

## **PRESS RELEASE: Pullman & Comley's Hartford Women's Networking Tea Spotlights Work of Young Women's Leadership Corps**

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*Pictured, from left to right: Diane Whitney, partner at Pullman & Comley and chair of the firm's Women's Leadership Initiative; Shari Cousin, Director of Programs YWCA Hartford Region; Jamilla Elsey, China Pugh and Shenelle Kelly, students in the YWLC program; and Carrie Field, Pullman & Comley attorney and YWCA Hartford Region Board vice chair.*

HARTFORD,: The Women's Leadership Initiative at Pullman & Comley hosted its annual Hartford Networking Tea on Thursday, September 20 at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum in Hartford, Connecticut.

The event, which brings together business women and community leaders from the Greater Hartford region, included as its featured guest the Young Women's Leadership Corps (YWLC). A program of the YWCA Hartford Region, since 2001 the YWLC has encouraged teen girls grades 7-12 in the Hartford region to excel in school, attend college and be prepared for a career. This free, after-school and summer program reinforces each participant's core academic education and prepares her for lifetime success with an emphasis on; personal growth and accountability, financial capability and career readiness and exploration. YWLC serves underrepresented youth who lack connections, helping them to advance their education, plan for a career and build critical life skills, develop a positive life plan and ultimately become financially stable with a career that pays a self-sufficiency wage.

The Women's Leadership Initiative at Pullman & Comley is committed to advancing women's careers by providing seminars, networking events and awareness-raising programs for women in the firm's local communities. Pullman & Comley, LLC, provides a wide range of legal services. The firm's major practice areas include corporate and business, environmental, health care, litigation, public finance, real estate, property valuation, and trusts and estates. The firm has offices in Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford and Waterbury, Connecticut and in White Plains, New York. For more information, please visit [www.pullcom.com](http://www.pullcom.com).

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