



Dianne Chipps Bailey Named 2015 Woman of the Year

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (June 8, 2015) – Dianne Chipps Bailey, an attorney with Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., was named the 2015 Woman of the Year at the 50 Most Influential Women event hosted by The Mecklenburg Times. Bailey was selected by a panel of independent business leaders from an impressive group of Charlotte’s most influential women in the business, government, education and nonprofit fields.



“What a joy and privilege it is for me to serve the nonprofit sector, both personally and professionally,” she said. “To be named the 2015 Woman of the Year honors the important work of charitable and civic organizations throughout our community. I am grateful.”

Bailey leads Robinson Bradshaw’s nonprofit organizations and foundations practice group, providing counsel to nonprofit organizations in all aspects of their operations. She represents schools and universities, churches and other religious organizations, endowments, supporting organizations, corporate and family foundations, sports philanthropies, museums, business leagues, social clubs, trade organizations and a complement of charitable groups.

“We are so very proud of Dianne. She is devoting her career as a lawyer to nonprofit and philanthropic causes, which substantially enriches our community and the lives of us all,” said Russell Robinson II, a founding partner of the firm and well-known philanthropist.

Bailey is a founding director of the Women’s Impact Fund, a grantmaking collective that has given more than \$3.7 million to 49 nonprofit organizations since 2003. She has also chaired the board and now serves on the board of advisers. Bailey also serves on the board of directors of Women's Collective

Giving Grantmakers Network (WCGN), the national umbrella group for women's giving organizations. She is co-chair of the WCGN 2015 National Leadership Forum, which is expected to draw women philanthropic leaders from across the U.S. to Charlotte October 15-17, 2015.

Bailey serves as incoming chair of Discovery Place, Inc. and president-elect of Women Executives, and she recently was named to N.C. Center for Nonprofits' CEO Advisory Council. Bailey previously chaired the boards of Presbyterian Hospital Foundation, Mecklenburg Bar Foundation and First Presbyterian Church Diaconate, where she also was an Elder. She has raised funds and other support for Girls on the Run of Charlotte, Carolina Breast Friends and Charlotte Ballet.

"Everything Dianne Bailey touches turns to gold, and our nonprofit community is the richer for it. She has melded her avocational interests and her vocational career into a uniquely powerful force for good. Count me one of her biggest fans!" said Michael Marsicano, president and chief executive officer of Foundation For The Carolinas.

Bailey and her husband, Brian, have lived in Charlotte 15 years and have two children. She earned her law degree cum laude from Georgetown University and her bachelor's degree with high honors from the University of California, Berkeley.

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