

Women lawyers from 31 firms form coalition on recruitment, retention issues

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CHICAGO — Women lawyers in Chicago have come together from 31 law firms to form a new coalition that will seek to collaborate on supporting the recruitment, retention and promotion of women attorneys and on encouraging women's initiatives at law firms.

The coalition has begun with 65 participating women lawyers from firms that include Baker & McKenzie; Jones Day; Latham & Watkins; Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg; Vedder Price; and Valorem Law Group, and is seeking additional participation, the coalition said in a press release. The group elected 18 board members at a meeting this month and will elect officers at a meeting next month.

The group was started last year partly with the help of Valorem's Nicole Nehama Auerbach, who was formerly at Katten Muchin Rosenman.

The group already has two upcoming events planned, including one on the next generation of women attorneys and another at which women will share their tips for business development.