

Women on the Move

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One session at the recent *InsideCounsel* SuperConference was titled “Women on the Move.” The attendance was excellent. However, there were only two men in the room—Robert Vosper, executive editor of *InsideCounsel*, and me.

Much of the discussion focused on how to break through “old boys’ club” networking activities. The strategic response is twofold. First, women are creating networking activity of their own. Second, women are embracing the competitive advantages of traditional female gender traits such as listening, nurturing and caretaking. Those traits translate into good lawyering.

I asked a few of the audience members if the absence of men in the room bothered them. Their reactions ranged from “I didn’t notice” to “Who cares?” Perhaps women have figured out how to be on the move without enlisting help from their male colleagues. More likely, they simply don’t expect men to help draft their game plan. They were simply too polite to tell me that this is the new “old girls’ club” and ask me to leave.

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