Survey concludes diversity of corporate boards rising

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A survey released by experts at the UNC School of Law reported that corporate boards in North Carolina have gained diversity since 2006, but still lag behind Fortune 100 companies. The study, conducted by the UNC School of Law's Director Diversity Initiative, reported that currently 12.3 percent of board members of the largest 50 corporations headquartered in North Carolina are female and 7 percent are minorities. In 2006, the same study found that women made up 11.2 percent of board members of the 50 largest North Carolina corporations and minorities held 6 percent of board seats. Fortune 100 company board members were 17.06 percent female and 15.42 percent minorities as of 2006. North Carolina companies surveyed include Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Red Hat, and BB&T.