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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS TO
EVALUATE NOMINATION OF SOLICITOR GENERAL ELENA
KAGAN TO SUPREME COURT**

Chicago, May 11, 2010 -- The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)® has called upon numerous Presidents to increase the representation of women in the federal judiciary, and has urged President Obama to nominate qualified women to serve on the Supreme Court. NAWL therefore commends President Obama for his nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to fill the vacancy on the Court occasioned by the recent announcement of Associate Justice Stevens' retirement. The Solicitor General has a distinguished career as a lawyer, constitutional scholar and public servant. It was in recognition of her many achievements in the law that NAWL presented Elena Kagan with its highest recognition -- the Arabella Babb Mansfield award -- at its Annual Meeting in 2008.

NAWL's Committee for Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees will apply the same careful and thoughtful screening techniques to consideration of Solicitor General Kagan's qualifications to serve on the nation's highest court as it did to the nominations of Justices Roberts, Alito and Sotomayor. NAWL representatives testified at Justice Sotomayor's confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee, and shall submit a report of its evaluation of the Solicitor General to the Senate Committee.

The National Association of Women Lawyers is the leading national voluntary organization devoted to the interests of women lawyers and women's rights. Founded over 100 years ago, NAWL has members in all 50 states and engages in a variety of programs and activities to advance its mission. Members of the NAWL Committee for the Evaluation of

Supreme Court Nominees are appointed by the President of NAWL and include a distinguished array of law professors, appellate practitioners and lawyers concentrating in litigation, with diverse backgrounds from around the country and who work in a variety of professional settings. The Committee independently reviews and evaluates the qualifications of each Presidential nominee to the United States Supreme Court with an emphasis on laws and decisions regarding women's rights or that have a special impact on women. More information may be found at www.nawl.org.

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