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LAUREL BELLOWS JOINS VISION 2020 SPEAKERS BUREAU

PHILADELPHIA (January 24, 2014) - Vision 2020, a national initiative to advance women's economic and social equality, welcomes Laurel Bellows as a member of its Speakers Bureau. Bellows is a member of the Vision 2020 National Advisory Board and immediate Past President of the American Bar Association.

Bellows is a sought-after speaker on topics that range from executive compensation and gender equality and women's leadership in the workplace to the campaign to eradicate human trafficking. She is the principal of the Bellows Law Group, P.C. in Chicago, Illinois.

As 2013 president of the American Bar Association, Bellows dedicated her term to combat human trafficking with human rights, law enforcement, businesses, and civil society groups. She became a member of the Gordon Brown Commission on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and a consultant for the Polaris Project, with a focus on women and human trafficking.

"As Vision 2020 continues to expand, we are pleased that Laurel will be joining its Speakers Bureau," said Lynn Yeakel, Founder of Vision 2020 and Director of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership. "Laurel's mission to make gender equality a priority through pay equity in the workplace aligns with the Vision 2020 message and will impact anyone who hears her."

Other members of the bureau include Deborah Brittain, immediate past president of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Ruth Ann Gillis, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer of Exelon Corporation and President of Exelon Business Services Company, and William Glick, Dean of the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University.

Speakers Bureau members can be contacted through Mary Flannery, Director of Communications for Vision 2020.

Vision 2020, a center within Drexel University College of Medicine's Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, is a national coalition of organizations and individuals united in the commitment to achieve women's economic and social equality. Its mission is to advance shared leadership among women and men to reach 50-50 by the year 2020, when the nation celebrates the centennial of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Vision 2020 is comprised of 81 Allied organizations representing over 20 million people, 135 Delegates across the country who work to advance the Vision 2020 mission and 12 National Advisors providing strategic guidance.