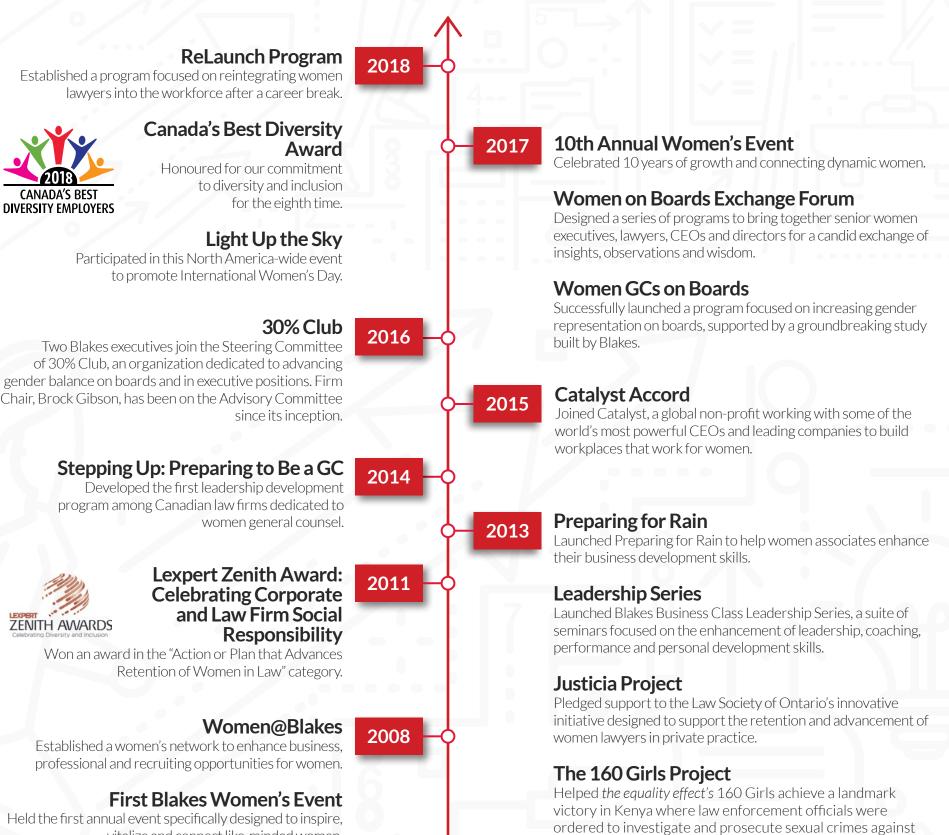
Empowering Nomen in Business and Law



Our commitment to fostering the development of strong, courageous and independent women has long been embedded in our Firm's culture. Throughout the years, we have not wavered in our determination to support gender equity and create opportunities for women within our Firm and in law and business in general. Blakes is a better place, and our work lives are richer and more vibrant, because we recognize and celebrate the extraordinary leadership, dedication and intellectual contributions of great women.

Here are just some of the ways we have promoted the empowerment of women along the way:



AIDS-Free World

and the Girl Child Network

vitalize and connect like-minded women.

Awarded the Law Firm Pro Bono Award for work in Botswana taking statements from women who were victims of sexual violence.

Diversity & Inclusion Committee



Created one of the legal profession's first diversity and inclusion committees.

The Judy Project

Became a founding sponsor of this leadership forum for executive women organized by the Rotman School of Management.

Catalyst Workplaces that Work for Women

Joined this innovative organization focused on providing solutions to accelerate and advance women into leadership.



Rotman Business Leadership for Women Lawyers

Signed on as, and continue to be, a sponsor and supporter of the program.



Equality Committee

women and girls.

Formalized a committee to focus on gender equality.



First Woman Lawyer

Welcomed Belva G. Hammell, the first woman lawyer at Blakes and the first woman partner of the Firm.



First Woman Law Student

Helped start the legal career of Clara Brett Martin, the first woman lawyer in the British Empire, which included Canada.

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