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## **NOW-NYC Announces its 2007 Women of Power & Influence Award Winners**

NY, NY - June 18, 2007- Celebrating women's power to change the world, The National Organization for Women in New York City will celebrate the achievements of five extraordinary women in business, law, and the arts on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Helmsley Park Lane Hotel on Central Park South. This year's honorees of the distinguished Women of Power & Influence Award are **Cathy Fleming, Lesley Goldwasser, Roberta Kaplan, Daryl Hannah, and Elizabeth Sackler.**

"These extraordinary women have all, in their unique way, demonstrated women's power to change the world to make it more just and fair," said Sonia Ossorio, President of NOW-NYC. "These leaders are trailblazers and have made tremendous strides in advancing women's rights. They have used their power and influence to help create positive change."

**Cathy Fleming**, the President of the National Association of Women Lawyers, is a partner at Nixon Peabody, LLP. Ms. Fleming has been a lifelong spokesperson for the empowerment of women and was an early and vocal advocate for issues of retention and advancement of women lawyers.

**Lesley Goldwasser**, the first Asset Backed Trader on Wall Street, is a Senior Managing Director at Bear Stearns & Co where she heads the Global CDO Group and is co-head of Equity Capital Markets, Debt Capital Markets, and Structured Products. She is active in the UJA-Federation and is a member of the board of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**Daryl Hannah**, actress and activist, works to bring world-wide attention to the fast growing illegal industry of human trafficking and sexual slavery. In addition to campaigning against the sex trafficking of women and girls, she has traveled to Southeast Asia to shoot a documentary that spotlights the issue.

**Roberta Kaplan**, a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP, has an active pro bono practice. Ms. Kaplan served as lead counsel in the case challenging New York's ban on marriage for same-sex couples. She has been active in matters involving mutual funds, U.S. equity research analysts, and practices in the insurance industry.

**Dr. Elizabeth A. Sackler** is the visionary and benefactor of the dazzling new Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum. As the first public space of its kind in the country, the Center's mission is to present feminist art and to explore its meaning and influence through a wide range of public programs.

The proceeds from this annual gala event enable NOW-NYC and its sister charity, the Service Fund of NOW-NYC to provide support and advocacy for the women of the city of New York and make it possible us continue to shape the national and local agenda on women's issues, elect pro-choice leaders, nurture young activists, provide referrals and direct services to women in need, and spearhead campaigns to create social and legal change on critical issues

**The National Organization for Women is the nation's largest organization working to advance women's rights and improve women's lives. Founded in 1966, the New York City Chapter of NOW is the largest chapter in the country with 7,000 members locally and 35,000 statewide. NOW-NYC works to protect women's reproductive choices, end violence against women and eliminate sex discrimination in our schools, workplaces, and the justice system in New York.**