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Listed below are several resources that work to advance the careers of women in the legal profession.

The **American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession** is the national representative of the legal profession, serving the public and women in the profession by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.

Catalyst, founded in 1962, is the leading nonprofit corporate membership research and advisory organization working globally with businesses and the professions to build inclusive environments and expand opportunities for women and business.

DirectWomen is an innovative initiative of the American Bar Association, the ABA Section of Business Law, and Catalyst, Inc., DirectWomen is the only program specifically designed to identify, develop, and support a select group of accomplished women attorneys to provide qualified directors needed by the boards of US companies, while promoting the independence and diversity required for good corporate governance.

Minority Corporate Counsel Association, founded in 1997, advocates expanded hiring, retention, and promotion of minority attorneys in corporate law departments and the law firms that serve them. The MCCA accomplishes its mission through the collection and dissemination of information about diversity in the legal profession.

The **National Association of Women Judges** is the nation's leading voice for women jurists dedicated to preserving judicial independence, ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities and other historically disfavored groups, providing judicial education on cutting-edge issues, and increasing the numbers and advancement of women judges at all levels to more accurately reflect their full participation in a democratic society.

The **National Association of Women Lawyers** supports and advances the interests of women in and under the law and works towards the social, political, and professional empowerment of women.

The **National Conference of Women's Bar Associations** gathers three times a year to exchange ideas and foster connections among the leadership of women's bar associations throughout the nation, as well as abroad.

The **National Women's Law Center** uses the law in all its forms: getting new laws on the books and enforced; litigating ground-breaking cases in state and federal courts all the way to the Supreme Court; and educating the public about

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ways to make the law and public policies work for women and their families.

The **Women's Bar Association**, founded in 1917, works to maintain the honor and integrity of the profession; to promote the administration of justice; to advance and protect the interests of women lawyers; to promote their mutual improvement; and to encourage a spirit of friendship among its members.