

## **2006 Women in Law Leadership Academy**

Over 400 women lawyers attended the 2006 conference held on March 30-31, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel in Chicago. A similar Academy is scheduled for Fall, 2007 -- details to come in the months ahead. Below is a brief description of the 2006 Academy.

The 2006 Women in Law Leadership Academy's primary focus is career and legal skills development, with an eye toward leadership. Participants are taught to take charge of their leadership potential, self-assess, build their own personal leadership plans, and hear from those who have led the way before them. The CLE sessions will be strong on content and focused on practical, concrete advice and guidance. The Women in Law Leadership Academy will offer the perfect networking opportunity for young women professionals. While the programs are designed to attract young women lawyers, specifically those three to ten years out of law school, the Academy is open to all women in the profession.

The Academy will feature powerful keynote speakers -- such as Mary Cranston, Managing Partner of Pillsbury Winthrop and Gloria Santona, General Counsel of McDonald's Corporation -- and other leaders who have made significant strides in the legal profession. Sessions include:

- Taking Charge of Your Leadership
- Self Assessment and Personal Leadership: Getting the Most Out of Your Legal Career and Life
- Creating Your Own Personal Leadership Plan
- CLE Break Out Sessions
- Networking Reception and Breakfast