

Seyfarth Shaw Partner Anita Ponder Recognized by *Today's Chicago Woman* as “Making a Difference”

CHICAGO (July 12, 2011) — Seyfarth Shaw LLP is proud to announce that Government Contracts partner Anita Ponder has been named to *Today's Chicago Woman* magazine's “100 Women Making a Difference 2011” list. Ponder works in the firm's Chicago office and also serves as Chair of Seyfarth's Government Contracts Business Forum.

Recently named to *Chicago Lawyer* magazine's “Chicago Women in Law 2011,” Ponder was selected based on a survey of her peers and members of the legal community as one of 12 women who have made a local impact. Also honored during the Chicago Women's History Month Celebration, Ponder has been lauded for her many and significant contributions to the business industry. Nationally well-known for handling a range of supplier diversity issues involving minority, women-owned and small businesses, she also helps those companies obtain certification eligibility and/or contract opportunities with federal, state, local and non-profit certifying agencies nationwide.

Ponder's practice focuses on advising bidders and contractors on government regulations, laws, policies and legislation; preparing responsive bid proposals, small business subcontracting plans, bid protests and equitable contract claims; drafting and negotiating contracts; resolving contract disputes; obtaining contract payments; facilitating contract compliance, including assisting clients to meet contract participation goals for small businesses; representing contractors in suspension and debarment proceedings; and structuring competitive strategic alliances and relationships between majority- and minority-owned businesses. She also regularly delivers speeches on these issues to major corporations, business organizations, bar associations and government agencies throughout the country.

Since 1988, *Today's Chicago Woman* has annually recognized “100 Women Making a Difference.” The list strives to honor those women who “work tirelessly behind the scenes,” and “whose accomplishments go unsung to the general public.” The women on the list hail from a variety of industries, including finance, law, education, philanthropy, media, government, marketing, culture, and other arenas. They have truly made an impact on their respective fields, the City of Chicago and/or beyond.

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