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Chicago litigator **Erica Zalokar** has created [the Legal Balance](#) networking group for female attorneys in Chicago, and biotech expert **Lily Rin-Laures** is helping launch a local chapter of [Women in Bio](#), dedicated to entrepreneurs and executives in the bioscience fields.



Erica Zalokar

The goal is to help women "thrive in both their professional and personal lives," says Ms. Zalokar, whose lawyer group operates mostly online but has speaker events and networking, too. **Laurel Bellows**, 2012 president-elect of the American Bar Assn., is a supporter.

At the group's first meeting earlier this month, **Jeanine Jiganti**, chief compliance officer at Takeda Pharmaceuticals, talked about relationship-building in business. The message: Think of business relationships and networking opportunities when you're doing each other a favor. (It's the Chicago way, isn't it?)

Meanwhile, Women in Bio kicks off its Chicago organization — there are groups in other states, too — Nov. 4 with a cocktail networking reception at Ghostbar at N9ne in Chicago.

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Gabrielle S. wrote:

A reminder to both of these groups to check the Executives' Club of Chicago's Women's Leadership Breakfast series ... October 5th program, Building Your Own Personal Brand - Perfecting your Authentic Self drew an audience of 1,100. Our next program, January 26, 2011 explores the topic "Women as Powerful Negotiators .. Being Your Own Best Asset". Contact gsaylor@executivesclub.org for more info

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