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Blount of NEWiRE Boston named CREW Network's 2010 president

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Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network, the industry's leading advocate for the success of women in commercial real estate, announced today that Kristin Blount of the New England Women in Business (NEWiRE) Chapter in Boston was elected the 2010 CREW Network president.

Blount is a senior vice president/partner with Colliers Meredith & Grew in Boston where she provides brokerage and advisory services to tenants and landlords. She has served as a member of the CREW Network Task Force on Membership and Dues, chair of the Resource Development Committee, and Board Liaison to the Member Education Committee and the 20th Anniversary Task Force.

Blount served as president of the NEWiRE Steering Committee in the 2004-2005 year and has been actively involved in many NEWiRE committees in recent years. She has chaired events for various fundraising efforts in her community and serves on the board of a local agency that provides services and shelter to victims of domestic violence. Blount is also on the board of The Commercial Brokers Association for Greater Boston Real Estate Board.

She remains actively involved with the MIT Center for Real Estate where she served on the board of the Alumni Association for six years, including a two-year term as president. Blount also serves on the Executive Committee of the Boston College Real Estate & Finance Council. In 2005 and 2007, Blount was included on the Power Brokers list of the top 25 office-leasing brokers in her market based on transactions reported to CoStar for that year. Blount has been with Colliers Meredith & Grew for her entire real estate career, starting in Property & Asset Management. In addition to representing key company clients such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA and Ropes & Gray, Blount works with a number of smaller firms as well. She also works as a senior member of the Boston Brokerage helping less experienced associates in her firm to develop their skills.

CREW Network also elected new officers and directors to serve on the 2010 Network Board:

President-Elect: Collete English Dixon, CREW Chicago, vice president, transactions, for Prudential Real Estate Investors (PREI).

English Dixon is a co-leader of PREI's national investment dispositions program. Previously, English Dixon was responsible for sourcing wholly-owned and joint venture real estate investment opportunities in the Midwestern markets covering all property types, including office, multi-family, hotel, industrial and retail properties. English Dixon is a past president of CREW Chicago, immediate past chair of the CREW Foundation, a full member of ULI and vice-chair, membership of the UDMU Council/Purple Flight. She is also a member of the Advisory Council for the Chicago School of Real Estate at the Walter E. Heller College of Business Administration, Roosevelt University.

Immediate Past President: Jane Snoddy Smith partner, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, CREW Austin
Snoddy Smith helps lead her firm's multi-disciplinary retail industry and institutional investments group. She is a member of both their minority mentoring group and their Women's Initiative Network. Snoddy Smith has loved combining visits with many CREW chapters during her extensive business travel, and especially speaking in Toronto in May at the Canadian Coast to Coast CREW Conference.

Snoddy Smith maintains her first CREW membership in CREW St. Louis and is proud to be a founding member of CREW Austin and the chapter's president in 2005. In addition to her involvement in CREW, she was the chair of the ICSC 2008 Law Conference and is a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. She recently was named for 2010 in The Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate Law and is listed in Texas Super Lawyers. Snoddy Smith is a frequent speaker at conferences and contributor of articles to professional publications, including BOMA, ICSC, ABA, NAREIM and CCIM.

New Directors:

*Susan Hill, senior managing director, Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, LP CREW Houston

*Julie Rost former director, Perseus Realty Partners, LLC CREW Sacramento

*Ann Waeger vice president and equity partner, Farer Fersko

ICREW New Jersey

*Patricia (Pat) Werner, CEcD

Vice President of Community and Economic Development, WELBRO Building Corporation, Inc.

CREW Orlando

Returning Board Members:

*B. Diane Butler, MAI, CCIM principal and CEO, Butler Burgher Group

CREW Dallas

*Tonya Creekmore vice president of Peripheral Land Development, Southeast, General Growth Properties CREW Orlando/Atlanta

*Holly Nelson principal, TriSail Capital Corporation/Bank of America NEWiRE Boston.

The mission of CREW Network (www.crewnetwork.org) is to advance the success of women in commercial real estate. CREW does this by looking outward to bring more women into the industry, showcasing member successes and serving as a key resource to its members and the industry. CREW Network members represent all disciplines of commercial real estate – every type of expert required to "do the deal." Members comprise more than 8,000 commercial real estate professionals in 68 chapters across North America.

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