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Human Rights Attorney Amal Clooney to Headline Pennsylvania Conference for Women

Registration Opens for Fifteenth Annual Tri-State Area Women's Conference

PHILADELPHIA (April 2018) - The Pennsylvania Conference for Women announced today that international human rights lawyer **Amal Clooney** will be a keynote speaker at the Conference on **Friday, October 12, 2018**, at the **Pennsylvania Convention Center**. Registration is now open for the largest gathering for women in the tri-state area. Additional keynote speakers will be announced in coming weeks.

Clooney practices at Doughty Street Chambers in London, where she specializes in international law and human rights. She is also a Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School. Her clients have ranged from political prisoners and ousted heads of state to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and the Republic of Armenia. She has appeared before the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, the European Court of Human Rights and various courts in the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Oxford-educated lawyer is a frequent adviser to governments on international law and has held a number of posts within the United Nations, including senior adviser to the UN Envoy on Syria. While in The Hague, she worked on the genocide trial of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, among other cases. She is currently counsel to Nadia Murad and other Yazidi women who have been sexually enslaved by ISIS in Iraq and Syria, working to secure accountability for the genocide committed by ISIS in national and international courts.

Amal Clooney is on the UK government's list of experts on international law and on the government's panel to prevent sexual violence in conflict. She has also been named a "Young

Global Leader” by the World Economic Forum, and she serves on the Forum’s Global Council on Human Rights. In 2016, she co-founded the Clooney Foundation for Justice.

“We are thrilled to feature Amal Clooney, an extraordinary woman who is an incredible example of courage and compassion,” said **Leslie Stiles**, Board President of the Pennsylvania Conference for Women. *“Clooney and over 100 additional leaders give our attendees a renewed sense of passion and purpose for making a difference in their communities - and we couldn’t be prouder.”*

Joining Amal Clooney at the 2018 Conference is **Maysoon Zayid**. She is an outspoken headlining and touring Comedian, as well as a proud ambassador for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Zayid is the Co-Founder and Co-Executive Producer of the New York Arab American Comedy Festival and The Muslim Funny Fest. The Arizona State University graduate was a full-time on air contributor to *Countdown* with Keith Olbermann, and she has most recently appeared on Oprah Winfrey Networks *In Deep Shift*, *60 Minutes*, and *ABC News*.

Among the 100+ speakers at the Conference will be: **Nisa Amoils**, a venture capitalist at Scout Ventures and a regular panelist on CNBC, MSNBC, and Fox; **Carol Fulp**, president and CEO of The Partnership, Inc.; **Dani Rylan**, founder and commissioner of the National Women’s Hockey League; **Claire Wasserman**, career coach and founder of Ladies Get Paid; and **Kristin Wong**, who regularly writes about personal finance, career, and human behavior for the *New York Times*, *New York* magazine, and *Lifehacker*.

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“Pennsylvania Conference for Women’s speakers provide an abundance of inspiration, which translates into trailblazing progress in both our workplaces and society as a whole,” said **Joanne Ryder**, Executive Vice President and Chief Administration Officer for **Beneficial Bank**.

“Beneficial Bank is honored to once again to be part of an event that shines a light on the incredible achievements of women.”

Registration for the conference opens Thursday, April 12, 2018. To register or learn more about the event, visit <https://www.paconferenceforwomen.org>. To apply for media credentials, please send requests to media@conferenceforwomen.org, or fill out the [online credential application](#).

ABOUT THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

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