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Women Form Private Equity Networking Group

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A group of private equity professionals have formed an association for women in private equity. The **Women's Association of Venture & Equity** (WAVE) is the first formal networking group for women in private equity, akin to successful groups that already exist in the hedge fund industry, said **Sarah Camougis**, a private equity partner at law firm **Edwards & Angell**, who founded the association with **Susan Keller**, another partner at the same firm.

"We understand that for women to advance in their careers with a private equity firm, it is important to network," said Camougis. Members include limited partners, general partners, placement agents, accountants, lawyers as well as private equity vendors. There are 250 women currently on the mailing list, she said. The association will soon launch a mentoring program and hopes to put together a Web site by the end of spring.