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## WilmerHale Named 2009 Top Ten Family Friendly Firm by Yale Law Women

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WilmerHale has been selected for the second consecutive year as one of Yale Law Women's 2009 Top Ten Family Friendly Firms. Yale Law Women surveys top law firms annually to showcase those that are improving work-life balance policies, in turn helping to retain and advance women in the legal profession.

"This recognition acknowledges WilmerHale's successful multi-pronged approach to the retention and advancement of women, which includes flexible career paths and work arrangements, robust training and development programs, and sensitivity to providing leadership opportunities for women," said Former Assistant Managing Partner Carol Clayton, who served as a Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) office liaison.

WilmerHale's parental leave policy for lawyers is among the best in the profession, allowing 18 weeks child-care leave at full pay and benefits for the primary caregiver of a newborn or newly adopted child during the leave.

In addition to such policies, the firm has formed committees that provide leadership opportunities for women lawyers in the workplace, such as the WLI, designed to promote the retention and advancement of women lawyers, and the Work-Life Balance Committee, designed to cultivate a work environment that permits and encourages lawyers to practice law in a manner consistent with the firm's core values, while maintaining rewarding family and personal lives.

Yale Law Women is Yale Law School's student organization devoted to promoting the interests of women in law school and the legal profession. For more information on Yale Law Women, click here.