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## **Adam and the Angels**

Washington lawyer Adam Salassi was the envy of many of his colleagues this week.

He was the only male in attendance Tuesday night at a dinner at San Domenico in Manhattan for 40 wealthy, successful women. They are all investors in a new venture-capital fund called Angels4Equity LLC, which was co-founded by Kay Koplovitz, former chief executive of USA Networks Inc., and former Chancellor Capital Management President Penny Zuckerwise.

While the fund has raised only \$5 million so far, its investors include Geraldine Laybourne, founder and chief executive of Oxygen Media LLC; Heidi Miller, former chief financial officer of Citigroup Inc. and now vice chairman of Marsh Inc., the insurance brokerage unit of Marsh & McLennan Cos.; and Alexandra Lebenthal, chief executive of MONY Group Inc.'s Lebenthal & Co.

Mr. Salassi, a partner at Cooley Godward LLP in Reston, Va., who was hired to serve as the fund's counsel by its manager Amy Wildstein, said one of his senior partners had jokingly asked if he could attend instead. "I really considered myself fortunate and honored to be there, the only guy in a room full of high-powered women," he added. Sadly, he had to leave early to catch a 9 p.m. train back to Washington.