



PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT
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PRESENT

Taking the Heat: Gender Discrimination in Fire Fighting

**Featuring *Brenda Berkman* (FDNY, Ret.)
Lead Plaintiff, *Berkman v. City of New York***

**With *Marc Bendick Jr.*, *Bendick and Egan Economic Consultants, Inc* and
Karin Billerbeck, *Human Performance Systems Inc.***

**The program will be moderated by *Richard S. Ugelow*, Practitioner in
Residence, Washington College of Law (formerly a trial attorney in the
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice)**

Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Room 603

In 1979, Brenda Berkman had to sue to become a New York City fire fighter. Join us as we discuss the long-term implications of Captain (Ret.) Berkman's pioneering employment discrimination lawsuit, which resulted in the opening of fire fighting opportunities for countless qualified women across the United States. Panelists will explore how the Berkman litigation changed the U.S. Department of Justice's policy on women in fire fighting, affected the role of unions that represent fire fighters, and made employers reassess the employment of women in firefighting and other physically demanding and dangerous jobs. They will also explore the extraordinary challenges still confronting women firefighters.

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