

**THE FORUM OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN PRESENTS ANNUAL FORUM AWARD TO
JACQUELINE ZAVITZ, FROM THE WHARTON SCHOOL**

PHILADELPHIA (July 22, 2010) – Jacqueline Zavitz, newly appointed chief of staff to the deputy dean of The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, is the recipient of The Forum of Executive Women’s *Forum Award for Emerging Women Leaders*.

Ms. Zavitz is the first recipient from an area university/college, and the twelfth recipient since the award was first presented in 1999. She will receive a scholarship to further support her leadership and development training.

The Forum Award presentation was part of the organization’s annual meeting, which took place on June 15, 2010, at The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The Honorable Lisette Shirdan-Harris, chair of The Forum Award Committee and Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Judicial Chambers, presented the award to Ms. Zavitz.

“The Forum of Executive Women’s mission is to leverage the power of executive women in the Greater Philadelphia region to expand the impact and influence of women leaders,” said Ellen Toplin, president of the Forum of Executive Women. “We are delighted to be honoring Jacqueline Zavitz as our Forum Award recipient as she has demonstrated her leadership in her place of work and commitment to other women in her profession and the community.”

Ms. Zavitz has been with the University of Pennsylvania since 2003, serving in several capacities, including recruiting coordinator for the undergraduate and graduate programs; and recruiting relationship manager for the MBA program. Most recently, she served as senior associate director of MBA admissions in which she managed a team of admissions officers, with responsibility for processing 7,500 MBA applications per annum.

During her tenure in Wharton’s MBA Admissions program, Jacqueline developed and led the initiative to increase diversity in the MBA class, with the 2010 class being comprised of an unprecedented 40 percent women – a seven percent increase since 2005.

Ms. Zavitz recently participated in Leadership Philadelphia, a local development program that enhances participant’s civic knowledge and awareness and enriches leadership skills, and is an active member of her neighborhood and community.

Founded in 1977, The Forum of Executive Women is the region's premier women's organization, and actively works to promote its mission to leverage the power of executive women in the Greater Philadelphia region to expand the impact and influence of women leaders. For support in identifying talented women for corporate boards, or additional information, visit www.ForumofExecutiveWomen.com

###