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## **Watkins Meegan's Women's Leadership Initiative Partners With Law Firm for Exclusive Networking Event**

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More than 70 business leaders attended an "Evening of Conversations & Libations," sponsored by the women of Watkins Meegan and Holland & Knight on November 17 at Wildfire at the Tysons Galleria. As accountants and lawyers often work together, women leaders at the two firms thought the happy hour networking event would provide an excellent opportunity for the firms' female employees, clients and partners to connect – both professionally and personally.

Attendees enjoyed a selection of hors d'oeuvres and drinks, including the firms' signature cocktails such as the Watkins Meegan Appletini – a green apple martini with a cinnamon rim that perfectly matches the firm's new colors. In addition, retailers at the Tysons Galleria shopping center contributed a mix of coupons and samples for the event's coveted "swag bags." The Ritz-Carlton Boutique and Day Spa, Williams-Sonoma, Crane & Co., and Wolford donated door prizes, including gift certificates and gift baskets.

"Based on the feedback we've already received and the conversations I heard at Tuesday's gathering, 'Conversations & Libations' was a great success and one that we'll consider hosting again," said Becky McDonald, Director at Watkins Meegan, who helped organize the program. "It's amazing the connections that are made when you bring together such a dynamic and energetic group of women."

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