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Delaware Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long & Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton Recognized for their Support in Advancing Female Leaders in Business, Finance, and Technology

The Chicago Network and Investor Cash Management (ICM) were joined by a cross-section of female business leaders to recognize the importance of collaboration among government, finance, and technology

Chicago, Ill.— The Chicago Network and Investor Cash Management (ICM) hosted an event in Chicago focusing on the collaboration of women leaders in government, finance, and technology. The event, held at The Chicago Club, recognized both Delaware Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long and Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton for their support of female leaders in these fields.

The Chicago Network is an organization of Chicagoland’s prominent and most influential female leaders whose purpose is to empower women to lead. Investor Cash Management (ICM) is a financial technology (FinTech) company transforming individuals into investors with a simple, inclusive approach to finance, with headquarters in Wilmington, DE and offices in Chicago, IL. The group met to discuss best practices and ideas to advance more women into leadership roles to benefit the economy in their states.

“Supporting future female leaders will empower our economy and our state,” said **Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Ph.D., R.N.** “Thanks to groups like The Chicago Network and ICM, women have made great strides in breaking barriers, tearing down walls, and closing the gap. But there’s more we can do, and I am grateful to have joined Lt. Governor Stratton to discuss how we can best support female leaders now and in the future.”

“I often say the wisdom is in the room. We tap into that wisdom to push forward and find solutions. Groups like The Chicago Network and ICM understand the importance of bringing women together in spaces where they can be their authentic selves while networking and sharing ideas,” **said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton.** “Together we grow, we rise, and work to ensure that there is support for women at all levels in various industries. I am committed to that work, and it is inspiring to join other women leaders as we work to open doors and expand opportunities.”

“We are grateful to the amazing women who joined us today to find better ways to empower and collaborate with each other” **said Carolina Esswein, CAO and co-founder of ICM.** “Inclusion and diversity are priorities for ICM. We believe all individuals deserve both supportive work environments and the tools to build better financial futures”.

“Be the catalyst for change and a force for good. The Chicago Network members do just that as they live into our mission of advancing civic, business, and philanthropic communities and inspire and support the next generation,” **said Maria Doughty, President and CEO of The Chicago Network.** “We are at an inflection point that presents an opportunity to work together to increase the number of women on corporate boards and in the C-Suite. We know that when women are at the table, productivity and profitability will follow.”

Lt. Governor Stratton was also honored as incoming Chair of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA). Lt. Governor Hall-Long is a past NLGA chair. Both leaders plan to use their respective platforms to help advance women in business.

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