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### **A Challenge for Women's Networks**

Women's networks should focus on talent retention, the gender pay gap and a new contract at work, said Janet Gaymer CBE, the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Mrs Gaymer is the first patron of City Women's Network (CWN), a long-established network for senior business women.

Speaking at CWN's Annual Dinner, Mrs Gaymer said: "Women have seen so many improvements. But there is plenty more to do. It is time to take networking to a new level."

She acknowledged the different leadership and communication styles of men and women. "Men often prosper in hierarchical organisations; women in smaller groups." She added that women were often shy about applying for jobs.

The dinner was attended by The Rt Hon Baroness Amos of Brondesbury (the Leader of the House of Lords), Sung Joo Kim (President and CEO of Sung Joo International, based in South Korea), Fiona Woolf (the President of the Law Society of England and Wales), CWN members and their guests.

The dinner was sponsored by Crabtree & Evelyn, MCM, Merrill Lynch, Euronext.liffe, and Kingsley Napley.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. City Women's Network is for senior business and professional women. Members include chief executives, directors, partners, trustees, executives and entrepreneurs. Launched in 1978 in the City of London by a small group of businesswomen as the answer to 'Boys' Clubs', it aims to enhance the status of women by providing a strong network of contacts, mutual encouragement and support between professional and executive women.
2. Janet Gaymer CBE is the Commissioner for Public Appointments. As Commissioner she regulates appointments made by Ministers to public bodies such as the BBC and NHS Trusts to ensure that they are fair, open and made on merit. Previously she was senior partner at Simmons & Simmons, a top international law firm. More information about the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments is available at [www.ocpa.gov.uk](http://www.ocpa.gov.uk).
3. Media enquiries about the work of the Commissioner should go to Maggie O'Boyle on 07880 740627.

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