

BLB&G Managing Director Catherine van Kampen Honored by ABA ILS with Mayre Rasmussen Award for the Advancement of Women in International Law

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BLB&G Managing Director and Senior Counsel Catherine van Kampen has been honored by the American Bar Association International Law Section with the Mayre Rasmussen Award for the Advancement of Women in International Law. The award highlights Catherine's professional achievements and contributions to furthering career opportunities for women in this pivotal legal sphere.

Reflecting on the award, Catherine underscored the importance of women's involvement in international law:

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The importance of women's involvement in international law cannot be overstated, especially in terms of representation, advocacy, and leadership. Women and girls make up half the world's population. Having women represented in the legal profession is critical to creating a fairer, more equitable world.

Catherine manages BLB&G's staff attorneys and has extensive experience in complex litigation and settlement administration. She has earned numerous honors for her international pro bono work advocating for immigrant and refugee women and children, including recognition as a Global Goals Ambassador by the United Nations Association of the USA. Catherine is also an active leader in legal organizations, serving on advisory boards and committees focused on advancing leadership, human rights, and gender equity.