



USBLN® Participates in ADA 20th Anniversary Celebrations

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WASHINGTON, DC (August 2, 2010) – Last week the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) proudly joined in the many illustrious celebrations marking the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in Washington DC. John D. Kemp, USBLN® Executive Director & General Counsel, was joined by Beth Butler, Vice President, Accommodations Management, Wells Fargo Company and USBLN® Board Chair; Susan Palmer Mazrui, Director, Public Policy, AT&T and USBLN® Board member; Frances West, Director, IBM Human Ability & Accessibility Center and USBLN® Board member and Jill Houghton, USBLN® Deputy Executive Director, for several of the activities that took place on the Hill.

Notable events included their attendance of the “Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2010” celebration at the White House. The commemoration paid tribute to this historic anniversary and was culminated with a memorable speech delivered by President Obama that summed up this important anniversary. To read the Presidential Proclamation-- Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-proclamation-anniversary-americans-with-disabilities-act>

Next, they attended the “Disability Power & Pride Gala” on July 26, 2010 at the National Press Club following the White House ceremony commemorating the ADA's enactment. Disability community leaders, advocates and supporters across all sectors joined together to honor the past and reinvigorate a movement to change the future.

The USBLN® also attended the National Council on Disability’s (NCD) “2010 National Summit on Disability Policy” which took place July 26-27, 2010, in Washington, DC at the Renaissance Washington. This event commemorated the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act with more than 300 people with disabilities and prominent stakeholders, including federal and private sector disability experts. Attendees were invited to confer and exchange ideas on significant topics for all people with disabilities at this invitation-only event. Their theme of *Living, Learning & Earning* was designed to launch a national dialogue on disability policies and programs in the 21st century.



USBLN® at the White House Celebration of the ADA 20th Anniversary

Front: John D. Kemp, USBLN® Executive Director & General Counsel
Left: Jill Houghton, USBLN® Deputy Executive Director; *Center:* Beth Butler, Vice President, Accommodations Management and USBLN® Board Chair; and *Right:* Frances West, Director, IBM Human Ability & Accessibility Center and USBLN® Board member

About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®)

The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) is the national disability organization that serves as the collective voice of over 60 Business Leadership Network affiliates across North America, representing over 5,000 employers. The USBLN® promotes the business imperative of the preparation and inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace, marketplace, and supply chain while supporting the development and expansion of its BLN affiliates. The USBLN® recognizes and supports best practices in hiring and advancing employees with disabilities, marketing to consumers with disabilities, and encourages contracting with vendors with disabilities through the development and certification of disability-owned businesses. www.usbln.org

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