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## Membership Spotlight: CREW President Elect, Stephanie Friese



Stephanie Friese has been a CREW member since 2001 and is the Managing Partner of Friese Legal, LLC, where she is focused on changing the business of law by providing a diverse and flexible work environment while also serving clients in the commercial real estate arena. The attorneys at Friese Legal focus primarily on leases, commercial closings, and lease enforcement litigation. Friese Legal is the only commercial real estate law firm in the U.S. which is certified as "woman-owned" by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council.

"I knew CREW was the organization for me from the very first luncheon I attended. It was energizing and inspiring, and I could look around the room and see so many women that I wanted to work with and see as role models. I graduated from the CREW Leadership Class of 2002, and it was the best thing I could have done for my involvement in

the Atlanta real estate community. The class was a springboard for leadership opportunities, and it opened doors to meet powerful and influential women and men across the real estate industry. I have found the members of CREW to be supportive and the leadership path that I have experienced has been fast and rewarding. In addition, I am excited about the path that CREW is taking through its new strategic plan. We are going to not only provide personal growth opportunities for women in real estate, but we will provide investment opportunities and philanthropic opportunities that will effectively put more women in positions of power and influence in the real estate industry. I am honored to be President-Elect and excited to see this organization do wonderful things."

Stephanie was President of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers from 2005 to 2006. She is currently President-Elect for Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Atlanta. Stephanie has received various accolades, including: Atlanta Business Chronicle's Top 40 Under 40 (2004); Rising Star Super Lawyer by Atlanta Magazine (2005 - 2007); Atlanta Woman's Up & Comer (2006); the Local Champion of the Year Award from CREW Atlanta (2006) and an AV Peer Rating from Martindale Hubbell, a distinction that is rare for attorneys who have been practicing fewer than ten (10) years, and which is reserved for fewer than 15% of attorneys nationwide.

## Welcome New Members!

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## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Luncheon March 7, 2008

Register, starting Monday, February 11, and pre-pay by credit card on-line by clicking [here](#).

**"No Water, No Problem? Commercial Real Estate Surviving the Drought"**

11:30 a.m. Registration, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Program  
103 West

103 W. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta GA 30305

\$45.00 CREW Members, \$65.00 Guests

\*Reservations not cancelled by NOON, Monday, March 4, 2008, will be charged.

## CREW University Wednesday, March 19th

8:00 am - 12:30 am

Nadia Bilchik Seminar, Members Only

Parc Community Buckhead

Registration opens March 1st

## Coming Next Week...

### Call for CREW Awards Nominations!

Be thinking about your nominations. Categories are:

New Member of the Year  
Distinguished Achievement  
Member-to-Member Business  
Economic Improvement  
Humanitarian  
Career Advancement for Women  
Industry Innovator  
Local Champion of the Year  
Organization of the Year

## 2008 Capital Campaign Update

**76% of Goal!!!** It's amazing that we've already raised \$115,000 of our \$150,000 fundraising goal for 2008. And it's only February! This is 110% of our Chapter goal, 55% of our Event Sponsor goal, and 66% of our Member Pledges goal (with each category having a target of \$50,000).

If you are interested in personal donations or corporate sponsorships, please contact Leslie Burke at (770) 395-8637. For more information click on the link below:

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