



# Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

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## **Milano joins the Chamber's board of directors**

Green Bay, Wis.- (Dec. 28, 2009) – Maria Milano, co-owner and winemaker at Parallel 44 Vineyard and Winery, has joined the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Milano said the Chamber's importance and relevance to the business community made the choice to join the board an easy one. "It is a wonderful organization and the board is full of leaders that I am excited to work with," said Milano.

Milano began her journey with Parallel 44 Vineyard in 2005, when she and Co-owner Steve Johnson started to plant their vineyard. The vineyard is a second career; Milano's first is as an attorney – as a graduate of Marquette University Law School in 1995, she plans to contribute her legal expertise to the Chamber board as well.

Currently, Milano is a member of the Green Bay Redevelopment Authority as well as a graduate of Leadership Green Bay. Some of the issues she hopes to address in her role as board member range from taxes to health issues. Milano brings not only her legal background but also her knowledge of being a business owner to the board. "I hope to be an active participant in the Chamber organization and add value to the issues that affect all business owners," she said.

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Established in 1882, the mission of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve as the focal point of economic and community development. Chamber programs include Advance, Partners in Education, Leadership Green Bay, Brown County Teen Leadership, Current Young Professionals Network, Good Government Council and the International Business Development Consortium.

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