

## News Release – Businesswoman of the Year Finalists Announced

(OTTAWA, March 9, 2010) - The Women's Business Network of Ottawa is pleased to announce the 2009 finalists for the Businesswoman of the Year Awards, officially unveiled at a luncheon held at the Centurion Conference and Event Center earlier today.

Business Woman of the Year Awards, (BYA), recognize the accomplishments of women who live, work and play an active role in a business within the National Capital Region. Honored for their proven business acumen, outstanding leadership skills, exemplary community involvement and demonstration of a balanced lifestyle, the finalists are:



### Professional Businesswoman of the Year

The following finalists hold a professional designation and are responsible for growing their own practice.

Mamta Gautam, President, [PEAK MD](#)

Brenda Hollingsworth, Partner, [Auger Hollingsworth](#)

Tracey L. Pagé, Principal, [Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP](#), Chartered Accountants

### Entrepreneur Businesswoman of the Year

The following finalists are significant shareholders in their business and have taken entrepreneurial risk.

Mia Hempy, President & CEO, [CTE Solutions Inc.](#)

Elaine Nadeau, President / Art Director, [AN Design Communications](#)

Carley Schelck, Proprietor & Culinary Events Director, [the urban element](#)

### Corporate Businesswoman of the Year

The following finalists hold a senior position in; and significantly contribute to a publicly traded or privately owned business.

Debra Armstrong, President, Bank of America, [MBNA Canada Bank](#)

Monica Channa, Executive Director, Operations, [Akran Marketing](#)

Erin Crowe, Executive VP, CFO & Alternate Governor, [Senators Sports & Entertainment](#)

"The Businesswoman of the Year Awards are absolutely vital to the continued empowerment of businesswomen in the National Capital Region", said Sue Smarkala, President of Ottawa Women's Business Network, (WBN). Winners will be announced at the Businesswoman of the Year Awards Gala, which will be held at the Hampton Inn, 200 Coventry Road, Ottawa, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, traditionally a sold-out event. "We look forward to this years' prestigious event to highlight the accomplishments of these amazing women and to officially announce this years' category winners", adds Smarkala.

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### **About The Women's Business Network of Ottawa**

Relationship building is foundation of The Women's Business Network, (WBN), and the key to creating strong business networks and community involvement. With a diverse and dynamic group of businesswomen from the National Capital Region, WBN is celebrating over 20 years of facilitating educational development opportunities for Ottawa's business women in the spirit of entrepreneurial success. [www.womensbusinessnetwork.ca](http://www.womensbusinessnetwork.ca)



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