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Summary: *Women in Leadership Seminar Series* announces monthly programs with thought leaders who push the envelope to offer stimulating ideas, inspiration and practical guidance for women and their careers. Next seminar is **February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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## Leaders Speak on Issues Vital to Professional Women

Turknett Leadership Group has assembled an outstanding line-up of speakers for its 2010 Women in Leadership Seminar Series. In its seventh year, the series has been highly lauded by participating organizations like AT&T, the Federal Reserve Bank, Southern Co., Turner Broadcasting, KPMG, LexisNexis, Kroger, and more. The seminars are designed specifically for executive and professional women as an opportunity to gather with new and known colleagues, and to be informed, invigorated and inspired with compelling topics and discussion about leadership, careers, and life.

The 2010 series kicked off on January 29<sup>th</sup> with a provocative presentation by Dr. Kym Harris who shared her dissertation research on the glass ceiling for African-American women. Joy Jordan, at Kimberly Clark said: *"Kym Harris' presentation on "Perceptions of the Glass Ceiling: Voices of Minority Women" was very insightful. She gave voice to a subject that is challenging to discuss, and provided proactive approaches to support career mobility for women of color."* The data was fascinating and followed by an open and invigorating discussion. *"Dr. Harris' excellent research set the stage for this group of executive women to explore an important topic that isn't discussed much,"* Nikki Nickerson, Director of Legal & Regulatory Compliance and Quality Assurance at LexisNexis commented. *"It stimulated a very open dialogue allowing everyone to share their own experiences and perspectives. We left encouraged knowing that there are strategies and constructive ways to deal with the statistics."* Other participants were equally positive in their comments: *"Great topic today! Outstanding speaker."* *"Wonderful opportunity for women to learn, network & be empowered."* *"Superior topics and great insights every time."*

The Women in Leadership Seminar Series offers monthly programs with dynamic speakers, leadership role models, and thought leaders who push the envelope with stimulating ideas, inspiration and practical guidance for women and their careers. Upcoming presentations include Ralph de la Vega, President & CEO of AT&T Mobility and Consumer Markets speaking on "Turning Adversity into Advantage in Business and Life." Suzanne Sitherwood, SVP of AGL Resources and the first woman Chair of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce will present "A High Energy Journey: Corporate and Civic Leadership." Shaunti Feldhahn, New York Times best selling author of the new book *The Male Factor* will offer "New Insights: What Women Don't Get About Men and Vice Versa"

**Access the full schedule** and profiles of current and past speakers at:

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