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ODA PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF CANADA'S MOST POWERFUL WOMEN FOR 2010
Top 100™ Awards Recognizes Top Female Achievers From Across Canada

TORONTO, ON – November 29, 2010 – The Ontario Dental Association (ODA) congratulates Dr. Lynn Tomkins on being announced as a recipient of the prestigious 2010 *Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100™ Awards*, in the KPMG Professionals award category.

“In my role as President of the ODA, I am intensely proud and grateful for the opportunity to represent my peers and support them in our efforts to deliver high quality care to our patients,” said Dr. Tomkins. “It is an honour to be awarded this level of recognition and to be acknowledged among such an esteemed group of women.”

The *Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards* is Canada's most recognizable award for the country's highest achieving female leaders in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Dr. Tomkins joins a community of 522 women across Canada who has received this recognition. The complete list of 2010 winners can be found at www.top100women.ca

“Dr. Tomkins has not only contributed greatly to the oral health of the patients she cares for in her private practice, but for Ontarians across the province,” said Dr. Ira Kirshen, Past President of the ODA. “As President of the ODA, her strong leadership and vision has led to significant improvements in many aspects of the profession.”

A 1981 Honours graduate of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. Tomkins maintains a general private practice in Toronto with her husband and partner, Dr. Daniel Kmiecik. She is also an Associate in Dentistry and Clinical Instructor in the Department of Oral Diagnosis and Oral Medicine at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry.

Dr. Tomkins is a member of numerous professional dental organizations, including the American Dental Association, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the Academy of Dentistry International, and the International College of Dentists, and has held all executive positions within the Toronto Central Dental Society. She is a Past President of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honour Dental Society, and was inducted upon graduation from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry. She is also a member of the Anderson Study Club. As Student Governor, she was the first woman to serve on the CDA's Board of Governors.

“Every year, we honour the exceptional female leaders of Canada,” said Pamela Jeffery, Founder, *Women's Executive Network*. “They each have remarkable achievements and *Top 100* is a mark of their success and how they have supported their communities, companies, and employees. Our *Top 100* community is a powerful group of women who are at the top of their game, exemplify success and

empower the next generation of women to take their careers to the next level.”

Dr. Tomkins will be celebrated November 29 at the *Top 100 Awards Gala Dinner* at the Allstream Centre in Toronto. The gala is the finale of a full-day celebration that offers *Top 100* Winners an exclusive morning of networking and professional development. The morning session will be followed by a Summit which allows participants the opportunity to meet Award recipients and enjoy an afternoon of professional development. The theme of this year’s Summit is the Power of Collaboration and Connectivity. Details are available at www.top100women.ca

About the *Women's Executive Network*

The *Women's Executive Network (WXN)* is Canada's most influential female audience and the country's leading organization dedicated to advancement and recognition of executive-minded women in the workplace. Since 1997, *WXN* has expanded rapidly to meet the needs of the growing number of female managers and executives across Canada.

In the fall of 2008, *WXN* launched in Ireland, a first step in creating an international community of women leaders. *WXN* now delivers innovative networking, mentoring and professional development to 16,000 members across Canada and Ireland. *WXN* is also a founding member of The Canadian Board Diversity Council, dedicated to increasing the diversity on corporate and federal public sector boards. More information details are available at www.wxnetwork.com or www.top100women.ca

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