



Partners for change: Hogan Lovells and the Dell Women's Entrepreneur Network

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This year, the Dell Women's Entrepreneur Network (DWEN) summit brought an inspiring two days of creativity, entrepreneurship, and social good to San Francisco, and we were honored to participate as a partner offering practical legal guidance to entrepreneurs from around the world. Partners Mahvesh Qureshi, Roberta Chang, and Nicola Evans led a series of key breakout sessions focused on the business and legal issues that matter most to early and mid-stage entrepreneurs. To help provide a robust resource for use after the summit, we provided all attendees with access to a complimentary 300-page legal toolkit that covers various relevant topics—from financing to protecting IP rights—throughout multiple international jurisdictions. DWEN is a global platform for women entrepreneurs to connect, and we wanted to provide tangible value as these entrepreneurs contemplate their long and short-term business strategy in an evolving world.

We've been close partners with Dell for eight years, so it's no surprise we share a deep-rooted commitment to supporting initiatives that advance the empowerment of women and girls globally. DWEN is an important global platform that is working to accelerate the role women play in driving economic growth in their communities. Leveraging the talent of our Hogan Lovells community, our attorneys have committed over 39,000 hours to our Empowering Girls and Women Initiative, a program that has partnered with over 45 nonprofit organizations, including Barefoot College and Care International UK's Lendwithcare microfinance initiative.

Citizenship is a core value and passion shared throughout our organization. Mahvesh Qureshi has advocated on behalf of worldwide poverty reduction, women's rights, and international development efforts inside and outside the firm. She led a number of extensive pro bono representations, including corporate governance and commercial matters for two global NGOs focused on international girls' education, and governance and organizational advice to a government-led planning and disaster relief body. Additionally, Nicola Evans is changing the way Hogan Lovells thinks about business and social impact and has spearheaded the launch of Hogan Lovells' pioneering Business and Social Enterprise program (HL BaSE), an initiative that encourages an understanding of the business skills necessary to support the changing business horizon. The program partners lawyers with entrepreneurs to scale their social impact to secure a balance between financial, societal, and environmental sustainability.

At Hogan Lovells, we are steadfast in serving our clients in their legal, business, *and* community endeavors. DWEN encompasses our core values and creates a network and strong foundation for women entrepreneurs to succeed. We believe in our responsibility to support diversity and inclusion—and we practice this as much as our legal practice.





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