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2021 ANNUAL GALA



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

I am delighted to welcome you to NWLC's 2021 virtual gala. Although we are still not gathering in person, we are thrilled to be together to reflect, renew, and reenergize. We gather as a reminder that together we are stronger than any individual fight.

As we gather, we must also recall the many hard-fought, critical wins from the past year that have taken place in the shadow of disturbing headlines. The American Rescue Plan Act passed, providing historic and longoverdue support to the fragile child care sector. We galvanized support against attacks on abortion access. We launched a groundbreaking cultural initiative to center and celebrate the critical role child care workers play in our economy and to name that child care workers are the backbone of our economy and our families. Together with 'me too.' International and TIME'S UP, we launched We, As Ourselves to reshape narratives about sexual violence and its impact on Black survivors. And in some of the highest positions shaping our nation, we've begun to witness the promise of leadership that represents the diversity of this nation. From Vice President Kamala Harris to Vanita Gupta, Kristen Clarke, Catherine Lhamon, Deb Haaland, and Marcia L. Fudge, just to name a few.

So when I think about this time, I recall not only these moments and headlines but the people behind them, too. The health care workers, the parents, the advocates, and the dreamers embody the best of what is possible for our country. As we begin to recover and forge a future that works for all of us, we must reckon with the ways our old normal greatly impacted far too many women and families. Women have been on the front lines in child care and hospitality industries that have kept our economy afloat before and during the pandemic. Far more so for women of color. Yet, women of color have been hit the hardest in the last 18 months and face the widest wage gaps. The stories and experiences of women in this time should serve as a call to action for us all.

I hope tonight's program will be that call to action. And I hope it will leave you inspired to continue dreaming and fighting. We'll hear directly about the impact on workers during the pandemic and how abortion access is central to freedom. We'll learn about what it will take to rebuild the child care sector and the investments all of us can make for students to thrive.

Our work is for, and made possible by, brave women, many of whose names are rarely spoken or we may never know. So, despite the highs and lows that come with this work, and what we've experienced in this year alone, I am still inspired to dream because of them.

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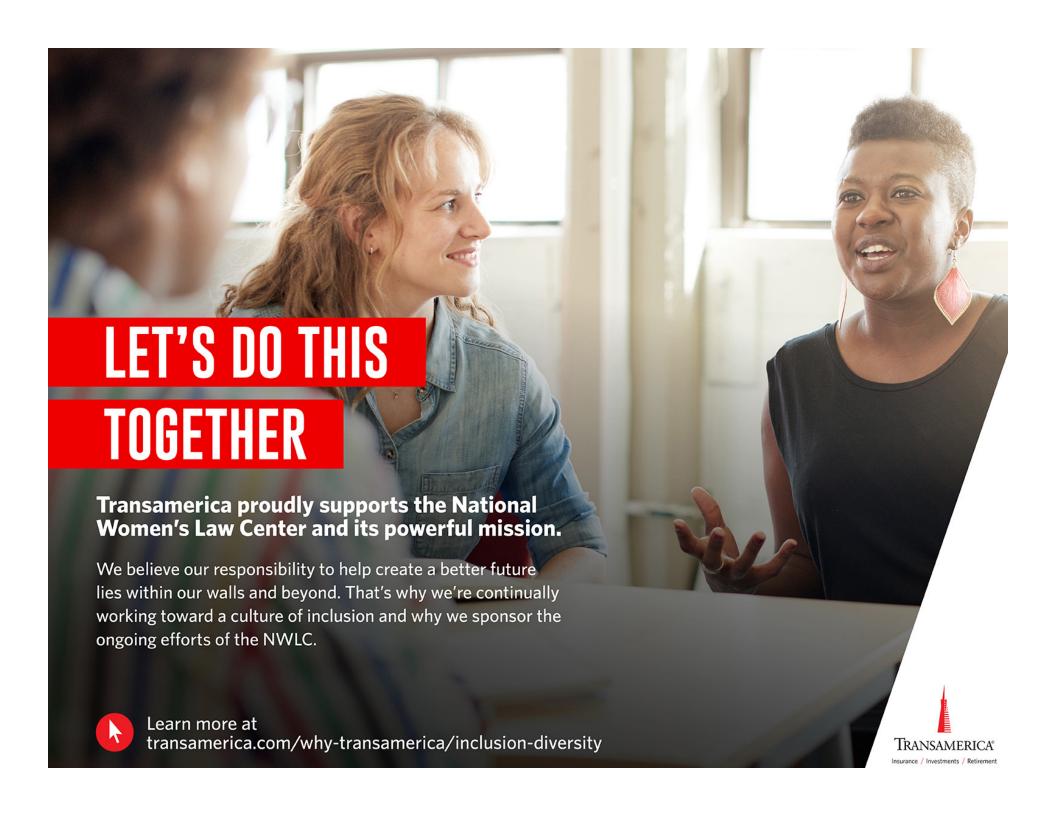












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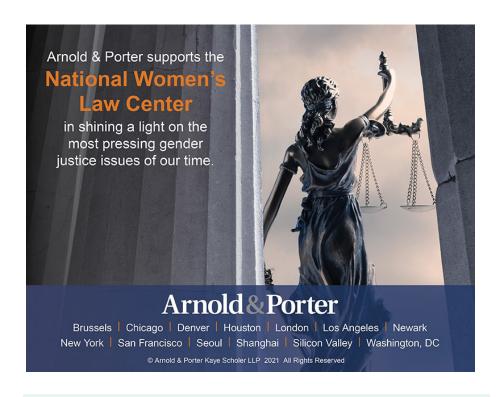


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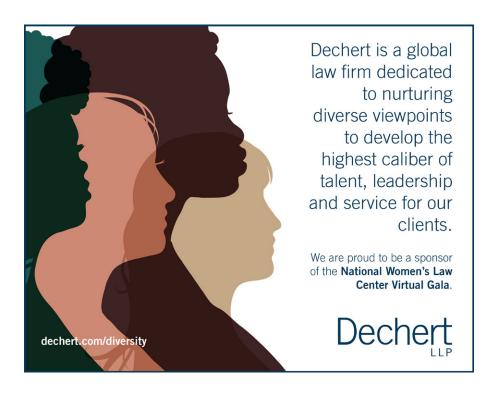
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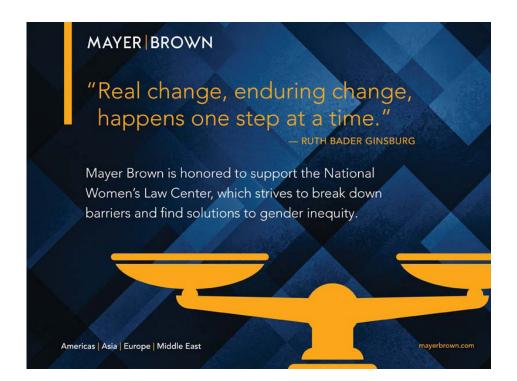


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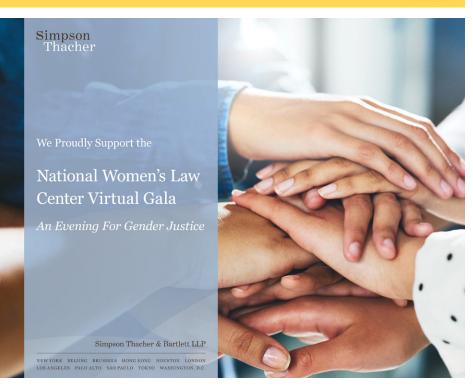


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