Wendy not only became the first person in her family to earn a bachelor’s degree, but graduated first in her class and was accepted to Harvard Law School.

Sharon Ellison, M.S.

Karen Lockwood

Lauren Stiller Rikleen

Wendy Davis

Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, (Ret.), served in the U.S. Air Force for over 28 years, retiring in 1985 as one of the most highly decorated women in U.S. history. Throughout her career, General Vaught forged new paths and pioneered opportunities for the servicewomen who would follow. A Vietnam veteran, she was one of the few military women in that war who were not nurses. And, when she was promoted to brigadier general in 1980, she was one of a handful of women in the world who had ever achieved that distinction. While her military accomplishments are extraordinary, General Vaught’s most lasting contribution will be her successful efforts related to the Women In Military Service For America Memorial where she was the driving force that built and now operates the $22.5 million memorial. Located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, the Women’s Memorial is the nation’s only major memorial to pay tribute to the more than 2.5 million women who have served in the nation’s defense.
The National Conference of Women’s Bar Associations is proud to present the Leadership Workshop for Professional Women: Skills for Success.

Designed by women lawyers for all professional women, this workshop will build economic strength among professional women across professional boundaries and use that strength to improve women’s lives in all areas. The workshop will provide women with the necessary tools to enhance productivity and job satisfaction. Participants will learn innovative techniques for effective communication and strategies to better market themselves, focus their efforts and advance to positions of leadership.

Over two days, attendees will participate in three workshops led by groundbreaking and internationally recognized facilitators. Participants will teach the science of negotiation and provide a practical skills-based session to put the skills learned into action. These sessions will give participants essential tools to capitalize on their own strengths, develop a unique strategic professional plan and provide high-level skills that can be immediately implemented. Attendees will commit to making an economic step forward within six months of the conclusion of the conference and have the tools to fulfill the commitment.

Who should attend?
All professional women - whether in law, accounting, finance, business, architecture, engineering, or management - will gain valuable skills from attending this outstanding professional development event.

Friday, February 8, 2013

8:00-9:00 AM
Registration and Continental Breakfast

Session I
9:00 – 10:30 AM
Sharon Ellison, M.S., The Institute for Powerful Non-Defensive Communication

Sharon Ellison will teach empowering communication skills. Participants will learn to communicate in a manner that:

- Promotes confidence and assurance
- Prompts others to speak in a way that quickly gets to the core of the matter
- Gives direct feedback without being judgmental
- Expresses thoughts with clarity and power without being adversarial
- Sets firm boundaries that create respect, clear expectation and reciprocity

10:30 – 10:45 AM
Break

10:45 – Noon
Sharon Ellison

Noon – 1:45 PM
Lunch and Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught - Keynote

Session II
2:00 – 4:15 PM
Workshop with Sharon Ellison

4:15 - 6:00 PM
Networking Reception

Saturday, February 9, 2013

Session III
9:00 -10:30 AM
Karen Lockwood, The Lockwood Group, Leading by Negotiation: Not an Art, But a Skill

10:30 -10:45 AM
Break

10:45 – 1:00 PM
Karen Lockwood, The Lockwood Group, Scenario-Based Negotiation Skills Training – Risk Free

1:00 – 2:30 PM
Lunch and Texas State Senator Wendy Davis - Keynote

Session IV
2:45 – 5:00 PM
Lauren Stiller Rikleen, Executive-in-Residence, Boston College Center for Work and Family

A Commitment to the Empowerment of Women across Professions - A Roadmap for Economic Advancement and Leadership