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NYWBA AWARDS & INSTALLATION PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks	Myra L. Freed
President's State of the Association Address	Yacine Barry-Wun
Introduction of the Justices of the Matrimonial Parts and Presentation of The President's Special Award	Yacine Barry-Wun
Presentation of the Doris S. Hoffman Service Award	Stephen D. Hoffman & Hon. Kelly O'Neill Levy
Acceptance of the Doris S. Hoffman Service Award	Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler
Welcoming Hon. Peter H. Moulton	Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler
Installation of NYWBA Officers, Directors and Delegates	Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin
Installation of Jennifer P. Brown, Incoming President	Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff
Incoming President's Address	Jennifer P. Brown
Final Remarks	Virginia A. LoPreto

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OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Elizabeth A. Bryson, along with ongoing efforts by our Board and Committee Chairs in raising our Association's profile and increasing our social media presence.

As I was about to start my presidential year last spring, I was inspired by long-time NYWBA member **Justice Sonia Sotomayor's** words celebrating the bond of sisterhood in both her personal and professional life at our Annual Award Dinner. I was similarly galvanized at our Installation Dinner in September by **Roberta A. Kaplan** to whom we presented the *Hon. Florence E. Allen Award* in recognition of her landmark work defending the rights of same-sex couples before the U.S. Supreme Court.

One of my aims this year was to strengthen bonds with our federal practitioners. In this spirit, NYWBA is proud to have co-sponsored an event honoring the four women Chief Judges of the Southern and Eastern District Courts of New York in March 2015 to celebrate *Women's History Month*. We also had the honor of having **Hon. Loretta A. Preska**, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and our 2011 President's Special Award recipient, as keynote speaker at our *Mentoring Circles Reception* in February 2015. We also revitalized our *Federal Practice Committee*, which organized outstanding programs, including the successful *"Evening with the Women Magistrate Judges of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York,"* in May 2015.

Another objective I set for my tenure was to raise NYWBA's visibility through its online profile and enhance our members' knowledge and use of social media tools. We optimized communication of our programs and events through frequent postings to our LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter accounts, which promote quick exchange of information. I credit our *Technology and The Internet/Website Committee* and its *Social Media Working Group*, chaired by **Rebecca Iwerks**, with oversight on this project and the drafting of guidelines on social media use by the NYWBA. I am delighted that great progress was also made in redesigning our website, which will be unveiled over the summer. Thanks to the *Professional Ethics and Discipline Committee*, and its Chairs **Nicole I. Hyland** and **Allison Ageyeva**, we planned two CLE programs this spring to provide hands-on social media training to members focusing on tips to create and enhance their online presences on LinkedIn and Twitter while complying with attorney advertising ethics rules.

I am proud that NYWBA is the largest chapter and a founder of the *Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY)*, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2015 and has reached a historic record of more than 4,200 members, firmly maintaining its status as the second largest statewide bar association in New York State. NYWBA was delighted to host three Reception Dinners for our statewide colleagues the night before the WBASNY Board meetings held in Manhattan in September 2014, and in January and March 2015. These dinners enable WBASNY Officers, Board Delegates, Committee Members and Chapter Representatives to gather in an informal setting and help enhance our bonds across the state.

Expanding our Association's imprint through WBASNY, our *Judiciary Committee* sent a representative to participate twice in the past year in the very important process of interviewing and rating candidates to fill two Associate Judge vacancies on the New York State Court of Appeals. Our 11 Delegates to the WBASNY Board of Directors also voted on significant issues this year, including on a comprehensive legislative agenda.

In May, I attended the *WBASNY Convention* in Lake George, where we congratulated 2014-2015 WBASNY President **Irene V. Villacci** on her outstanding tenure, and welcomed incoming President **Andrea F. Composto**, and her fellow officers, including our very own **Amy Saltzman**, who was elected to serve as Vice President of WBASNY. Our Chapter was also thrilled that NYWBA members **Patricia A. Fersch** and **Judith E. White** received WBASNY's *Hannah S. Cohn Pro Bono Award* for establishing and running the *NYWBA Matrimonial Pro Bono Project*, which is now a model that is being expanded across New York State.

Our signature Summer Program, *"What It's REALLY Like to Practice Law as a Woman,"* held at the New York City Bar Association in July 2014, was a resounding success, and generated tremendous interest in our organization. Our *Membership Reception* was equally well received in September 2014, a free opportunity for members and prospective members to learn about the Association and network. In February 2015, we held our *Annual Cocktail Reception* at the Yale Club honoring newly elected, re-elected and newly appointed Judges of New York County. Many thanks to Reception Co-Chairs **Magnolia D. Levy** and **Jennifer P. Brown** for organizing both receptions.

During 2014-2015, in an effort to expand our outreach, we continued to provide a steady stream of diverse programming through partnerships with other organizations, including the *New York Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ)*; the *New York Women's Agenda (NYWA)*; the *Gender Fairness Committees of the New York County Civil, Criminal, Family, and Supreme Courts*; the *New York State Courts Access to Justice Program*; other WBASNY Chapters; and local bar associations.

I particularly thank our Committees and Committee Chairs for their amazing work in putting together all their events, including CLE programs, which were free for members thanks to the **Honorable Florence Perlow Shientag's** bequest to the Association. Our CLE programs included: *ABC's of Probate and Administration - A View from Surrogate's Court Practitioners*; *Mastering the Art of Deposition: Deposition Techniques for Lay and Expert Witnesses*; *Shared Parenting and Young Children: The Conundrum* (co-sponsored); *Overview of Domestic Violence Issues in Civil Court* (co-sponsored); *The State of the Uterus: An Update on Roe v. Wade*; Nineteenth Annual Fordham Forum on Domestic Violence: *Building Bridges: Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Address Under-Recognized Harms* (co-sponsored); *Mediation in the Commercial Division and in the Southern District of New York*; *Injunctive Relief: A Judge's Perspective*; *Women in Prison: Before, During and After*; *Conflicts of Interest: Managing Conflicts and Avoiding the Dreaded Disqualification Motion*; *How to Avoid Malpractice Claims and Handling Billing/Counsel Fee Disputes*; and, *LinkedIn: Best Practices and Attorney Advertising Ethics*; and *Twitter: Best Practices and Attorney Advertising Ethics*, mentioned earlier.

As always, the *Matrimonial and Family Law Committee* generated a huge amount of interest and offered interesting and informative programs on a quasi-monthly basis, including a program with the revitalized *Children's Rights and Issues Committee*. Kudos as well to the *Civil Courts Committee* on its nearly monthly *Lunchtime Series*, featuring excellent speakers on topics of interest to practitioners. The *Domestic Violence Committee* participated in the planning of three programs, including a CLE for *Domestic Violence Awareness month*.

The *Programs and Events Committee* was innovative in developing new and unique networking events, including attendance at the American Ballet Theatre's *Cinderella* and *The Merry Widow* at the Metropolitan Opera. The *Diversity Committee* worked with the NAWJ to organize a "MentorJet" program to provide an opportunity for law students to network with and be guided by judges and attorneys. NYWBA also held a *Your Healthy Heart* seminar to commemorate the *Go Red for Women* program during *Heart Disease Awareness Month*.

The *Judiciary Committee* reviewed the qualifications of candidates for the Civil Court and the Supreme Court for the general elections in New York County, and two of the Committee's Co-Chairs are serving on the Democratic Screening Panel for the Civil Court and the Supreme Court. The *Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee* met monthly to network and assist members with their websites and marketing efforts and presented several programs.

We are also proud of the work of the *New York Women's Bar Association Foundation*, on whose Board I have had the pleasure to serve *ex officio* for the past two years. Last fall, the Foundation held an evening program featuring **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**. This year, it treated us to another unique event with a panel of women mystery / crime writers moderated by author and former sex crimes prosecutor **Linda**

Fairstein. The Foundation also successfully raised funds to continue supporting its public interest law student fellowships at area non-profits that provide support to victims of domestic violence.

In order to commemorate this anniversary year, we are working on an oral history project to produce recorded interview vignettes from some of our distinguished members who entered the legal profession more than 50 years ago! NYWBA thanks past President **Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff** for taking the helm of this project, and Vice President **Amy B. Goldsmith** and past President **Elizabeth A. Bryson**, along with journalist **Sasha Salama**, for guiding this forward.

In this regard, I hope everyone will enjoy the highlights of NYWBA's illustrious history that appear in this commemorative Journal, including the profiles of our Founders, Presidents and Advisory Council members. We also thank the many individuals and companies that contributed tributes and advertisements to recognize this year's honorees and our Officers and Directors and/or sponsored this Dinner.

Reflecting on the year past, I am honored and proud to have had the privilege of leading such an outstanding organization alongside such competent and hard-working Officers, **Jennifer P. Brown**, **Julie Hyman**, **Amy B. Goldsmith**, **Deborah G. Rosenthal**, **Myra L. Freed**, and **Virginia A. LoPreto**; and our Directors and Committee Chairs.

Lastly, I would be remiss not to acknowledge **Karen Lu**, our exemplary Executive Director; **Jessica Cygler** and **Alexandra Campbell**, our *Newsletter Committee* Co-Chairs, whose dedication and extraordinary diligence helped us edit and publish our Newsletter this year; and **Annie Lee**, our website programmer.

As I turn over the leadership to our esteemed incoming President **Jennifer P. Brown**, I am confident and delighted that our Association is in such competent hands, well-positioned for another exciting year ahead! I look forward to continuing to work with you as a Board member for the benefit of our great organization and mutual goals.

YACINE BARRY-WUN

New York Women's Bar Association
President, 2014-2015

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Jennifer P. Brown
New York Women's Bar Association
President 2015-2016

Jennifer P. Brown was born and raised on Long Island as the only child of Lynn and Errol Brown. From an early age, she had a strong sense of right and wrong and never backed down from an argument when she felt that she, or someone else, was being wronged. Not surprisingly, she was always encouraged by her family to become an attorney.

Ms. Brown moved to Manhattan to attend New York University, where she graduated in 1998 with her B.A., having majored in Sociology and Women's Studies. Immediately thereafter, she enrolled in law school at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she obtained her J.D. in 2001. She was admitted to the New York State Bar, and the United States Federal Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York in 2002.

Immediately after law school, Ms. Brown began working at a small family law office on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, which charged fees on a sliding scale and provided services to people from all walks of life in New York City. She worked her way up the ranks in that firm until she left in the beginning of 2010 to start her own solo practice. Ms. Brown is presently the owner of her own Manhattan matrimonial and family law firm, Jennifer P. Brown, PLLC, where she resolves matters when possible through alternate dispute resolution, and through litigation and trials when that is not possible.

Ms. Brown has been very active in the NYWBA since she became a member in 2005. She has served on numerous committees, including co-chairing the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee, which is the NYWBA's largest and most active committee, and organizing substantive programs on a monthly basis. Additionally, Ms. Brown has been a Co-Chair and organizer of the NYWBA's largest annual events, including the Annual Membership Reception for current and prospective members; the Judiciary Reception, where we honor the newly elected, re-elected and newly appointed judges in Manhattan; and from

2011 to 2014, the Annual Awards and Installation Dinner.

Ms. Brown was elected a Director of the NYWBA Board of Directors in 2011. Prior to being elected President, she served as the NYWBA's Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and for two terms as Vice President. She has also represented the NYWBA at the statewide level as a member of the WBASNY Board of Directors since 2012, where she has served on the Nominations Committee for several years and co-chaired the Legislation Committee. Ms. Brown has also previously served as a liaison to the NYWBA's Students and New Lawyers Committee, through which she has continued the NYWBA's tradition of mentoring attorneys who are new to the profession.

Ms. Brown continues to be active in her law school *alma mater*, speaking on panels and participating in networking events with the students. She has been a member of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Board of Family Law Advisors for the past five years.

Ms. Brown congratulates immediate past President Yacine Barry-Wun for her exceptional leadership and vision, and she looks forward to serving this year with the other extraordinary Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs to further NYWBA's mission to improve the status of women in society; educate women lawyers and assisting them with professional development and advancement; and promote the fair and equal administration of justice.





Amy B. Goldsmith, Vice President

Amy B. Goldsmith is a partner at *Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP*, where she provides practical legal advice, with an emphasis on intellectual property, to protect the global interests of national and international clients in a variety of industries, including fashion, pet products, technology, entertainment, publishing, biotech, and consumer and designer goods. Ms. Goldsmith helps clients with immediately recognizable brands achieve or maintain their status as profitable and innovative businesses while helping them develop strategic plans that minimize legal risks. She advises on whether desirable trademarks are available in the United States and globally, if patents should be a part of client strategies, and if new products share too many features of the competition's copyrighted bestseller. Ms. Goldsmith is an Officer of the *New York Women's Bar Association* and chairs the *NYWBA Continuing Legal Education Committee*. She is also a member of the *American Bar Association* and is on the Board of Directors of *Savvy Ladies*, a non-profit whose mission is to educate women on financial issues. Ms. Goldsmith is a frequent lecturer on intellectual property topics for *Lawline*. She received her B.S. in Biology (with a concentration in Genetics and Development) from Cornell University in 1982 and her J.D. *cum laude* from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 1985.

Julie Hyman, Vice President

Julie Hyman is a New York divorce trial and appellate attorney with her own firm, *Julie Hyman, PC* (www.juliehyman.com). She concentrates her practice on divorce, child custody, visitation, child support, family court, and pre-nuptial agreements. She also defends pet eviction cases on grounds of disability, and her cases have been featured in the *NY Daily News*, *NY Post*, *Habitat Magazine*, *New York Observer*, *New York Law Journal*, as well as on television and in other print media. Ms. Hyman attended Horace Mann School, Barnard College, and Cardozo Law School. She presently serves as Vice President of the *New York Women's Bar Association*, a Board Member of the *Women's Bar of the State of New York*, and is on the Business Development Board of *Hudson Valley Bank*. She is also a former National Board Member of the *Screen Actors Guild*. She lives and works at the exclusive Solaria Riverdale in Bronx, New York with her pets.



Andrea Vacca, Vice President

Andrea Vacca is the founder of *Andrea Vacca, P.C.*, a law firm in Manhattan that focuses exclusively on non-adversarial divorce and family law matters. After practicing traditional litigation-focused family law for 12 years, Ms. Vacca became certified as a family and divorce mediator and later as a collaborative divorce attorney. Ms. Vacca's firm now works only with clients who want to keep their divorces out of court and want their prenuptial and postnuptial agreements negotiated in a non-adversarial manner. She uses collaborative and cooperative divorce processes, as well as mediation, to achieve these goals. Ms. Vacca regularly lectures and writes on the topics of collaborative law, mediation, and topics related to non-adversarial family law. She serves as Vice President of the *New York Women's Bar Association*; Secretary of the *New York Association of Collaborative Professionals*; is on the Editorial Board of *Matrimonial Strategist*; on the Advisory Council of *FamilyKind*; is a member of the *Family and Divorce Mediation Council of Greater New York*; a member of *New York County Lawyers*; and a member of the *New York State Bar Association*. She received her B.A. in Journalism from SUNY College at Buffalo and her J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University.



Deborah G. Rosenthal, Treasurer

Deborah G. Rosenthal is the owner of *Rosenthal, Attorneys at Law, P.C.*, located in Great Neck, New York. She lives in Manhattan and represents clients in the five boroughs of New York City, as well as Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties. Her practice focuses on estate planning, probate and administration of estates, guardianship and special needs planning, corporate and contract law, real estate and representation of closely-held businesses. Ms. Rosenthal obtained her Juris Doctor degree *magna cum laude* from Cornell Law School, where she was a member of the honorary society, Order of the Coif. She also has an L.L.M degree in Taxation from New York University School of Law. She is a graduate of Wellesley College (A.B., Economics, *cum laude*). She is admitted to practice in New York State, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Federal District Court of Massachusetts. Prior to establishing Rosenthal, Attorneys at Law, P.C., Ms. Rosenthal served as Assistant General Counsel with *The BOC Group, Inc.*, a global corporation, where she was the attorney in charge of a major business division in the United States. Deborah is proud of her work with the NYWBA, which includes: serving as Co-Chair of the Trusts & Estates Committee commencing in 2013; as Co-Chair of the Solo & Small Law Firm Committee from 2009 until 2013, as a member of the Judiciary Committee and its Co-Chair from 2012 until 2014, as a Member of the Board of Directors from 2011-2012, and as Corresponding Secretary from 2012-2013. She has served as Treasurer since 2013.

Virginia A. LoPreto, Recording Secretary

Virginia A. LoPreto is the principal of *Virginia A. LoPreto, LLC*, a small boutique firm where she and her associate, Paul A. Molina, focus on representing parties in all aspects of matrimonial and family law matters, including trials and appeals. Ms. LoPreto also maintains a long-standing relationship with the *United Federation of Teachers* and represents its members in connection with criminal and employment related investigations. Ms. LoPreto is an active member in several bar associations and legal organizations. She has been the Co-Chair of the NYWBA *Matrimonial and Family Law Committee* with the Hon. Lori S. Sattler since 2012. This Committee hosts monthly “sold out” programs, including free CLEs for members, on many important topics and emerging trends for the matrimonial and family law practitioner. Ms. LoPreto is the designated liaison for the Committee and works closely with the NYWBA *Legislation Committee* addressing such matters as the proposed maintenance guidelines, dissemination of forensic reports, and domestic violence issues. She has been a Director of the NYWBA since 2012 and is currently the Recording Secretary. Ms. LoPreto is also a member of the Matrimonial Committee of the *New York City Bar* and the *Interdisciplinary Forum on Mental Health and Family Law*.



Myra L. Freed, Corresponding Secretary

Born and raised in New York City, Myra L. Freed is a *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of the City College of New York. She received her law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University. For more than 30 years, Ms. Freed has specialized in the practice of matrimonial and family law, representing adults and as an attorney for children. In recent years, she has expanded her practice to include Collaborative Law. She has served in many capacities for the New York Women’s Bar Association, including service on the Board of Directors and as chair of multiple Committees. In 2007, she was honored with the organization’s *Doris S. Hoffman Service Award*. She has been proud to serve as a *pro bono* attorney mentor for *Her Justice* (formerly known as *inMotion, Inc.*). Ms. Freed lives in the Carnegie Hill area of Manhattan with her husband and daughter.

The President's Special Award

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join the following recipients of The President's Special Award:

2014	Hon. Sonia Sotomayor	1994	Hon. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
2013	Hon. A. Gail Prudenti	1992	Prof. Anita Hill
2012	Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick	1991	Hon. Sol Wachtler
2011	Hon. Loretta A. Preska	1990	Hon. Milton Mollen & Hon. Sondra Miller
2010	Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler	1989	Hon. Israel Rubin & Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann
2009	Hon. Jonathan Lippman	1988	Robert M. Kaufman & Fern Schair
2008	Hon. Ann Pfau	1987	Hon. Patricia McGowan Wald
2006	Hon. Fern Fisher	1986	Hon. Sol Wachtler
2005	Myrna Felder	1985	Hon. Judith S. Kaye
2004	Linda Greenhouse	1984	Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor
2003	Governor Ann Richards	1983	Sheila L. Birnbaum
2002	Dean Joan Wexler	1982	Hon. Carol Bellamy, Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin & Hon. Elizabeth Holtzman
2001	Hon. Phyllis Gangel-Jacob	1981	Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin
2000	Hon. Juanita Bing Newton	1980	Hon. Amalya L. Kearse
1999	Prof. Maria L. Marcus	1977	Hon. Shirley J. Hufstедler
1998	Hon. Angela M. Mazzarelli	1976	Hon. Susie Sharp
1997	Hon. Joan Carey	1975	Hon. Carla Hills
1996	Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick		
1995	Hon. Karen S. Burstein		

Hon. Matthew F. Cooper **The President's Special Award**

Justice Matthew F. Cooper has been on the bench since 2001. He is a graduate of Hobart College in Geneva, New York, where he received his B.A., *cum laude*, in 1974. Following two years as a VISTA volunteer with *Bronx Legal Services*, he attended the late, great Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C., where he earned his J.D. in 1979.

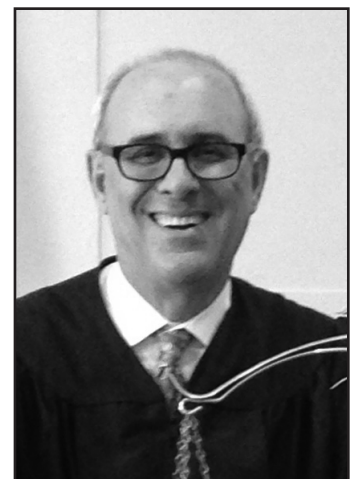
Justice Cooper went on to practice in New York City for over 20 years, with his legal career focused on representing working people in union pre-paid legal services programs. Beginning as a staff attorney at *District Counsel 37*, he subsequently became a Supervisor of the Housing Unit, representing tenants in Housing Court. Justice Cooper left DC-37 to become Director and Chief Counsel of *Teamsters Local-237 Legal Services Plan*, where he oversaw attorneys representing city employees in a variety of civil matters. He also volunteered as a Housing Court *guardian ad litem* with the *New York City Bar Association*.

In 2000, Justice Cooper was elected to the New York City Civil Court. He was initially assigned to Criminal Court for three years before returning to hear civil matters. In 2008, he was appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice. After a stint in the City Part, he began hearing post-judgment matrimonial matters in Part 9. In 2010, while sitting in Part 9, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court. Upon the retirement of Justice Saralee Evans at the end of 2011, Justice Cooper assumed her role in Part 51, a pre-judgment matrimonial part.

Justice Cooper is a member of the *New York County Lawyers' Association*, the *New York City Bar Association Matrimonial Committee*, and the *New York State Bar Association Family and Matrimonial Law Section*. He frequently lectures at CLEs and conferences, often focusing on children, child development and mental health issues. Recently, he spoke on panels such as *Children Rights: An Interactive Discussion*

Relating to Communications With or By Children as part of an *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers CLE and Extraordinary Issues for Extraordinary Kids: A Primer on the Issues Involved When Confronted with Special Needs Kids in Divorces*, jointly presented by the City Bar and the *New York Women's Bar Association*. He has also lectured on the Child Support Standards Act at the "*Divorce Anniversaries*" seminar hosted by the NYSBA and on the SUNY Cap at the Judicial Institute. Last year, Justice Cooper testified before the State Senate Judiciary Committee regarding statutory maintenance calculations on behalf of the NYSBA Family and Matrimonial Law Section.

Justice Cooper serves as Treasurer of the *Board of Justices of the Supreme Court of New York County*, and was designated the social chair of the 2015 Supreme Court Judges Association Annual Meeting, where he will be presiding over the hospitality room. He continues to sit in Part 51 in New York County at 60 Centre Street, where he now hears both pre- and post-judgment matrimonial matters. His goal is to stay in Part 51 until every unhappy family that comes before him is no longer unhappy. Justice Cooper enjoys working with the members of the matrimonial bar and writing decisions. His ties to women lawyers might be described as historic: his maternal grandmother, Ruth Welkowitz Simon, graduated New York University Law School as one of three women in her class, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1923.



Hon. Tandra L. Dawson The President's Special Award

Judge Tandra L. Dawson has presided in the New York County Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) Court since January 2007. This unique problem solving court handles a family's related criminal, matrimonial and family court cases. From 2012 to 2013, Judge Dawson also presided over the Intimate Partner Sex Assault Part, which adjudicated sex offenses between intimate and former intimate partners. She previously served as a Family Court Judge in Bronx County from 1998 to 2006, where she presided over family offense, custody and visitation proceedings. Judge Dawson was also a back-up judge to the first IDV Court in New York State in Bronx County.

Judge Dawson's IDV Court serves as a best practice model. The IDV Court has been observed by jurists and academia both domestic and abroad, including by judges from Ghana, Scotland, Japan, Georgia, and Florida, as part of their efforts to model the IDV court ideals and goals in their respective jurisdictions.

Judge Dawson has participated in many panels on a variety of topics dealing with domestic violence and family related matters, including, *Women and Incarceration (New York County Lawyers Association, 2014)*; CUNY School of Law, *Diversity in the Judiciary (2014)*; *Domestic Violence Courts: National Models and Promising Practices (Boston, 2010)*; *The Role of the Judiciary in promoting Gender Justice in Africa (Accra, Ghana 2008)*; *Family Violence Task Force Seminar (Judicial Institute, 2009)*; *The Battered Woman's Justice Project Conference (Saint Paul, Minnesota, 2007)*; *Understanding Children's Communications in Custody Conflicts, Lincoln Hearings and Beyond (New York City Bar Association, 2004)*; *Integrated Domestic Violence Court Legal Training Program (2003)*.

She served on the Independent Review Board of the *New York State Office of the Ombudsman* from 2011 to 2015. Judge Dawson also mentors several young women sponsored by the New

York Chapter of 100 Black Women's Role Model Program.

Judge Dawson was previously a member of the *Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee*, *The Special Commission on the Future of the New York State Courts*, and former Chief Judge Judith Kaye's *Matrimonial Commission*, where she served as Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Experts and Non-Legal Issues. She was also a member of the *Board of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*.

As a former member of the New York City Bar Association, she served on several committees, including the Children and the Law Committee, the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Matrimonial Law Committee. While on the Children and the Law Committee, she implemented an internship/mentor program for New York City students from the High School of Law and Government. Judge Dawson was a recipient of the *Metropolitan Black Bar Association's Jurist of the Year Award* in 2011 and *Sanctuary for Families CAP Recognition Award* in 2005.

Judge Dawson began her legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Bronx District Attorney from 1983 to 1998. She served in various capacities, including Supervising Attorney in the Domestic Violence/Sex Crimes Bureau, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Court Bureau, and on the Executive Staff of the Bronx District Attorney.

She is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and Spelman College.



Hon. Laura E. Drager **The President's Special Award**

Judge Laura E. Drager has served proudly as a member of the Board of Directors of the *New York Women's Bar Association* for more than 15 years, including the three years she served as Vice President. She has also served as a member of the Advisory Council. She chaired the By-Laws Committee of the Association and was a member of the Nominations Committee. She served as a WBASNY Delegate for three years.

Born and raised in Manhattan, Judge Drager received her B.A. degree from the University of Rochester, and her J.D. from Columbia Law School. Upon graduation in 1973, she became associated with the law firm *Proskauer Rose LLP*. In 1976, she was appointed an Assistant District Attorney in the *New York County District Attorney's Office*, serving in the trial division, sex crimes unit, and the pimp prosecution unit. She left that office to become Deputy Chief and then Chief of the Rackets Bureau of the *Kings County District Attorney's Office*, where she supervised investigations into organized crime and official corruption.

In 1987, she was appointed to the New York City Criminal Court bench by Mayor Koch and was reappointed by Mayors Dinkins and Bloomberg. She was designated an Acting Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Criminal Term in 1995. Since January 1999, she has also presided over matrimonial cases, and she began hearing matrimonial cases full time in 2002.

Judge Drager is a member of the *Office of Court Administration Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee*. She serves on the Executive Committee of the NYSBA Family Law Section and is a member of the *New York City Bar Association Matrimonial Law Committee*. Judge Drager's previous bar association activities include serving as Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the *New York County Lawyers' Association* and on numerous Committees of the New York City Bar

Association, including Criminal Courts, the Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Conduct, AIDS, and Criminal Law.

She is a frequent lecturer at judicial seminars, CLE and bar association programs and other events on matrimonial, criminal law and domestic violence issues. She was invited to Taiwan to give lectures on domestic violence to police, judges and lawyers. Judge Drager has been an adjunct professor for twelve years at New York Law School, teaching an advanced elective course "Anatomy of a New York Divorce."

Judge Drager chaired the *New York City Criminal Court Committee on Domestic Violence* for ten years from its creation in 1982 by the New York State Unified Court System. Among its many accomplishments, the Committee developed the brochure, *Domestic Violence – You Don't Have To Face It Alone*. This brochure, intended for victims of domestic violence, explained in simple language how victims could seek assistance from the courts. More than 100,000 copies of the brochure have been distributed throughout New York City. In addition, Judge Drager was the principal author of the article, *The Paper Shield: Orders of Protection in the New York City Criminal Court*, published at 48 The Record 891 (1993).



Hon. Ellen F. Gesmer
The President's Special Award

Hon. Ellen Gesmer has presided over matrimonial cases since October 2006, first in the Bronx Supreme Court and, since 2009, in New York Supreme Court. She was elected a Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York in November 2003, and a Justice of the Supreme Court in November 2011. From 2004 to 2006, she sat in Civil Court, in Kings and New York Counties, and then in Criminal Court.

Judge Gesmer lectures frequently to judges, lawyers, law students and community groups, in New York and internationally. She organized and taught a course on domestic violence in Cuba in 2009, and taught in a course for family court judges in Ghana in 2012. She serves on the Matrimonial Practice Committee of the New York State Courts and is active in the *Interdisciplinary Forum on Family Law and Mental Health*. Judge Gesmer has also lectured on basic and advanced topics in divorce law for matrimonial judges, as well as on a variety of divorce law related issues for the *New York Women's Bar Association*, and other bar associations.

Judge Gesmer has been on the Board of Directors for the *Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert* since 2009, and has been active in many community organizations.

From 1987 until 2003, she was a partner in Gulielmetti & Gesmer, P.C., where she specialized in matrimonial and family law cases. She began her career as a law clerk to the Hon. Joseph L. Tauro on the Massachusetts District Court. She worked for six years at *Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services*, taught in the Child Advocacy Program at the University of Michigan Law School, and was an associate at *Teitelbaum & Hiller, P.C.*

She received a B.A. *summa cum laude* from Harvard College and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Of all her accomplishments, Judge Gesmer is most proud of her children. Her son Toby, a sports broadcaster and writer, will soon begin a Masters in Public Policy at Columbia, while her daughter Laura is a surgery resident in Oakland, CA. Laura's wife Erin is an engineer at Facebook. Judge Gesmer divides her vacation time between visiting them, and more exotic travel.



Hon. Douglas E. Hoffman **The President's Special Award**

Hon. Douglas E. Hoffman has been the Supervising Judge of the New York County Family Court since 2009, and is an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, Matrimonial Division. In Family Court, Judge Hoffman primarily presides over custody, visitation, domestic violence, guardianship and child protective proceedings. He also presides over a special Part dedicated to undocumented minors who have recently arrived in this country. These proceedings usually entail applications for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. In his Supreme Court Matrimonial Part, Justice Hoffman addresses matrimonial actions that are related to proceedings that had been in his Family Court Part.

Justice Hoffman was first appointed to the Bench in 1996 by then-Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman to preside in New York County Housing Court. Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed him as a Criminal Court Judge in 2003. Judge Hoffman was made an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court and assigned to Family Court, first in Kings County and then Bronx County. Mayor Bloomberg appointed Judge Hoffman as a Family Court Judge in 2005. This past March, Mayor Bill DeBlasio re-appointed Judge Hoffman to a ten-year term as a Family Court Judge.

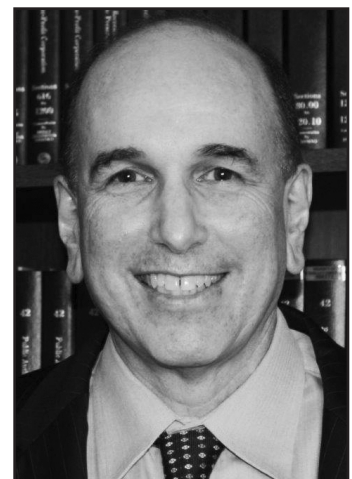
Prior to his appointment to the Bench, Judge Hoffman served in various positions with the Civil Division of *The Legal Aid Society*, including Director of Litigation for the Bronx Neighborhood Office; Director of Training for the Civil Division; Attorney-in-Charge of the Brooklyn Office for the Aging; and Staff Attorney for the Harlem Neighborhood Office.

Judge Hoffman served as Law Clerk to the Hon. Anne E. Thompson, United States

District Judge, District of New Jersey, for two years following graduation from New York University School of Law. At NYU, he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar and an Arthur Garfield Hays Fellow in Civil Liberties. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College.

Judge Hoffman serves as Chair or a member of a wide array of Family Law-related committees. He is Chair of the *Family Court Advisory Committee*, Appellate Division, First Department; Co-Chair of the Committee on Disproportionate Minority Representation in Foster Care, New York County Family Court; Chair of the New York County Child Protective Work Group; Chair of the New York County Family Court Committee on Permanency for Children; Served as co-Chair of the New York City Family Court Child Protective Case Management Committee; is a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Family Court Administrative Judge; serves as a Member of the *Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children*; and is a member of various bar associations.

Justice Hoffman has lectured extensively on topics concerning Family Law, Evidence, Housing Law and Civil Procedure. He is married to Hon. Bernadette Black, a New York County Housing Court Judge, and has three children in college.



Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan **The President's Special Award**

Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan is an elected Justice of the Supreme Court and has presided over a Matrimonial Part for the past seven years.

Justice Kaplan has recently been appointed by the by the Office of Court Administration to serve as the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence cases. In that capacity, she will be undertaking a comprehensive review of the State's specialized Domestic Violence Courts and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts, working to refine and improve practices to promote better outcomes in matters involving family violence. She will also work on developing programs to address the court system's handling of the growing number of elder abuse cases. Justice Kaplan will retain a docket of matrimonial cases.

Prior to her assignment to the Matrimonial Division, she presided over the Motor Vehicle IAS Part in Supreme Court. After her election to the Civil Court of the City of New York in 2001, she was assigned to the Criminal Court in New York County. There she presided over Part SA, a specialized part that encompassed the Manhattan Misdemeanor Drug Treatment Court, the Operation Spotlight Case Program, Sexual Offender Registry Act offenses, as well as all misdemeanor drug matters in the county.

She currently co-chairs the *Supreme Court Gender Fairness Committee*, and serves on the *New York State Judicial Advisory Council*, the *New York State Drug Court's Best Practices Committee*, and the *Women in the Courts Committee*.

Justice Kaplan is a past President of the *Women's Bar Association of the State of New York* and the *Brooklyn Women's Bar*

Association, and she serves on numerous other Bar Association Committees.

She is also a Board Member of the St. John's University School of Law Alumni Association. Prior to her election, she served as a member of the First Department Committee on Character and Fitness of Applicants for Admission to the Bar. Judge Kaplan received her undergraduate degree from SUNY Albany and her law degree from St. John's University.



Hon. Lori S. Sattler
The President's Special Award

Justice Lori Sattler was elected to the New York City Civil Court in 2006. She was assigned to the Bronx County Family Court in 2007, handling child neglect and abuse cases. Thereafter, she was assigned to the New York County Family Court, where she heard custody, visitation, and family offense cases.

She became an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 2012 and presided in the then post-judgment matrimonial part for three years. In 2015, her part was expanded to an all purpose matrimonial part, handling pre- and post- judgment matrimonial matters.

Justice Sattler co-chairs the NYWBA Matrimonial and Family Law Committee and is a Vice President of *Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert* (JALBCA). She formerly chaired the Custody, Visitation and Family Offense Advisory Committee to the Administrative Judge of the Family Court of New York City and was a member of the statewide committee responsible for the implementation of registry checks.

She was enlisted to train new judges assigned to a custody part in the New York City Family Court for five years. Justice Sattler is a member of the *New York City Bar Association*, *New York County Lawyers' Association* and the *New York State Bar Association*. She has been a member of the Matrimonial Committee of the *New York City Bar* both as a judge and as a court attorney.

Judge Sattler began her career as a Court Attorney in the New York City Housing Court. Thereafter she became the Principal Law Clerk and later the Executive Assistant to Hon. Jacqueline W. Silberman. While working at the Office of Court Administration, she was counsel to the *New York State*

Matrimonial Practice Advisory Committee and developed the first statewide uncontested divorce packet.

In addition to her time in the courts, Justice Sattler worked as a practicing attorney, primarily at Wolf Block Shorr and Solis-Cohen. Her focus was matrimonial law, estate planning and estate administration, and she represented clients in New York Supreme Court, Family Court and the Surrogate's Court.

Justice Sattler is a graduate of the University of Rochester, received her J.D. from Emory University and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.



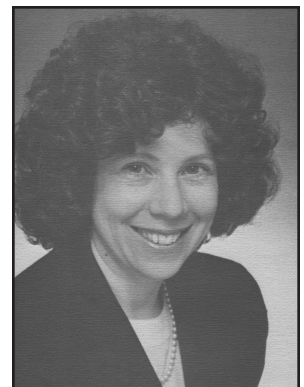
The Doris S. Hoffman Service Award

Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler
joins the following recipients of this award:

2013	Hon. Sheila Abdus-Salaam
2011	Hon. Angela M. Mazzarelli and Marjorie A. Martin
2009	Lisa A. Bauer
2007	Myra L. Freed
2006	Katherine B. Posner
2003	Hon. Laura E. Drager
2001	Nechama Masliansky
2000	Gina S. Anderson
1999	Hon. Felice K. Shea
1997	Naomi I. Werne

The Doris S. Hoffman Service Award, named in honor and memory of past President Doris S. Hoffman, is given to a person who has provided outstanding service to the New York Women's Bar Association but has never been President of the Association.

Ms. Hoffman graduated from Hunter College in 1964 and from New York University Law School in 1967. She concentrated in copyright and trademark law, and she spent almost her entire career in partnership with her father and brother in Stoll, Stoll & Hoffman and successor firms in New York City. She served as NYWBA President from 1988 to 1989 and as President of WBASNY from 1988 to 1989. She was a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness of the First Department, Chair of the Intellectual Property Committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association, and for several years she was a dedicated volunteer for City Meals on Wheels and the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert. Ms. Hoffman was the mother of two children, Aaron and Judith, and the devoted wife of member Stephen D. Hoffman for almost 29 years, until her untimely death in 1997. Both the NYWBA and WBASNY have named awards in her memory.



Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler The Doris S. Hoffman Service Award

Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler grew up in the Bronx and has lived in Manhattan for the past 46 years. She attended the Bronx High School of Science (1961), Hunter College, 1965 (B.A.), New York University, 1966 (M.A.), and Fordham University School of Law, 1976 (J.D.). She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1977.

During the hiatus between graduate school and starting law school in 1973, she was Assistant Director of Admissions at Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus. One of her primary responsibilities was ensuring the diversity of the incoming student body. She was instrumental in developing a special program through which Associate Degree students could matriculate to obtain a B.A. Degree.

In 1977, she became a Law Assistant in the Civil Court of the City of New York. In 1979, she founded the law firm of Heitler & Levy, P.C. She also taught Family Law at Baruch College, City University, and was an Arbitrator for the Civil Court of the City of New York. In addition, she was a Director of the *Spingold Foundation* and served in numerous matters as either a guardian, conservator or referee.

Justice Heitler was elected as a Judge to the Civil Court of the City of New York in 1994. In January 1996, she was designated to sit as a New York State Acting Supreme Court Justice in New York County, and, after being elected, she began her term in 2001 as a New York State Supreme Court Justice. Initially she sat in a Trial Part. She was then assigned to a Matrimonial Part, which involved cases dealing with the status of the divorce, custody, equitable distribution, child support, and maintenance issues of the litigants. She then sat in a Trial Assignment Part where she evaluated, settled and assigned cases to trial. Thereafter, she was responsible for conferencing and settling various cases that were brought by or against the City of New York. She then presided over an Individual Assignment Part in which she tried all types of cases and decided motions thereon, including medical malpractice cases, contract cases, personal injury cases and landlord-tenant disputes. She presided over Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 applications and conducted Mental Hygiene hearings at various hospitals in New York City. Such hearings included issues regarding the administration or withholding of medication, release from or retention by the facility, and electric convulsive therapy. As a trial judge, she has evaluated, settled, and tried all types of cases.

In January 2007, she was appointed to sit as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term of the New York State Supreme Court, First Department, where she reviewed criminal and civil cases. In addition, in August 2008 she was assigned to the Court's Center for Complex Litigation to administer all asbestos-related mass tort cases in the City of New York, with an inventory of more than 30,000 cases.

In December 2009, she was appointed as Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, First Judicial District, at which point she left the Appellate Term, but continued to administer asbestos-related matters.

In March 2015, she was appointed as the Chief of Policy and Planning for the New York State Unified Court System's Office of Court Administration. She will be providing oversight for the court system's statewide network of "problem-solving" courts, which include drug, community, domestic violence, mental health, veterans, adolescent diversion, and human trafficking courts. In addition, she will be working to develop new case management practices in an effort to reduce case backlogs and promote better case outcomes for litigants, victims, and communities.

Justice Heitler has chaired and lectured at various programs established by professional groups. At *New York County Lawyers' Association* (NYCLA) she has chaired programs on Conservators, Receivers and Referees, Ethics in Government, and Joint Membership for NYCLA and the *Puerto Rican Bar Association*. She co-chaired the Continuing Legal Education program for the *Millennium Women's Bar Convention*, sponsored by the *Women's Bar Association of the State of New York*, and is still active in their Continuing Legal Education Programs. She has given several lectures to different lawyers' groups, including a symposium on the issue of Parental Relocation.

She is a member of many professional groups, including the *New York City Bar Association*; *New York Association of Women Judges*; *New York County Lawyers Association* (currently serving as a Director); *New York County Women's Bar Association* (currently serving as a Director); and the *New York State Bar Association*. She is also a member of the *Jewish Lawyers Guild* (currently serving on the Board of Governors); the *Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert* (JALBCA); and the *National Organization for Women*.

Justice Heitler is a member of the Fordham Law Alumni Association (serving as Vice President) and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law. Because of her strong belief in the value of education, she has employed legal interns from different law schools to work with her as part of their course of study.

She has also served in a leadership capacity for the Auxiliary of Tisch Hospital, the Fordham Law School Advisory Panel, and the United Jewish Appeal.

Among the many awards she has received are the Cardozo Award (Jewish Lawyers Guild, 2010), the President's Special Award (New York Women's Bar Association, 2010), the Louis J. Capozzoli Award (New York County Lawyers Association, Committee on the Supreme Court, 2012) and the Harlan Fiske Stone Memorial Award (NYS Trial Lawyers' Association, 2013).



Hon. Peter H. Moulton
Administrative Judge for Civil Matters
for the First Judicial Department

Justice Peter H. Moulton is the Administrative Judge for Civil Matters for the First Judicial Department. He also serves as Coordinating Justice for the New York City Asbestos Litigation. He was appointed to both posts in March 2015. From November 2010 to January 2014, Justice Moulton served as Supervising Judge of Civil Court, New York County. He began his judicial service in Civil Court in 2004.

Before taking the bench, Justice Moulton served for eight years as Principal Law Clerk to Justice Leland DeGrasse in Supreme Court, New York County. He worked as a litigator for the Affirmative Litigation Division of New York City's Corporation Counsel from 1988-95. In that capacity, he represented the City as a plaintiff in a variety of civil rights, commercial, and intra-governmental lawsuits. In his first job as a lawyer, he served as Law Clerk to U.S. District Judge Charles E. Stewart, Jr., in the Southern District of New York, in 1986-88.

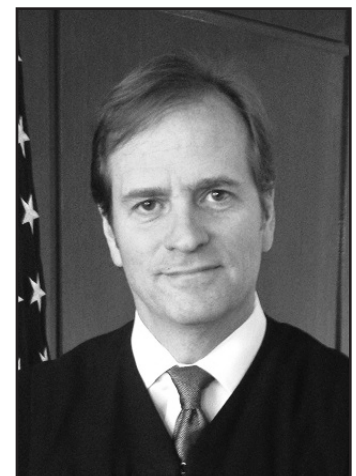
His *pro bono* activities prior to becoming a judge include representing victims of domestic violence under the aegis of *Sanctuary For Families*. He also served on Sanctuary's Legal Advisory Council. He also provided assistance to women incarcerated at the Bayview Correctional Facility via the *Incarcerated Women's Law Project*.

Justice Moulton has trained new judges on an array of topics, including No Fault Insurance Issues, Motion Practice in Civil Court, and Small Claims Court. While he was Supervising Judge at Civil Court, Justice Moulton helped organize and present for the *Judicial Institute* a three part CLE program for judges and practitioners entitled "*Transgender Litigants in the Court System: Providing Equal Access and Impartial Justice*." In 2000-2001, he facilitated a series of workshops on domestic violence for

incarcerated women and adolescents at the Rose M. Singer Facility on Rikers Island. The workshops included step-by-step instructions on how to obtain an Order of Protection *pro se* against an abusive partner.

His bar association work includes serving as a member and Chair (2008-2011) of the City Bar Association's Committee to Encourage Judicial Service. Justice Moulton has also served on the Civil Rights and Administrative Law committees at the City Bar. Justice Moulton has always supported the NYWBA and participated in its events.

Justice Moulton received his B.A. from Stanford University in International Relations and his J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. At Columbia, he was awarded the Charles Evans Hughes Prize for his commitment to the practice and study of public interest law. He served as managing editor of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review, where he helped edit the second edition of *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*. He is married to Chris Creatura, M.D., a gynecologist in private practice. They have two children, Isabella aged 18, and Julian aged 17.



NYWBA - OUR STORY

Well behaved women rarely make history.

~Laurel Thatcher Ulrich



Three of our Founders: Lillian Kooperstein, Hon. Hilda G. Schwartz and Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag

The founding of this organization came in 1934, after several of our founders applied for membership to the Association of the Bar of the City of New York [now New York City Bar Association] and other bar associations and were denied admission solely because they were women. When founder Hilda G. Schwartz [later Judge Schwartz] applied to the ABCNY, she was told, "We have no restroom facilities for women."

Our Certificate of Incorporation, filed on Hilda Schwartz's blue backs, was based squarely on the Certificate of Incorporation of the NYC Bar, including all of the "purpose" provisions of a full service bar association - with the exception of a single additional provision, which reads: "To define and elevate the status of women."

As shown in the following pages, and in biographies of our Founders, Presidents and Advisory Counsel members, NYWBA has an illustrious and fascinating history. We hope you enjoy sharing our recollections and that you will join our story and help plan our future.



NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LUNCHEON, MAY 21, 1949

ORIGINAL PHOTO GIFT OF THE FAMILY OF THE HON. FRIEDA LEVIN LORBER

In 1936, just two years after its founding, the NYWBA held a reception for fifty young female lawyers who had been admitted to the First and Second Departments, so that they could ask questions of other leaders in the profession concerning the application of legal knowledge for securing fundamental rights for both men and women.



Judge Florence Perlow Shientag, Frieda Lorber, and NYWBA colleagues, circa 1942



Hon. Birdie Amsterdam, NYWBA President Mary R. Cowell (Ross), Hon. Mary Donlon, and event chair Norma Z. Paige (later President, 1958-59) at an NYWBA Reception & Tea in December 1955 (l. to r.)

"Men-Only" Bar Associations Begin to See the Light (1937)

In 1937, the New York City Bar allowed the NYWBA to hold its second reception at its building, and more than 200 women gathered for a triumphant celebration of the first time in sixty-eight years when women were allowed in that facility on equal terms with men. The following May, the City Bar voted to accept women members, and then-NYWBA President Rose Lehman Stein expressed the hope that "other bar associations which still stubbornly keep out a large group of lawyers because of their sex will do likewise." Many of our Founders were among the first group of the thirteen women sworn in as City Bar members in 1938.

*In September 1949, NYWBA urged that a woman, specifically ex-President Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag, be considered for a new Federal District Court judgeship for the Southern District of New York. The Democratic party organizations, who recommended candidates to then-President Truman, failed to select either Judge Shientag or Thurgood Marshall. It was not until 1966 that a woman or minority was appointed to that court - **Hon. Constance Baker Motley**, the first woman to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge in New York, and the first African American to serve as a federal Judge in the United States.*

The Evolution of Marriage and Divorce Laws

On December 30, 1948, The New York Times reported that the NYWBA supported liberalization of New York State divorce laws. The NYWBA committee report recommended stringent residential requirements to prevent divorce from becoming too easy, and urged that, in addition to adultery, "cruel and inhuman treatment, willful conduct, abandonment, non-support, conviction of a felony and habitual intemperance should be added to the grounds for divorce in this state."

In the 2000's, NYWBA and the other Women's Bar Chapters, through our statewide confederation, the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, became the articulate and persuasive voice to allow for no fault divorce in New York State, which eventually passed in 2010.

In the 2010's, WBASNY participated in amicus curiae briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court supporting marriage equality for same sex couples, prevailing in Windsor v. U.S., which struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). As we go to press, we await a decision on full marriage equality from the U.S. Supreme Court.



NYWBA Silver Anniversary Luncheon, May 1959 - Hon. Beatrice Cass, Hon. Anna Kross, incoming President Lucille M. Gannon, Norah K. Donovan (past President, 1953-55), outgoing President Norma Z. Paige, Hon. Margaret M.J. Mangan, and Hon. Justine Wise Polier (l-r). (The woman on the far right and the women in the foreground have not yet been identified)



NYWBA Reception in 1963 at the Roosevelt Hotel honoring Surrogates Cox and DiFalco - Hon. Freda Silbowitz (then President, center) and Norma Paige (later President, second from right)



NYWBA Officers (1941-42) meet at then-President Judge Shientag's Apartment

In June 1935, our sisters in the Bronx Women's Bar Association adopted a resolution urging the two major parties to nominate a woman for one of the four municipal court justiceships created for that borough at the last session of the Legislature. The organization wrote:

"... We seek the wholehearted cooperation of civic groups and other associations of women. About one-half the enrolled voters of Bronx County are women. This large group of citizens is represented by a mere handful of women in minor public offices. This discrimination is wholly unjustified. There are many women in Bronx County active and prominent in charitable, civic and community activities who are capable and intelligent and admirably qualified to hold public office. Among all the judges who sit in the various courts of Bronx County there is not one woman. Now is the time when this defect can be remedied."

On May 18, 1947, during the NYWBA annual luncheon, Magistrate Anna M. Kross charged that there was discrimination against women lawyers in the courts of this area. A New York Times article quoted Magistrate Kross: "There has never been a woman on the Federal district court bench," she said, "or the surrogate's court. Surely the latter, which was formerly known as the court for widows and orphans, is a place where women would be ideally suited to hold office." She added that in Queens County there never has been a woman lawyer on the court bench or in the district attorney's office. Additionally, it was reported that a nation-wide committee had been formed to fight for the principle of jury service for women in all states on an equal basis with men - in fourteen states, women cannot serve on juries and in fifteen others the right to serve is optional.



22nd Annual Luncheon, New York Women's Bar Association, May 12, 1956

One New York Times headline on May 12, 1957 was "Women Deplore Lawyer Barrier." Mrs. Mary R. Cowell, past president of the NYWBA, commented on the all-too-common situation where law firm doors are closed to women, and was quoted as saying that "the chances for a woman lawyer to attain partnership status are still slim...salary rates are usually lower than a man's and consequently, a woman lawyer is frequently forced to engage in private practice."

NYWBA Continues to Work on Domestic Violence Issues

The NYWBA co-sponsored the Second Annual Conference on the Legal Rights of Battered Women in 1982. Participants represented thirteen counties and included assistant district attorneys, legal services and legal aid attorneys, law students, probation officers, social workers, and volunteers in shelters and on hot-lines for battered women. Throughout the 1980's, when clinics or other programs for battered women were practically nonexistent, the Association continued to train attorneys to provide these services, often pro bono.

Our NYWBA Domestic Violence Committee, along with the Domestic Violence Committee of WBASNY, remains a zealous advocate for this underserved community, and our NYWBA Foundation funds student fellowships to provide resources to non-profits that provide legal sources to domestic violence victims.



*NYWBA was the major force behind the establishment of the **Women's Bar Association of the State of New York** in 1980. NYWBA Past President **Joan Ellenbogen** was WBASNY's first President, and many NYWBA members have served as WBASNY Presidents, Officers and Directors.*

Rosie the Riveter's work was not the only war effort by women here in our country during WWII. On August 1, 1942, the American Women's Volunteer Services and NYWBA began a clinic during daylight hours to provide legal advice without charge for men in the Armed Services and their wives and families. On September 23, 1942, *The New York Times* reported that the NYWBA's Legal Advice Bureau decided to keep their office open for two more hours on one evening each week because of increased demand. Just two days later, the clinic chose to open additionally on Saturdays after the calls for help became so numerous. The legal assistance was wide-ranging. Examples include securing deferment of financial commitments and putting a car in safe keeping for the duration of the war. One of the group's favorite cases was a frantic appeal by a young man on weekend leave who needed assistance in planning a wedding. The Bureau checked into which metro area state had the quickest marriage procedure and had the City Clerk mail the required forms to the groom so that the ceremony did not have to be delayed when they arrived.

During the presidency of Judge Freda Silbowitz (1963-64), the British bar traveled to the U.S. to learn more about our legal system. Two decades earlier, Judge Shientag and representatives of the NYWBA traveled to London to meet with British barristers, solicitors and judges in a similar exchange program.



Hon. Judith S. Kaye, then-Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals (Honorary President of JALBCA and NYWBA member), recipient of The NYWBA President's Special Award in 1985.

*NYWBA Members
enjoy Law Day in
London, England*



Although she graduated near the top of her class at NYU Law School, **Fannie Klein** was told in 1942 by a prospective (male) employer, "The boys are away at war, and we're scraping the bottom of the barrel." Ms. Klein went on to become an accomplished litigator and expert on court reform, the first female Professor at NYU Law School, and a President of the NYWBA.

Gals on Bench Seek Company

Not enough women attorneys are seeking judicial posts in this city, two women jurists declared yesterday. Both deplored the scarcity of women judges.

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*NYWBA hosts WBASNY at the WNBA's
New York Liberty, July 31, 2004*

Spoken by a CEO/witness to attorneys at a recent, very well-attended deposition:

"Well gentlemen, I can't say it was a pleasure, but ladies it was a pleasure having you to look at, since we don't have a window in this room."

How firms, companies, and male colleagues react to such outrageous, sexist comments speaks volumes about their values and the need to continue to fight for women's rights and equality in the profession.



NYWBA and WBASNY Past President Joan Ellenbogen and NYWBA Past President Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin, the first female Justice of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department and that Court's first female Presiding Justice.

In 1938, the NYWBA announced the adoption of a resolution urging all political parties to nominate a woman for Supreme Court Justice in the First Judicial District. The resolution pointed out that in other states women were permitted to sit on the highest court of original jurisdiction and argued that "the standards of the administration of justice would be upheld and advanced by the inclusion of women in the judiciary." It added that there were women holding judicial office in the lower courts of this District who were qualified to serve as Supreme Court Justice. The resolution was forwarded in December to Governor Lehman urging him to appoint a woman to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench. The NYWBA also adopted a resolution urging the appointment of Hon. Florence E. Allen of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals to the United States Supreme Court. It was not until 1981 that the first woman was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court - Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor.



The Founding of JALBCA

The Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert is an important part of the Association's history. JALBCA was formed in 1992 by lawyers and judges who wanted to focus the legal community's response to the breast cancer epidemic among women and to provide information and resources to women in the community. NYWBA, WBASNY, and many of our Presidents and members were directly involved in the founding of JALBCA. This engagement continues to this day, with NYWBA members serving as JALBCA Co-Presidents, on the JALBCA Board, and as JALBCA project leaders. We continue this commitment and honor our beloved sisters who have struggle with and died from this disease.



Susan Solomon



Doris S. Hoffman



NYWBA Past Presidents Beth Bryson, Mikki Golar and Barbara Ryan, former Chief Justice Judith Kaye, and WBASNY President Mindy Zlogatura at JALBCA's Annual Symposium on Breast Cancer Issues, October 2004

Passing the Gavel



Presentation of the Lillian Kooperstein gavel, passed from President to President since 1941, to incoming President Edith L. Fisch on May 23, 1970.

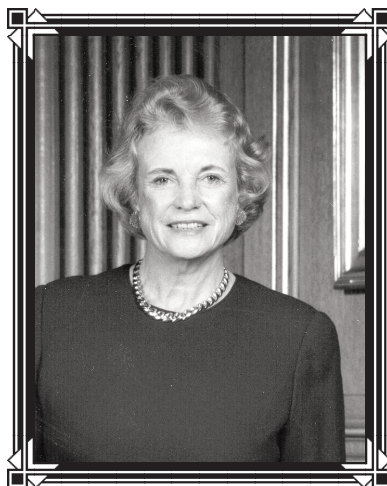


2009-2010 President Donna M. Praiss presents the Lillian M. Kooperstein gavel to 2010-2011 President Gretchen Beall Schumann.

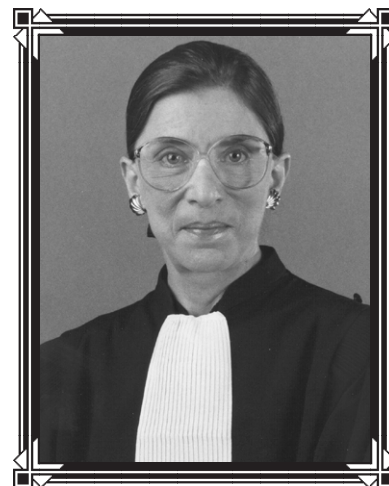
A Sampling of Our Honorees



*Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin,
recipient of The NYWBA President's
Special Award, 1981 and 1982*



*U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day
O'Connor, recipient of The NYWBA
President's Special Award, 1984*



*U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader
Ginsburg, recipient of The NYWBA
President's Special Award, 1994*



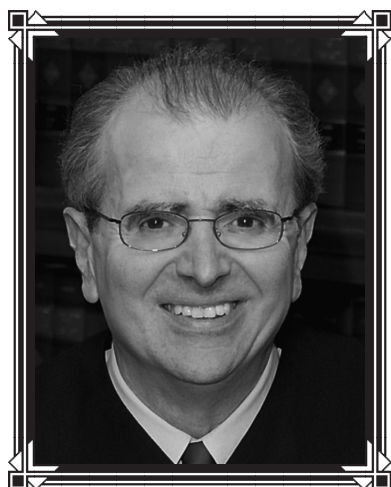
*Governor Ann Richards recipient of The
NYWBA President's Special Award, 2003*



*Myrna Felder, recipient of The NYWBA
President's Special Award, 2005*



*Honorable Ann Pfau, recipient of The
NYWBA President's Special Award, 2008*



*Chief Judge of the New York Court of
Appeals, Jonathan Lippman, recipient of The
NYWBA President's Special Award, 2009*



*Honorable Loretta A. Preska
recipient of The NYWBA President's
Special Award, 2011*



*U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia
Sotomayor, recipient of The NYWBA
President's Special Award, 2014*



In 2000, the NYWBA organized and hosted the annual WBASNY Convention in Washington, D.C.: Seated: Past Presidents Angela Tese-Milner, Barbara Ryan, Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag, Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin, Myrna Felder, Joan Ellenbogen (past President, NYWBA & WBASNY), Martha E. Gifford (past President, NYWBA & WBASNY) (l-r). First standing row: Elizabeth Bryson (Convention Chair, past President), Myra Freed, Naomi Sheiner, Ann Pincess Berman, Hon. Patricia Nuñez (Convention Co-Chair), Tina Sernick (Convention Co-Chair), Lori Segal Oppenheimer, Sandra Modell Hirsch, Hon. Lisa Sokoloff (past President), Toby Pilsner (past President), Marian Burnbaum (l-r). Back row: Hon. Barbara Jaffe, Kay Marmorek, Gerry Fifer, Marjorie Martin, Lisa Bauer, Heather Martínez Zona (past President), Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, Marcia Goldstein (past President), Christine Harman, Karen Greve Milton (past President)

Additional Award Recipients

Information about the 2015 NYWBA President's Special Award and Doris S. Hoffman Service Award, and a list of the current and past recipients, can be found earlier in this Journal. As part of our 80th Annivesary, we would also like to celebrate our past recipients of other NYWBA Awards, as well:

HON. FLORENCE E. ALLEN AWARD

*Recognizing trailblazers
in the Profession*

- 2014 – Roberta A. Kaplan
- 2006 – Martha E. Gifford
- 2003 – Hon. Leslie Crocker Snyder
- 1995 – Hon. Constance Baker Motley
- 1991 – Hon. Sybil Hart Kooper
- 1989 – Ellen Schall
- 1986 – Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin
- 1983 – Joan Ellenbogen
- 1979 – Sheila Birnbaum
- 1977 – Beverly Gross
- 1975 – Hon. Martha A. Griffiths
- 1974 – Soia Mentschikoff
- 1973 – Fannie Klein
- 1967 – Hon. Ruth Kessler Toch

Judge Allen was the first woman elected as a judge in the United States, the first to serve on any state's highest court (Ohio), the first appointed to a federal court of general jurisdiction (U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit), and the first to serve as a Chief Judge on any federal appeals court.



*Sheila Birnbaum Receiving the
Hon. Florence E. Allen Award from
the NYWBA and NYU in 1979*

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 1996 - Hon. Kathryn A. McDonald
- 1993 - Hon. Cecilia H. Goetz

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- 2013 – Hon. Angela M. Mazzaelli,
Hon. Karla Moskowitz, Hon. Dianne T.
Renwick, Hon. Helen E. Freedman,
Hon. Rosalyn H. Richter, Hon. Sallie
Manzanet-Daniels, Hon. Judith J. Gische,
Hon. Darcel D. Clark
- 2011 – Hon. Geraldine Ferraro
- 2010 – Elizabeth A. Bryson
- 2008 - Hon. Karla Moskowitz,
Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler,
Hon. Leland Degrasse
- 2002 – Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag
- 1984 - Founders Lillian M. Kooperstein,
Hon. Hilda G. Schwartz and
Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag
- 1980 – Professor Fannie J. Klein

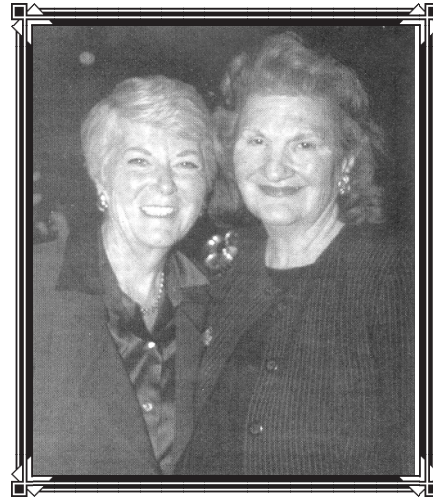


*The current and past female Justices of the Appellate Division, First Department,
NYWBA Special Recognition Honorees in 2013*

In the early 1990's, a male partner at a major Wall Street firm who chaired the firm's Litigation Department said to a female senior associate (later NYWBA President), "When you walk into a room, you exude confidence and competence." The associate started to express her thanks for the compliment, only to have the partner add, "And people hate that." What does it say about the value of women attorneys in firms if they are criticized for the essential attribute of showing competence and confidence?



At the 2010 WBASNY Convention (May 21, 2010), Hon. Arlene Hahn presents WBASNY's inaugural Judith S. Kaye Access to Justice Award to Hon. Jacqueline W. Silberman, former Statewide Administrative Judge for Matrimonial Matters and long-time member of the NYWBA Board of Directors and Past President



Hon. Geraldine Ferraro with Hon. Phyllis Gangel-Jacob, recipient of The President's Special Award in 2001

*"Don't go to law school," advised the mother of one of our past Presidents.
"No one will want to marry you, if they think you're smarter than they are."*

In May 1984, a 23-member panel established by Hon. Lawrence H. Cooke, then New York State's Chief Judge, concluded that female lawyers were "routinely" demeaned and treated patronizingly by male judges and attorneys.



NYWBA & WBASNY Past Presidents and Representatives at NYWBA 70th Anniversary Gala (2005)

(Everyone in photo was an NYWBA President unless otherwise indicated). Seated first row (l-r): Myrna Felder (NYWBA and WBASNY), Beverly Gross, Mortimer Lorber (for Frieda Levin Lorber), Joan Eisman (for Julia Perles), Mary Cowell Ross, Norma Z. Paige, Esther Willison (for Fannie Klein), Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin; Seated second row (l-r): John Schwartz (for Hon. Hilda Schwartz), Hon. Deborah Kooperstein (for Lillian Kooperstein), Marcia Goldstein, Andrea Hyde, Diane Wilner, Hon. Karla Moskowitz, Irene Sullivan, Madeline Stoller; Standing (l-r): Sheila Birnbaum, Nancy Loudon, Anne T. Schwab, Harriet Newman Cohen, Diane Abeloff, Stephen Hoffman (for Doris S. Hoffman), Martha L. Golar, Bobbi Sternheim, Hon. Andrea Phoenix (WBASNY President), Susan Bender (WBASNY President), Martha E. Gifford (NYWBA and WBASNY), Mindy Zlotogura (WBASNY President), Christina Kallas, Laurie Berke-Weiss, Anthony Gair (for Harriet Gair), Barbara Ryan, Angela Tese-Milner, Phyllis Koffman, Heather Martinez Zona, Elizabeth A. Bryson

NYWBA HISTORY - FOUNDERS, PAST PRESIDENTS AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

The New York Women's Bar Association's Founders, Presidents and Advisory Council members are an illustrious group. We are honored to present brief highlights of their careers and work with the Association. Due to the passage of time, we do not have complete histories for some of them. We invite the submission of information and photos to document and preserve our history and archives. Please send relevant material to History@nywba.org.

FOUNDERS

The New York Women's Bar Association was founded in 1934 by six attorneys who had been denied admission to other bar associations solely because they were women. NYWBA incorporated as a not-for-profit bar association in 1935, and the official Certificate of Incorporation was signed by eleven women (in this order):



Hon. Hilda G. Schwartz was a Founder, President (1939-1949), Vice President and the first Secretary of the NYWBA. A high school valedictorian, she attended NYU for undergraduate and law school. When she signed the Certificate of Incorporation, she was an attorney with offices at 165 Broadway and lived in the Bronx. At a time when there was crushing discrimination against women, she was the first female Director of Finance for New York City, served as Secretary of the Board of Estimate, and was a judge for 24 years. She was also active with the New York County Lawyers' Association, serving on the Professional Ethics Committee in the 1960's. She retired as a Justice of the Supreme Court in 1983, at 76. She was married to lawyer Herman Schwartz, and they had a practice together in Manhattan and lived in Greenwich Village. They also helped found the Village Temple. Judge Schwartz passed away in 1998.

Estelle Ruth Grollman was admitted to the New York bar in 1933. At the time of NYWBA's incorporation, her offices were located at 51 Chambers Street in Manhattan, and she lived on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn.

Lauretta Rose was admitted to the bar in 1932. At the time of NYWBA's incorporation, she was an attorney with offices at 1450 Broadway, and she lived in the Bronx. Starting in the mid-1930's, she served as a referee in the determination of real estate property rights and transfers.



Rose Lehman Stein graduated from NYU Law School in 1922 and was admitted to the New York bar in 1923. She received an LL.M. from NYU Law School in 1925. She became the first female president of the New York University Club in 1922, served for three terms as NYWBA's first President (1934-1938), and she became the first female president of the NYU Law Alumni Association in 1955. At the time of NYWBA's incorporation, she lived and worked in Manhattan, with offices at 277 Broadway. She was also active with the New York County Lawyers' Association, serving on the Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Committee and chairing the Revision of the NYS Constitution Committee in the early 1960's. In the 1970's, she moved to North Miami Beach, Florida. She passed away in 1985.

Margaret Fuller Karlin was born in 1903. She graduated from NYU Law School in 1925 and was admitted to the New York bar in 1926. She was married to Ralph Kerbs, also a graduate of NYU Law, Class of 1920. When the NYWBA was incorporated, she lived in Brooklyn and had an office at 76 William Street in Manhattan. She was later an attorney for, and an officer of, the Tenants Association of New York, which in 1960 (when she was a Vice President) had a membership of 4,000. She was President of the NYU Law Alumni Association during the 1950's and 1960's. After she passed away in 1982, a scholarship was established in her name at NYU Law School.

Doris Silver Freeman was an attorney in Manhattan. At the time of NYWBA's incorporation, her offices were located in the Woolworth Building, and she lived in Brooklyn. While we have been unable to find much documentation about Ms. Freeman's legal career, Founder and past President Florence Perlow Shientag remembered her as "serious, hard working, and an excellent parent."

Beatrice R. Fliegel was a graduate of NYU Law School in 1922. At the time of NYWBA's incorporation, she lived and worked in Manhattan, and her offices were at 225 Broadway.

Minnie Kelter (Goldberg) was a graduate of Hunter College and NYU Law School. At the time of NYWBA's founding, she lived and worked in Manhattan, with offices at 11 West 42nd Street. She went on to become a Director of the Bronx Women's Bar Association, President of the Bronx Professional and Business Women's Group, and a member of the Ulster County Bar Association. Her husband Maurice Goldberg was an Assistant Attorney General for New York State. She moved from New York City to Woodstock in 1948, and she passed away in 1960.

Freda Spinard (Kole Baileson) was a 1922 graduate of NYU Law School (LLB). At the time of NYWBA's incorporation, she lived in Woodhaven (Queens) and worked at 39 Broadway in Manhattan. After serving as a Founder of NYWBA, Ms. Spinard was elected President of the Queens Women's Bar Association in January 1936. She passed away in 1947.

Lillian B. Garrell was admitted to the New York bar in 1933. At the time of NYWBA's incorporation, she lived in Brooklyn, and her offices were located at 551 Fifth Avenue. She passed away in 1986.

Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag (Frankel) received a Bachelor of Science from NYU (1929) and law degree from NYU School of Law (1931). She was Law Secretary to NYC Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and then clerked for Thomas Dewey, Special Prosecutor in NY County. In 1941, she became a Judge of the Domestic Relations Court (predecessor to Family Court). In 1943, she became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, the first woman prosecutor in the Criminal Division. In 1954, she established a private practice in domestic relations and the representation of artists. She was the first woman to successfully argue a First Amendment case before the U.S. Supreme Court (1954). She served as NYWBA President (1941-1942), Officer, Director, and Committee Chair, and was an active member for more than 60 years. She was also in the first class of women members of the New York City Bar and served as Chair of its Committee on Law and the Arts; and became the first female elected to the NYCLA Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association, (1942-1949) and chaired its Committee on the Domestic Relations Court. She was a member of the National Committee on Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance and served on the Boards of the United Nations Development Corporation and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. Prior to her passing in 1997 at the age of 102, she underwrote an annual \$10,000 NYWBA scholarship for law students, and thanks to her generous bequest NYWBA is able to provide CLE to current members for free.



PAST PRESIDENTS

1934-38 - Rose Lehman Stein was a Founder and served for three terms as NYWBA's first President (see profile above under "Founders").

1938-39 - Jenet Kaplan Brown earned her law degree from Brooklyn Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1929. During her Presidency, Ms. Brown and then-Secretary Jeannette Harris were featured in a *New York Times* article about NYWBA's resolution urging the nomination of women Supreme Court Justices in the First Judicial District and the appointment of Judge Florence E. Allen of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1942, during World War II, Ms. Brown was Chairman of American Women's Voluntary Services, which partnered with NYWBA to open and staff a clinic to provide urgent legal services to military personnel and their families who could not afford counsel.

1939-40 - Hon. Hilda G. Schwartz, Founder and Past President (see profile above under "Founders").



1940-41 - Lillian M. Kooperstein, born on the Lower East Side to an Orthodox Jewish family, was admitted to practice in 1925. Upon graduation from NYU Law School, she obtained a clerkship at a law office, which was then a prerequisite to sit for the bar. Upon passing the bar, she opened a law office with her brother, Moses, and practiced matrimonial law in the 1920's and 1930's. During World War II, and for 30 years thereafter, she was a sole practitioner. Married in 1949 to a law school classmate, Joseph Goldberg, she shared office space with her husband on Broadway. She also served as President of the Council of Jewish Women. Ms. Kooperstein had a well-deserved reputation for serious devotion to the rule of law, and during the late 1980's and early 1990's, long after she closed her practice, she sat as an Administrative Law Judge - well into her own early 90's! She passed away in 1998.

1941-42 - Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag, Founder and Past President (see profile above under "Founders").

1942-43 - Isabel Joffe graduated from Brooklyn Law School and was admitted to the New York bar in 1928. In addition to her work with the NYWBA and on the war effort, she was an active member of the New York County Lawyers' Association, serving on the Military Jurisprudence Committee. She passed away in 1961.

1943-44 - Marie C. Connolly graduated from Fordham Law School in 1933 and was admitted in 1934. She held many positions on the Board before she was elected President. She lived in Queens, and early NYWBA Presidents and colleagues remembered her fondly.

1944-45 - Adelaide Burkan Bodow was born in 1912, and she graduated from NYU and NYU Law School, where she was the only woman in her class. She was admitted in 1940 and practiced law at Schwartz & Froehlich with her uncle, Nat Burkan, a founder of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). They represented such notables as Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, and Al Jolson. Among other accomplishments, she persuaded the NY Chief Judge to speak at an event, which brought recognition in law publications and increased the stature of the NYWBA. She was active in NYWBA for decades, chairing the Judiciary Committee in the 1960's. She married Edward L. Bodow in 1939, had three children and then worked part-time at *Schwartz & Froelich* for the remainder of her career.

1945-47 - Jeannette Harris served for 10 years on the staff of the New York Attorney General's Office, Labor Bureau, before she went into private practice in 1944. She held several positions in the NYWBA before becoming President, and she spoke out publicly on the importance of ensuring that women were able to continue to retain employment after the end of

World War II. After the war, she testified on child labor laws and in favor of equal rights for women in employment. In the late 1940's and early 1950's, she was an officer of the Women's Trade Union League. During the mid- to late-1950's she was President of the New York Workmen's Compensation Bar Association. Long retired, Judge Zimmerman is now 101 years old.

1947-49 - Esther Glantz served as Secretary for three years and Vice President prior to her Presidency. She graduated from NYU in 1934 and NYU Law School in 1936. She and Joseph F. McCloy were partners in the law firm of McCloy & Glantz. She married Dr. Chester Kremer, a professor of chemistry at CUNY, in 1951, and they had two children. She was also active in New York County Lawyers' and the New York City Bar, chairing committees for both associations.

1949-51 - Hon. Frieda Levin Lorber graduated *summa cum laude* from NYU and received her law degree from NYU Law School in 1938. She received an LL.M. from Columbia Law School in Comparative and International Law School in 1959. She worked for the Department of Investigations of the City of New York, served as a Judge for Small Claims Court, worked with Jewish philanthropies, and was a member of the International Federation of Women Lawyers and a representative to the United Nations Human Rights Community. She also chaired the Law Alumni Association at NYU Law School. She studied piano and voice at the Institute of Musical Art (now Juilliard), sang as a mezzo-soprano with the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera in the 1920's, and was a member of the New York Oratorio Society. She passed away in 1976.



1951-53 - Julia Perles graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 1937. She is widely considered to have played the leading role as chair of the committee that brought about the passage of New York State's equitable distribution law, which went into effect in 1980. This law brought a revolutionary change in the practice of matrimonial law and in the rights of marital partners. Until her death in 1998, Ms. Perles was affiliated with Phillips Nizer Benjamin Krim and Ballon, LLP, where she became a partner in 1970 and headed the firm's matrimonial practice. Before that, she was an associate at Schwartz & Froehlich from 1942 to 1952, and then a partner at Greenbaum Wolff & Ernst. Ms. Perles was also a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a member of the "Dirty Thirty," an organization of American lawyers who were prominent in the field of matrimonial law.



1953-55 - Norah K. Donovan graduated from NYU Law School in 1945 and was admitted in 1946. She served for many years as the attorney in charge of copyright matters for the American Broadcasting Company. She was also an officer and Corporate Secretary of the Audio and Video Products Corporation during the 1950's. She held numerous leadership positions in the NYWBA, and past Presidents fondly remember her accomplishments, athletic prowess, and sense of fun. After her Presidency, she was appointed to chair several New York County Lawyers' Association committees, including the Municipal Court Committee, the Committee on Discipline, and the Committee on the Unlawful Practice of Law. She was also involved in charitable works.



1955-57 - Mary Riepma Cowell Ross graduated from Vassar in 1932 and received her law degree in 1938 from Memphis State University [now University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law]. In the early 1940's, she worked for the government in Washington, D.C., chiefly in the Office of Alien Property of the U.S. Justice Department, and was affiliated with Cromelin, Townsend and Kirkland. She moved to New



York in 1946 to work for Royal, Koegel & Rogers [which became Rogers & Wells and is now Clifford Chance LLP], where she became an expert in wills, trusts and estates. She joined NYWBA in 1948, and before her Presidency she served as Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Director, and member of the Judiciary, By-Laws, Legislation, and Equal Opportunities for Women Committees. After her term, she served on the Advisory Council for more than 50 years. She was also active in the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Lawyers, and the New York City Bar. In 1961, she opened a solo practice and became active in philanthropic work, serving on the Board of the Merce Cunningham Dance Foundation, the Central Park Community Fund, the University of Nebraska Foundation, and other organizations. In the 1970's and 1980's, she competed in amateur ballroom events, and in 1989 she donated \$3.5 million to establish the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theatre at the University of Nebraska. She passed away in 2013 at the age of 102.



1957-58 - Anna Oberwager received her bachelor's and master's degrees from NYU in 1909 and 1910. In later years, she studied at Fordham University. She was admitted to the bar in 1916. She and her husband, Hon. Charles A. Oberwager, a New York City magistrate, were law partners, and they had two children, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Their son Edwin served as a Justice of the New York Supreme Court. Ms. Oberwager passed away in 1987 at age 98.



1958-59 - Norma Z. Paige is Chairman Emeritus of Astronautics Corporation of America's Board of Directors. After founding Astronautics with her brother in 1959, she held various offices with that company, including Executive Vice President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. From 1988 to 2001, she also served Kearfott Corporation as its Executive Vice President and as a member of its Board of Directors. She was a partner in the law firm of Paige & Paige. Ms. Paige received her A.B. and J.D. degrees from New York University and is admitted to the bars of the United States Supreme Court and New York State. She is a past member of the Board of Trustees of NYU Law School. She has received numerous awards, including the Jabotinsky Award, presented by Menachem Begin, former Prime Minister of Israel. Now retired, Ms. Paige has two daughters and sons-in-law, all of whom are attorneys.



1959-60 - Lucille M. Gannon was associated with Sherman & Sterling for many years. She was active in the NYWBA for decades, serving as Treasurer, in other Officer positions, on the Board, and as the Chair of many committees. In the year after her Presidency, she chaired the Continuing Legal Education Committee. She passed away in 1978.

1960-61 - Marie Mallot was born in 1921. She worked as a legal secretary at Kurzman, Karelsen & Frank in the early 1940's. Noticing that she was extremely bright, several attorneys at the firm encouraged her to attend law school at night, which she did. She was the only woman in her class when she graduated from Fordham Law School in 1946, and she was admitted to the bar in 1947. In addition to serving as a NYWBA President, Officer, Director and Committee Chair, she was active with New York County Lawyers' Association, chairing several committees over the years. Ms. Mallot spent her entire legal career practicing estates law at Kurzman, Karelsen & Frank. She retired in 1976, but she continued doing work for the firm into her retirement.



1961-62 - Hon. Florence Raider Zimmerman graduated from Hunter College in 1937 and from New York Law School in 1941, and she was admitted to the bar in 1941. During college, she interned with NYC Deputy License Commissioner Dorothy Kenyon, and she later became an

attorney for the New York City Rent and Housing Administration. An expert on rent control, she argued before the NY Court of Appeals on a precedent-setting case involving the application of rent control to properties that were claimed to be "hotels." She was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954. She was also a NYCLA Committee Chair. She was counsel for the Hunter College Alumnae Association. She was appointed a NYC Civil Court Judge in 1971.

1962-63 - Ethel F. Beaver graduated from NYU Law School in 1951 and was admitted to the bar the same year. She was a member of the firm Korkus & Korkus, where she practiced commercial, real estate and labor law. She was married to Dr. Kurt Berliner, a cardiologist. She served as a NYWBA President, Officer, Director and Committee Chair.



1963-64 - Hon. Freda Silbowitz was born in 1915, and she pumped gas at her father's service station in the Bronx when she was a girl. After graduating from Hunter College in 1935 (*Phi Beta Kappa*), she received her law degree from Columbia Law School in 1937 and was admitted to the New York bar in 1938. After many years in private practice, she was appointed a Judge of the New York County Family Court. During her tenure with the NYWBA, she was a Board member, Officer, and chaired several Committees, and as President she organized a United Nations Reception for members of the British Bar who traveled to the United States to exchange knowledge and insights about the two countries' respective legal systems. Later in life, she became a "snow bird," splitting time between homes in Halladale, Florida and New York City, and practicing law in both locations. She passed away on December 11, 2013 at the age of 98, having been predeceased by her beloved husband Murray Hertz.

1964-65 - Shirley Perles Thau was admitted to the bar in 1947, having graduated in 1946 from NYU Law School, and Hunter College before that. Over the years, she practiced in many areas, including international law, trusts and estates, and litigation. She became a senior partner in the law firm of Wolf Popper. She then became a principal at Gruen, Muskin & Thau, which she left in 1986 when she moved her practice to Boca Raton, Florida. She was very active with NYWBA and also with other bar associations, and she chaired several NYCLA Committees. She passed away in Florida in 2014.

1965-66 - Bessie D. (Wilensky) Goldberg served as President of both the NYWBA and the Nassau/Suffolk County Women's Bar Association. She was an attorney for the Legal Aid Society and rose to the position of Attorney-in-Charge of its Rockaway Office. She and her husband, Hyman Goldberg, had four children, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She passed away in 2007.



1966-67 - Fannie J. Klein was admitted to the bar in 1928. In addition to lecturing and authoring several legal works, she received numerous awards. An expert on court reform, Ms. Klein was most thrilled when she was named the first woman Professor of the NYU Law School in 1958. She was also the librarian, assistant director, and associate director of NYU School of Law's Institute of Judicial Administration, which was established in 1952 to promote greater efficiency in court administration throughout the nation. Ms. Klein was a member of the Judicial Selection Committee for the Supreme Court in New York City in 1968. After 1975, she practiced law in Surrogate's Court and Supreme Court, where she often served as a guardian, conservator and referee. In 1983, she was a recipient of the American Juridicature Society's Herbert Harley Award for her "efforts to promote the effective administration of justice." She passed away in 1984.

1967-68 – (Mabel) Marie Whitesell Balboa was active in the Association for many years. In the 1960's, she was a Committee Chair, Director and Officer. In 1967, she co-authored an article with Mary R. Cowell Ross in the *Women's Law Journal* (Vol. 53) concerning the United Nations. Among other roles, she represented the NYWBA in its relationships with other bar associations. Records indicate that she was an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice. Founder and Past President Hon. Florence Perlow Shientag remembered her in later years as a lovely person. She passed away in 1997.

1968-69 - Doris Sassower graduated from Brooklyn College (Phi Beta Kappa) and NYU School of Law (1955). During her Presidency, she was a featured speaker at the National Conference of Bar Presidents on the pervasive discrimination against female attorneys. She has been active in many bar associations, including serving on NYSBA's Judiciary Committee. In 1970-71 she was President of the New York Phi Beta Kappa Alumnae Assn. Since her retirement from law practice, Ms. Sassower has been the co-founder and director of the Center for Judicial Accountability. She has three grown children



1969-70 - Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin was the first woman appointed to the First Department and the first female Presiding Justice of that Court. Elected to the bench in 1976, she was the first woman to serve as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of NYS. She has served as the Chair of the NYS Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts, Vice Chair of the NYS Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, and Vice Chair of the First Department Committee on Character and Fitness. She is a Founder and Director of WBASNY and JALBCA and was President of the National Association of Women Judges. Among her innumerable awards are the NYWBA President's Special Award (twice); the WBASNY Betty Weinberg Ellerin Mentoring Award, established in her honor; the NYS Association of Women Judges Leadership Award, the ABA Margaret Brent Award, and the Florence E. Allen Award. With her late husband Milton H. Ellerin, she has three children and adorable grandchildren.



1970-71 - Dr. Edith Lond Fisch was confined to a wheelchair due to childhood polio, but she did not let that limit her accomplishments. She earned a B.S. in chemistry from Brooklyn College, was the first person to earn all degrees awarded by Columbia Law School (LL.B., LL.M. and Jur.Sc.D.), and the first woman to earn a Jur.Sc.D. from Columbia. In private practice, she focused on trusts and estates. In 1959, she published *Fisch on New York Evidence*, widely used by bench and bar and as a law school text. In addition to nearly forty law review articles, she authored *The Cy Pres Doctrine in the United States* (1951) and *Charities and Charitable Foundations* (1974). Appointed an Assistant Professor at New York Law School in 1963, the school's first female law professor. She later returned to private practice and passed away in 2006. In 2009, Columbia unveiled a plaque honoring Dr. Fisch, who bequeathed \$1.8 million to endow the Law Library Collection in perpetuity.



1971-72 - Mathilda Miller Cuneo graduated from NYU Law School in 1926 and was admitted in 1928. She was the first woman member of the Bronx County Bar Association in 1945 and a Trustee and benefactor of the Bronx-Riverdale YM-YWHA. Ms. Cuneo chaired the Matrimonial Law Committee, and in 1966 undertook a special but unfulfilled project to enact legislation allowing for divorce if a spouse had an illegitimate child after living apart from his/her spouse five or more years. The *New York Times* noted that this "'very important ground for divorce' would remove the stigma of illegitimacy from thousands of children, many of whom are not aware that their parents are not married." In later years, she

also practiced real estate law. In 1991, she was honored by NYU Law School when it celebrated the 100th anniversary of its admission of women. She passed away in 1997.

1972-73 - Hon. Harriet E. Gair graduated from NYU School of Law, receiving her LLB in 1940 and began the practice of law at the firm of her husband, Harry A. Gair. In 1945, she became Managing Partner at Gair & Gair. From 1976 to 1981, she served as an elected Town Justice in Putnam County. During Judge Gair's term on the bench, she was engaged in civil and criminal law. In addition, she was President of the Putnam Valley Free Library Board of Trustees, the Mid-Hudson Library System, and was a member of the Town Board of Putnam Valley. With Judge Gair's continuing interest in Judaism, she devoted herself to worthy Jewish causes and jurisprudence, and was honored by the Institute of Jewish Humanities. Judge Gair passed away in 2006 at the age of 100. Her son, Anthony Gair, is an NYWBA member and sponsor, and a partner in the successor firm of Gair, Gair, Conason, Steigman, Mackauf, Bloom & Rubinowitz.



1973-74 - Joan Ellenbogen graduated from NYU Law School and was admitted to practice in 1965. With Marcia Goldstein, she formed Ellenbogen and Goldstein, P.C., with a practice limited to matrimonial and family law. She was a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a Diplomate in the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, a member of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, a member of the Commission on Judicial Nominations to the Court of Appeals, and the first woman to chair the New York City Bar's Executive Committee. She was a member of the First Department Disciplinary Committee, served on the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society, and was listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. She was a Founder and the first President of WBAS-NY, and the WBASNY Founders Award has been renamed in her honor. She passed away in 2001.



1974-75 - Sheila L. Birnbaum, Co-Head of the Global Products Liability and Mass Torts practice at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, has been national counsel or lead defense counsel for numerous Fortune 500 companies in some of the largest and most complicated tort cases in the country. She was previously the head of the Complex Mass Torts Group at Skadden, Arps. She was the first tenured woman professor at Fordham University Law School and was a Professor and Associate Dean at NYU Law School. In addition to serving as NYWBA President and in other leadership positions, she is a Founder and past Director of WBAS-NY and was the first Co-President of JALBCA. She has received numerous awards, including the ABA *Margaret Brent Achievement Award*. She has been named the leading products liability lawyer in the world by *The International Who's Who of Product Liability*, one of the 10 most admired product liability attorneys in 2010 by Law 360, and one of the 25 most influential women in New York by *Crain's New York Business*. In 2011, she was appointed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to serve as Special Master of the reactivated September 11 Victims Compensation Fund program, and she oversees the administration of the \$2.7 billion fund created under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.



1975-76 - Florence B. Donohue was born in New York City in 1919. After becoming a widow, she moved with her five children to Louisville, Kentucky, where she attended the University of Louisville Law School, graduating *magna cum laude*. She returned to New York, and was admitted to the bar in 1960. She obtained a master's degree in taxation at NYU Law School and became the editor of *Prentice Hall's Federal Tax*



Guide and a sought after tax expert on news programs. Among other accomplishments, Ms. Donohue participated in organizing the celebration of NYWBA's 40th Anniversary. She spent her later years living in her beloved Montauk, Long Island home. She passed away in 2009.



1976-77 - Myrna Felder is a graduate of NYU Law School and was admitted to the NYS bar in 1971. She has been a popular lecturer for all major bar associations. As chair of NYSBA's Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, she organized the State Bar's CLE program on Appellate Practice in 1989, which is now presented bi-annually in each of the four judicial departments. She regularly taught at Summer Judicial Seminars, and throughout the year in training sessions for Matrimonial Judges and staff, newly elected Judges, Court Attorneys, and Special Referees. For NYWBA, she served on our Board, as Secretary and Treasurer, before serving as President. The next few years were devoted to establishing WBASNY, of which she is a Founder and was President in 1986-87. She also organized WBASNY's Matrimonial Committee in 1983 - its first substantive committee, and she remains a resource at the state and local level. Ms. Felder is the recipient of numerous awards, including the NYWBA President's Special Award.



1977-78 - Beverly Gross is a labor lawyer who limited her practice to labor arbitration and mediation, including ERISA. During her career, she served as labor and benefits counsel to NY Telephone Company; General Counsel to District Council 37 (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers); General Counsel, New York State Division of Human Rights; Associate General Counsel, New York City Commission on Human Rights; and Assistant Corporation Counsel of New York City. She has had extensive experience in arbitration and mediation, as well as with the NYS Public Employment Relations Board and Civilian Complaint Review Board. She graduated from NYU Law School in 1969 and joined NYWBA the same year. She also represented NYWBA on the Second Circuit Panel on Admissions and Grievances.



1978-79 - Marcia C. Goldstein is a graduate of NYU Law School and was admitted in 1967. While NYWBA President, she was Associate General Counsel at Lehman Bros. Kuhn Loeb. With Joan Ellenbogen, she formed Ellenbogen and Goldstein, P.C., practicing matrimonial and family law. She was a founding member and Director of WBASNY (1980-85). Ms. Goldstein has chaired the New York City Bar Matrimonial Committee; chaired the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar, Family Law Section; co-chaired the Subcommittee on Equitable Distribution; and was a member of the American Bar Association, Family Law Section. She was appointed by then-Chief Judge Judith Kaye to serve as a member of the Matrimonial Commission of the State of New York.



1979-80 - Andrea Hyde is a partner at Putney, Twombly, Hall & Hirson LLP, practicing in the field of estate planning, estate administration, and trust administration. She has served on the Executive Committee of the NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section, was Chair of NYSBA's Life Insurance and Employee Benefits Committee, and was an advisor to the NY EPTL-SCPA Legislative Advisory Committee. While serving on this Committee, it formulated the legislation that later became the Principal and Income Act (2001). She is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a member of the Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee, a Fellow of the New York State Bar Association Foundation, and a Founding Director of WBASNY. She has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* each year since 1999 and in *Super Lawyers* each year since 2007. She received her undergraduate degree

from Marymount Manhattan College and her law degree from St. Johns University School of Law.

1980-81 - Diane S. Wilner graduated *magna cum laude* from Brooklyn Law School, where she was a Law Review editor. After being an associate of Skadden Arps, she and three colleagues formed its first spin-off. Later, she founded Wilner & Associates, P.C., which represents Fortune 500 corporations and institutions in diverse areas, including employment, products liability, insurance and commercial litigation. Ms. Wilner is known for litigating complex cases at the cutting edge, including successfully trying the first case of a physician with AIDS. She has published and lectured widely. As NYWBA President, she continued the smooth transition with then newly founded WBASNY and furthered the NYWBA's tireless efforts to open doors for women attorneys.



1981 - Hon. Karla Moskowitz is an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department and has served on the bench since 1982. She co-chaired numerous NYWBA committees and was the founder and Chairperson of the Referral Service (1975-77). A breast cancer survivor, Justice Moskowitz was a Founder and past Co-President of JALBCA. She also served as President of both the New York State Association of Women Judges and the National Association of Women Judges. She received her BA *cum laude* from Alfred University and her J.D. from Columbia Law School. Among her many awards are the Edith I. Spivak Award from NYCLA's Women's Rights Committee and WBASNY's Founder's Award. She and her husband, retired attorney Marvin Moskowitz, have two children and four grandchildren.



1981-82 - Irene S. Sullivan is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, NYU, and Fordham University School of Law. She began her legal career in 1976 at Skadden, Arps, where she handled a wide variety of commercial matters, with an emphasis on antitrust and securities litigation in federal courts and insurance coverage disputes. She was a partner from 1982 to 2003 and served for several years as Head of the New York office. Ms. Sullivan was President of both NYWBA and WBASNY. She also served on numerous bar committees, including the City Bar Committee to Enhance Diversity in the Profession, Task Force on Women and the Profession, City Bar Public Service Network, and the Advisory Committee on Civil Practice. She was a member of the National Advisory Board, the NALP Foundation for Research and Education, and the ABA Task Force on Insurance Coverage Litigation. She also served on the Committee on Character and Fitness for the First Judicial Department.



1982-83 - Hon. Leslie Crocker Snyder was the first woman to try both felony and homicide cases in the New York County District Attorney's Office, and she founded and led the Sex Crimes Prosecution Bureau, the first in the nation and a model for the country. She is a co-author of legislation, including NY's Rape Shield Law. She was appointed to the NYC Criminal Court in 1983 and thereafter to the NY Supreme Court and Court of Claims, presiding over many high-profile cases in her more than 20 years as a judge. After she left the bench, she was a partner at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP. She is currently a consultant and lecturer. She has served on many boards, adopted a public school, and volunteered in the New Orleans criminal justice system for six months after Hurricane Katrina. She is the author of 25 to Life. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including NYWBA's Hon. Florence Allen Award in 2003. She and her husband have two grown sons and five grandchildren.





1983-84 - Madeline C. Stoller received her J.D. in 1976 from Fordham University School of Law. She was admitted to the New York Bar in 1977 and thereafter to the U.S. Supreme Court. She has been a member of the New York City Bar since 1980 and has served as Chair, Product Liability Committee; Chair, Lawyers in Transition Committee; Chair, Public Service Resource Center; Member, Executive Committee and Nominating Committee; Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates; and Director on the City Bar Fund. She worked at Wyeth, a multinational pharmaceutical company, for 27 years, rising to the level of Senior Corporate Counsel-Litigation, where she was responsible for personal injury, mass tort and commercial litigation for various divisions. She retired in 2007 and now enjoys spending her leisure time playing golf, kayaking and cooking.



1984-85 - Nancy M. Loudon is Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of The Estee Lauder Companies, where she is responsible for global government relations and employment law. She has served on a number of not-for-profit boards and currently is a director of The Burke Foundation and the Business Council for International Understanding. In addition to serving on NYWBA and WBASNY Boards and committees, Ms. Loudon is also a Vice President of the New York City Bar Association and a former Vice President of the City Bar Fund. She lives in Manhattan with her wife, Donna Dennis, and their son.



1985-86 - Harriet Newman Cohen graduated from Barnard College (BA Latin, 1952) and Bryn Mawr (MA Latin, 1953). After teaching and raising four daughters, she graduated in 1974 from Brooklyn Law School, where she was an editor of the Law Review. A matrimonial lawyer, she has been a champion of divorce reform and the rights of women and children. She helped negotiate and draft the NYS Equitable Distribution Law, and she co-wrote an analysis of the first 80 cases under that law. Gov. Mario M. Cuomo appointed her to his Child Support Commission, which drafted the law that became the *Child Support Standards Act* in 1989. She is the author of *The Divorce Book for Men and Women, A Step-by-Step Guide to Gaining Your Freedom Without Losing Everything Else*. She has been voted a *Super Lawyer* in family law, writes an annual article on family law for the New York Law Journal, and has been designated as *Super Lawyer* and one of the Top 50 women attorneys and Top 100 attorneys in New York consistently for many years. She remains in active practice in her firm, Cohen Rabin Stine Schumann LLP.



1986-87 - Anne T. Schwab graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1978. From 1980 to 1988, she was an associate in the litigation department at Emmet, Marvin & Martin. From 1989 to 1997, she was a Senior Counsel in the Legal Department of The Bank of New York, practicing in the litigation group and then in the commercial lending/private banking group. In 1997, she joined the legal department of Deutsche Bank, where she was a member of the Private Banking practice group. In 2004, she was made a Managing Director of the Bank. She is now retired and spends part of each year in Florida, and volunteers in as a docent in the Naples Children's Garden and as a program assistant in the Enabling Garden of the Naples Botanical Garden.



1987-88 - Dianne Abeloff is a 1977 graduate of Smith College and a 1980 graduate of Cardozo Law School. After receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Commissioner of Health, Ms. Abeloff retired in April 2015 from the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct. During her 30-

year affiliation with the Bureau, she was responsible for prosecuting physicians for professional misconduct ranging from sex abuse to gross deviations from accepted medical standards. She and her husband are the parents of two terrific sons.



1988-89 - Doris S. Hoffman graduated from Hunter College in 1964 and from NYU Law School in 1967. She concentrated her practice in copyright and trademark law, and she spent nearly her entire career in partnership with her father and brother in Stoll, Stoll & Hoffman and successor firms in New York City. She was a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness of the First Department, Chair of the NYCLA's Intellectual Property Committee, and for several years she was a dedicated volunteer for City Meals on Wheels and the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert. Ms. Hoffman was the mother of two children, Aaron and Judith, and the devoted wife of attorney and NYWBA member Stephen Hoffman for almost 29 years, until her untimely death in 1997. She served as President of WBASNY in 1994-95, and both NYWBA and WBASNY have named awards in her memory.



1989-90 - Sandra W. Jacobson earned her LLB from Yale and was admitted in 1955. She was a matrimonial and family law practitioner and litigator, and an early and zealous advocate for the passage of no-fault divorce in New York State. She served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Director, and WBASNY Delegate. She chaired the Matrimonial & Family Law, Ethics, and Judiciary Committees. She was also active in the Westchester County Women's Bar Association. At WBASNY, she chaired the Amicus, Judiciary, CLE, and By-Laws Committees, and co-chaired the Family & Matrimonial Law Committee. She wrote WBASNY's *amicus* application and appellate brief in the *Hartog* equitable distribution case (85 N.Y.2d 36 (1995)), raising unique and critical issues that only WBASNY addressed. She also led the effort to establish WBASNY as an accredited CLE provider. She organized and spoke at numerous NYWBA events, CLE programs and WBASNY Conventions. She was a Fellow of the *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers* and a founder of the *Interdisciplinary Forum of Mental Health & Family Law*. She passed away several years after retiring to North Carolina to be with family.



1990-91 - Katharine S. J. Law grew up in the segregated South, where she witnessed injustice on a daily basis. Fifteen years after graduating from Radcliffe College, she enrolled in Fordham University School of Law, and she was admitted at the age of 40. She joined the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where she tried senior citizen robbery and homicide cases and met her mentor, Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin. In her memoir, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor refers to Ms. Law as one of her own mentors, describing her as "passionate about community service [and] infinitely patient with beginners." Ms. Law spent six years in private practice while her children were growing up, then returned to work full time – as an Assistant Attorney General for New York State, and as a Law Clerk and Law Guardian in the First Department. She now lives in San Diego, where she sails and volunteers as a U.S. Coast Guard vessel safety examiner, with frequent visits to her three daughters and four grandchildren. She is a former director of the National Association of Childbearing Centers Foundation.



1991-92 - Martha L. Golar received her B.A. Degree in Economics at Cornell University and her J.D. Degree from New York University Law School. She was an attorney at Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. (1982-1992), rising to the position of senior Corporate Counsel. She is presently a senior attorney at the Port Authority of New

York and New Jersey Law Department. She is a former Adjunct Professor with the Finance, Law and Tax Division of NYU's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. She served three terms as JALBCA Co-President, and she remains Co-Chair of JALBCA's Annual Symposium and Editor of its Newsletter. Ms. Golar is a member and former chair of the NY City Bar Animal Law Committee, and she currently serves as an advisor to animal welfare organizations. She is a former chair of NYCBar's Health Law Committee, and a former chair of WBASNY's Gender Bias and Finance Committees.



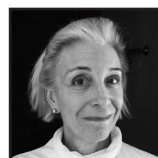
1992-93 - Bobbi C. Sternheim litigates a broad range of complex criminal and civil matters in federal and state courts. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a former member of the College's Committee on Teaching Trial and Appellate Advocacy, and a current member of the College's Federal Criminal Procedure Committee. She teaches trial advocacy and pretrial civil litigation at Pace Law School and serves on the advisory committee of Pace's Criminal Justice Center. She is the Director of Cardozo's Intensive Trial Advocacy Program and a supervisor in Cardozo's Criminal Appeals Clinic. She is the Criminal Justice Act Representative for the Southern District of New York and a member of SDNY's CJA Peer Review Committee and Mentor Program.



1993-94 - Toby J. Pilsner is the Managing Attorney for the Bronx office of the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) at the Environmental Control Board (ECB) Tribunal, which adjudicates violations of NYC laws that protect public health, safety, and the environment. She was appointed an Administrative Law Judge at OATH/ECB in 1997, and has held her current position since 2004. Previously, she had a 17-year career in the Bronx District Attorney's Office, rising to Chief of Litigation Training. She graduated from Vassar College in 1975 and received her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1978. Hon. Sheri Roman introduced her to NYWBA, and Ms. Pilsner served in many capacities at both NYWBA and WBASNY. During her Presidency, she spearheaded a major overhaul of the Judiciary Committee and its guidelines, and she presented the President's Special Award to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Ms. Pilsner finds her greatest source of happiness in her friends and family, especially her two grown daughters.



1994-95 - Martha E. Gifford is past President, Director and Judiciary Committee Chair of NYWBA, and a founder, past Vice President and current Director of the NYWBA Foundation, Inc. She is also past President, Vice President, Secretary, Director, and Committee Chair of WBASNY. Since April 2007, she has had a solo practice concentrating in antitrust counseling, following nearly 20 years at Proskauer Rose LLP, where she co-chaired the Antitrust Practice Group. She is past Chair and current Executive Committee member of the Antitrust Law Section of the NYS Bar Association, from which she received the Lifland Service Award; served on the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Committee of the New York City Bar; and is on the Board of Governors of the NYS Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program, appointed by then-Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye. She is also the recipient of NYWBA's Hon. Florence E. Allen Award.



1995-96 - Andrea J. Berger graduated from Fordham Law School and NYU's Graduate School of Public Administration. She joined the NYWBA in law school and has served as an Officer, Committee Chair, WBASNY Delegate, and Annual Dinner Co-Chair. Since 1987, she has been an attorney with the NYC Law Department,

where she is Senior Counsel, specializing in legislative drafting and counseling in ethics, criminal justice, and labor and employment law. She is a former Vice Chair of the Lawyers Alliance for New York and former board member of the Citizens Union. A long-time and active member of the City Bar, she chaired the Lawyers' Orchestra Committee for nine years, which she managed and played in its flute section. She is the Administrative Director of, and flutist in, the Park Avenue Chamber Symphony, and a board member of the Chamber Music Conference and Composers' Forum of the East.

1996-97 - Bonnie S. Edwards graduated from the University of Miami Law School and joined the Internal Revenue Service's Office of Chief Counsel in 1981. She served as a Senior Counsel, advising management on a wide variety of non-tax related areas, including complicated and sensitive EEO and labor matters for 34 years, retiring in 2014. She received several awards for her work on cases, and was a two-time recipient of the Office of Chief Counsel's National Litigation Award. She judged moot court and was active on NYWBA Committees and on its Advisory Council. Ms. Edwards also served on the Executive Council for the Network of Bar Leaders; as an officer of JALBCA; as a director of the boards of Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Elders; and on the National Council on Woman's Health. As a recent retiree, she is now pursuing a self-study program in all of the things she previously had insufficient time for and enjoying life thoroughly.



1997-98 - Laurie Berke-Weiss is the principal of Berke-Weiss Law PLLC, where she practices all aspects of workplace law. She negotiates employment contracts and severance agreements, handles partnership issues, provides advice on workplace policies and procedures, and conducts workplace investigations. She also litigates claims of sex harassment, discrimination and wrongful termination, Family Medical Leave Act issues including pregnancy, and non-competition agreements. Ms. Berke-Weiss is A-V rated and, since 2011, has been selected annually as one of the "Top 50 Women New York Super Lawyers in the New York Metro Area," and, since 2012, as a "Top 100 New York Super Lawyer." She has served as Chair of the Executive Committee of the New York City Bar Association, is a member of the Board of the NYWBA Foundation, Inc., and she chairs the City Bar's Advisory Committee on the New Lawyer Institute. She also is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is a graduate of Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and Fordham Law School, and she holds a graduate degree in Industrial Relations from Rutgers University.



1998-99 - Karen Greve Milton is the Circuit Executive for the federal Second Judicial Circuit and serves as the chief administrative officer for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the other federal courts in New York, Connecticut and Vermont. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Milton was the first Director of the CitiBar Center for CLE at the New York City Bar Association, a department she created in 1995. After graduating from law school, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of Robert M. Morgenthau, in both a trial bureau and the Rackets Bureau. Prior to her Presidency, she served as a NYWBA Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Co-Chair of its Programs and Event Committee. Ms. Milton is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Case Western Reserve School of Law, where she was an Editor of its Law Review.





1999-2000 - Barbara A. Ryan is a partner at Aaronson, Rappaport, Feinstein & Deutsch, LLP, where her practice focuses on health care law. She served as a Co-President of JALBCA and for many years has been Co-Chair of the JALBCA Annual Symposium. She has also been a member of the Board of the NYWBA Foundation. She is also a member of First Dept. Disciplinary Committee. Before practicing law, Ms. Ryan was a Head Nurse at the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center (now New York Presbyterian Hospital), where she practiced in the area of oncology. She is a 1989 graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law. Ms. Ryan frequently lectures on regulatory and medical malpractice issues. She has also taught courses in Healthcare Risk Management and Elder Law, as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies. She is also the proud mother of two sons.



2000-01 - Angela Tese-Milner is a partner of Tese & Milner and practices law with her husband, Michael Milner, a former federal prosecutor. The firm's focus is on bankruptcy, insurance and commercial litigation. She is a member of the Panel of Chapter 7 Trustees for the Southern District of New York, which is under the supervision of the United States Department of Justice. She serves on the Advisory Board of JALBCA, is a past President of the National Organization of Italian American Women, is a member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, and has practiced bankruptcy law for more than 30 years.



2001-02 - Phyllis S. Koffman is a sole practitioner, concentrating in trust and estate law. Before she attended law school, she worked in city planning and crime control planning. Prior to her Presidency, she served as Co-Chair of the Legislation and Awards Committees, Chair of the Judges' Reception and Annual Dinner Committees, and as a Director and Vice President. She also represented NYWBA on the WBASNY Legislation Committee and Board of Directors, and twice served as the NYWBA representative on judicial screening panels for the Civil Court. She also served on the NYWBA Nominations Committee for many years. Ms. Koffman is a graduate of Smith College and Brooklyn Law School and holds a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Pittsburgh.



2002-03 - Heather Martinez Zona is an attorney focusing on commercial litigation in the San Francisco Bay Area. Previously, she was a litigation associate at New York law firms representing policyholders in disputes with their insurance companies. She served NYWBA in a variety of capacities, including President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Director and Committee Chair. She organized a number of programs for the Association, including "Tips for New Lawyers," "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" at the Second Circuit, and "What It's (Really) Like to Practice Law in NYC as a Woman" (co-sponsored by the City Bar). Ms. Zona received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was awarded the Jane L. Mixer Award for Social Justice.



2003-05 - Elizabeth A. Bryson is a litigator and appellate attorney. As Associate General Counsel and then Corporate Vice President of New York Life, she supervised complex litigation and managed the privacy, business continuity and crisis management programs. Earlier, she was in private practice on Wall Street and in midtown; an attorney for New York City, and an Intelligence Analyst with the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C. and at the SDNY U.S. Attorney's

Office. She was appointed by former Chief Judge Judith Kaye to both the Special Commission on the Future of the NYS Courts and the Commission on Public Access to Court Records. She has been an Officer, Director and Committee Chair of NYWBA and WBASNY, and membership doubled during her terms as NYWBA President. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and Fordham University School of Law. Among other awards, she is a recipient of a NYWBA Special Recognition Award and WBASNY's Marilyn Menge Award. She and her husband have a grown son.

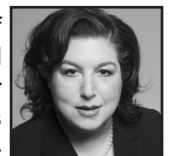
2005-06 - Christina Kallas has served as a NYWBA Board Member, Executive Director, Committee Co-Chair (ADR, Technology, International Women's Rights) and on the Board of the NYWBA Foundation. An A/V rated attorney, her law practice emphasizes "preventive law" - assisting individuals and businesses with planning for legal matters affecting the family and its businesses (such as marriage and remarriage, estate planning, real estate and other types of asset transfers). In her mediation practice, she focuses on disputes involving families with a mentally ill member. As an arbitrator, frequently in securities disputes, she draws on her experience in the secondary mortgage market on Wall Street. A frequent lecturer on practice management strategies, she is the author of the NYSBA Deskbook Chapter on "Commercial Real Estate." She counts as her most important accomplishments her marriage of over 25 years to her husband, Xen, and having helped to raise her stepdaughter, Sara.



2006-07 - Teresa Schiller is a graduate of Rice University and the University of Chicago Law School. She is admitted to the New York and District of Columbia Bars. After law school, she clerked for Judge Roth on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Delaware, and for Judge Leinenweber on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago. She was an associate in the New York Office of Clifford Chance US LLP, and she later became the manager of pro bono and community programs for the U.S. Region of the firm. During this period, she became very active in NYWBA and WBASNY, serving as an Officer, Director and Committee Chair of both Associations. She was then appointed to various positions with the New York State Bar Association in Albany. She recently returned to her home state of Texas, where she is an attorney at Beard Kultgen Brophy Bostwick & Dickson LLP.



2007-08 - Hon. Lisa A. Sokoloff is an elected Judge of the Civil Court, serving in New York County Criminal Court. Previously, she volunteered as a Special Master in New York Supreme and Civil Courts for eleven years and was an insurance defense litigator in private practice focusing on labor law, contractual indemnity, premises liability, and fraud cases. Judge Sokoloff received her J.D. from Boston University, where she was an editor of the International Law Journal, and an A.B. from Vassar College. She is a member of the NYWBA Nominations Committee, as well as an active member of a mentoring circle and three committees, and a NYWBA Delegate to the WBASNY Board of Directors. She has organized numerous CLE and networking programs, including two in the past year. She is a past President of the Jewish Lawyers Guild and a current member of its Board of Governors, a Vice President of the JALBCA, and a member of several other bar associations.



2008-09 - Jo Ann Douglas is a matrimonial and family law practitioner representing children and adults from all cultures and communities in various proceedings. She often appears in guardianship matters in all roles, and



conducts mediation in family law matters. Currently a member of the NYWBA Board, she has been active in the organization since early in her legal career. Preparing and presenting CLE programs for NYWBA, WBASNY, and the First and Second Departments, as well as writing articles for the *New York Law Journal* and *Family Law Monthly*, Ms. Douglas has focused on parenting issues and the representation of children. In fact, her own accomplished daughter, Sara, deserves much of the credit for focusing her mother's career on parenting issues and the representation of children, for whom they are now both indefatigable advocates. With the tireless commitment of a wonderful group of volunteers, Ms. Douglas founded K9Kastle Corp., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehab and rehoming of companion animals.



2009-10 - Donna M. Praiss graduated from Boston University School of Law after receiving a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware. She joined Kenyon & Kenyon upon receiving her law degree and subsequently became the first female associate elevated to the partnership. She was then a founder of the intellectual property group in the NY office of Hunton & Williams. Her legal practice was in the field of intellectual property law, with an emphasis on procuring, licensing, enforcing, and defending patent rights for major players in the chemical, pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device industries. She is now an Administrative Patent Judge at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board. In addition to serving in many other NYWBA roles, she served as Co-Chair of the Committee to Advance the Status of Women in the Profession, where she was a leader on our survey on the status of women attorneys at Manhattan law firms. She is the proud mother of four children.



2010-11 - Gretchen Beall Schumann Schumann is a partner at Cohen Rabin Stine Schumann LLP, focusing on family and matrimonial law. She has been designated a *Super Lawyer* since 2012, and she is a frequent lecturer on substantive topics, including for WBASNY, NYSBA, and the E. David Woycik Intensive Trial Advocacy Program at Hofstra Law School, as well as a frequent commentator for legal publications. In addition to serving as President, she was a Vice President, Treasurer, and Committee Chair. She is currently Vice President of the NYWBA Foundation and was previously a Foundation Director. She has been a Secretary of the New York County Lawyers' Association Matrimonial Law Section; and at the NYC Bar she is a member of the Advisory Committee for the New Lawyer Institute and the Women in the Legal Profession Committee, and previously served as Secretary of the Committee on Children and the Law. Admitted in New York and New Jersey, she graduated from Cornell Law School in 2001, where she received the Robert S. Pasley Memorial Prize, and from Columbia University, (A.B. 1998).



2011-2012 - Patricia Ann Grant graduated from Fordham University and received her J.D. From Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. She is a partner at Grant + Appelbaum, P.C., where her practice focuses on matrimonial and family Law. She also mediates and sits as an arbitrator in the New York City Civil Court. In addition to serving as NYWBA President, she has been on the Board, co-chaired the Dinner and Judiciary Reception Committees, and represented NYWBA on the Judicial Screening Committee. Ms. Grant was for many years a volunteer for Dachshund Rescue of North America, and she has three Dachshunds of her own, all of whom have distinguished themselves during their show careers, with Zachary being a "Top

Ten" Wirehair Dachshund in the U.S.; Zoe being the fifth ranked Wire Dachshund in the country; and Oliver becoming a champion at 11 months.

2012-2014 - Hon. Jacqueline Winter Silberman is a *cum laude* graduate of both Bryn Mawr and Fordham University School of Law. She was an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP; Law Secretary to a Civil Court Judge; Principal Court Attorney to two Supreme Court Justices; and had a private practice. Elected to the bench in 1983, she was a NY Civil Court Judge; an Acting Supreme Court Justice; Supervising Judge of the Civil Court (1987); Administrative Judge of the NYC Civil Court (1989, the first woman in that position); Statewide Administrative Judge for Matrimonial Matters (1997); Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court, Civil Term, New York County (2001); and Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Matrimonial Matters (2007). In each position, she also presided over a Matrimonial Part. In 2009, she became Of Counsel to Blank Rome, concentrating in mediation, arbitration and matrimonial law. She remains active in NYWBA, New York City Bar, NYCLA, and NYSBA. Her numerous awards include the Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award, the Harlan Fiske Stone Memorial Award, Benjamin N. Cardozo Award, Louis Capozzoli Gavel Award, NYWBA President's Special Award, NYWBA Joan L. Ellenbogen Award, WBASNY Judith S. Kaye Access to Justice Award, and the WBASNY Doris S. Hoffman Memorial Award. She is Vice President of the Fordham Law Alumni Association and received the law school's Medal of Achievement and Dean's Medal. She has two children and three wonderful grandchildren.



2014-2015 - Yacine Barry-Wun is Special Counsel for Housing Court Initiatives with the NYS Courts Access to Justice Program, where she serves as Director of the Volunteer Lawyers Program, the Volunteer Lawyer for the Day Program, the Assigned Counsel Project Internship Program, and the Court Navigator Program. Previously, she clerked for Hon. Jeffrey K. Oing as a Legal Fellow before joining the NYC Civil Court as a Court Attorney focusing on civil and housing matters. Prior to her Presidency, she was an Officer, Director, CLE Committee Chair, and President's Liaison to Committee Chairs. She was also NYWBA's representative on the Boards of the New York Women's Agenda and the NYWBA Foundation. She is a member of the Gender Fairness Committee of the NY County Civil Court and the NY County Housing Court representative to the Citywide Association of Law Assistants. She is also a former member of the NYC Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. She received a law degree from University Robert Schuman in Strasbourg, France and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Center. Her native language is French, and she is proficient in German and Spanish.



2015-2016 - Jennifer P. Brown (see photo and full profile at the beginning of this Journal).

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Under NYWBA's By-Laws, the Advisory Council includes all members in good standing who served as Presidents or served on the Board of Directors for 15 or more years. We are pleased to honor the following distinguished members, who may not have held the title of President, but who have made extraordinary contributions to the Association:



Hon. Sheri Roman is an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, and was a Queens County Supreme Court Justice for 14 years. At the Bronx DA's Office, she was Chief of the Major Offense Bureau, Acting Chief of the Homicide Bureau, Chief of the Litigation Training Bureau, and in the Appeals Bureau. A *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of SUNY Buffalo, she received her LL.M. in Criminal Justice from NYU and J.D. from Georgetown. She served on the NYWBA Board as a Director and Vice President and chaired the Judiciary and Criminal Law Committees. She has been active in other organizations, including National Association of Women Judges (VP, Secretary); NYS Association of Women Judges (VP; Chair, Law School Outreach); Samuel Field YM-YWHA (Board); Queens County Women's Bar Association; NYC Supreme Court Justices Association (Director, Corresponding Secretary); Criminal Court Judges Association (VP); NYC Criminal Court Bias Committee; and Queens County Gender Fairness Committee (Chair). Justice Roman is married and has two children.



Hon. Felice K. Shea is a retired Justice of the Supreme Court of New York State. She served as a NYWBA Vice President, a member of its Board of Directors for 17 years, and as an active member and Chair of Association Committees. Before election to the bench, she spent 11 years as a Staff Attorney and Assistant Attorney-in-Charge of the Harlem Branch of the Legal Aid Society. After retirement, she returned to Legal Aid as a volunteer in the Juvenile Rights Division, representing children in the Family Court. She is a former member of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct and former member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary. She is currently a trustee of Montefiore Hospital, a member of the Board of The Correctional Association of New York, and a member of the Board of Visitors of Columbia Law School. She is a proud recipient of the NYWBA's Doris S. Hoffman Service Award.



Hon. Laura E. Drager is an Acting Supreme Court Justice, presiding over matrimonial actions in NY County. She was appointed to the Criminal Court in 1987. Previously, she was Chief of the Rackets Bureau for the Kings County District Attorney's Office, an Assistant District Attorney in the trial division and sex crimes unit of the New York County DA's Office, and an associate at Proskauer Rose. She is an adjunct professor at New York Law School and frequently lectures on divorce law, domestic violence and criminal law. She is a member of the OCA Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee, the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the NYSBA, and the Matrimonial Law Committee of the City Bar. She chaired the NY Criminal Court Committee on Domestic Violence for ten years. She has been a long-standing member of the NYWBA Board, and is a recipient of the NYWBA Doris S. Hoffman Service Award. Judge Drager is married, a mother and a grandmother.

Marjorie Martin is an Administrative Law Judge for the NYS Traffic Violations Bureau. She previously worked at a major international bank, had a solo practice, was of counsel to a small international firm, and was on the full time faculty of Fordham Law School. An active member of the NYWBA for many years, she has served as Recording Secretary, Director, Delegate to the WBASNY Board, representative on the WBASNY Awards and Nominations Committees, and as a member of the International Law and Technology Committees. She joined the Advisory Council in 2009. She appreciates the doors that have been opened to her through the NYWBA, including service on the First Department's Character and Fitness Committee. She has volunteered at Women in Need and the New York Lighthouse for the Blind and at Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. Ms. Martin is a recipient of the NYWBA Doris S. Hoffman Service Award.



Hon. Angela M. Mazzarelli graduated with honors from Brandeis University and received her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, where she was a teaching fellow. She was a Legal Services lawyer in the South Bronx, became a Law Assistant and then Principal Law Clerk in the NYS Supreme Court, and spent several years in private practice as a civil litigator. In 1985, she was elected to the NYC Civil Court and sat in the Criminal Court, where she chaired the Citywide Anti-Bias Committee and became involved in addressing the conditions of female prisoners and developing childcare facilities for NYC courts. In 1988, she was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice, and in 1992 she was elected to the NYS Supreme Court. In 1994, Justice Mazzarelli was designated an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, the second woman to serve on that court. She is a member of the Board of the Practicing Law Institute and the National Organization of Italian American Women, was President of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York (1997), and serves on the drafting committee of the New York Pattern Jury Instructions. She is a recipient of the Doris S. Hoffman Service Award.



Hon. Phyllis Gangel-Jacob is a graduate of Brooklyn College and NYU School of Law. After nearly twenty years in a private practice focused on commercial, real estate and matrimonial law, she was elected a NYC Civil Court Judge in 1985. In 1989, she was appointed Acting Supreme Court Justice, and in 1994 she was elected as a Supreme Court Justice. In 1999, she was appointed as a Justice of the Appellate Term for the First Department. Upon her retirement from the bench in 2006, she began a long tenure as a NYS Supreme Court Judicial Hearing Officer. She is a charter member of WBASNY and worked tirelessly to support its formation, drafting its By-Laws and working with then-separate Women's Bar Associations across the state to achieve consensus over governance and WBASNY's relationship with its Chapters. She was on the NYWBA and WBASNY Boards of Directors for more than thirty years. She also served as a Director on the Board of the Justices of the Supreme Court, as a Director of the NYS Association of Women's Judges, and on the Board of the Institute for Community Living (a non-profit that provides housing and support to the mentally ill). She is a proud recipient of NYWBA's President's Special Award and WBASNY's Marilyn Menge Award.



THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

~ An Important Part of NYWBA's Distinguished History ~

The New York Women's Bar Association Foundation, Inc. was formed in 1995 by founders Martha E. Gifford, Toby Pilsner and Gina Anderson, on behalf of the New York Women's Bar Association (NYWBA). Ms. Anderson served as the Foundation's first President from inception to 1999. She was thereafter succeeded by Nancy Lazar, Katherine B. Posner, and current President Karen M. Mitchell.

In January 2000, the Foundation held an important conference on mentoring, co-sponsored by the New York City Bar Association. Managing partners of NYC law firms and the General Counsels of many corporations attended this program and related training, and it made a significant impact on the understanding of these leaders on the need to affirmatively mentor and engage women attorneys in every aspect of practice of law. The Foundation also sponsored the publication of a companion book, *The Lawyer's Guide to Mentoring*, by Ida O. Abbott, Esq., which continues to be a bestseller through the National Association for Law Placement.

In furtherance of its stated mission to eliminate gender bias in the legal system and legal profession, and to promote economic equality and safety for women and children, the Foundation established a grant program in 2001. Since that time, it has provided numerous grants in response to proposals from committees of the NYWBA and other worthy organizations. The Foundation also has established internships at area law schools to allow law students interested in public interest law to work at organizations that provide support to victims of domestic violence and others in need of critical services, such as inMotion, Human Rights First, and Sanctuary

for Families. Through a large donation from a Past President of the NYWBA, the Foundation funded two scholarships annually for five years for students working at Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice. The Foundation is now raising funds to continue these scholarships. The Foundation also administers funds raised in honor of Past President Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin, which initially supported Ellerin Fellowships with state judges and now funds NYWBA's Pro Bono Matrimonial Program.

In 2003, the Foundation launched its highly praised Author's Breakfast Series, featuring authors such as Gail Collins, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, and recently Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Most recently, the Foundation held another authors' event, featuring a panel of female mystery/crime writers, moderated by Linda Fairstein.

The Foundation is a §501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. In 2005, it instituted an Annual Giving Club, which continues to raise money from NYWBA members and others, in furtherance of the Foundation's mission. If you have already made your gift or pledge, please accept our thanks. If not, please join the Foundation's in its continuing work to support the NYWBA in providing quality programs for all members, as well as to continue fulfilling its own mission.

For more information about the Foundation's mission, its accomplishments, its vision for the future or opportunities for charitable giving, please go to the Foundation's website at www.nywbaf.org or contact Foundation President Karen Mitchell at info@nywbaf.org.

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It is so wonderful to know that this extraordinary Association is celebrating its historic 80th anniversary year with such strong and capable leadership and vision.

Congratulations to the **MATRIMONIAL JUDGES** in New York County on receiving the **PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD**, to **HON. SHERRY KLEIN HEITLER** on receiving the **DORIS S. HOFFMAN SERVICE AWARD**, to **HON. PETER H. MOULTON** on his appointment as **ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FOR CIVIL MATTERS FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**, and hats off to our **OCTOGENARIAN MEMBERS**.

Kudos to **YACINE BARRY-WUN** on her exemplary service as **NYWBA PRESIDENT** and to the Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs.

Very best wishes to **JENNIFER P. BROWN** on her installation as **NYWBA PRESIDENT** and to the incoming Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs.

Congratulations to **IRENE V. VILLACCI** on her accomplishments as **WBASNY PRESIDENT**, to **ANDREA F. COMPOSTO** on her installation as 2015-2016 **WBASNY PRESIDENT**, and to the incoming WBASNY Officers & Directors, including NYWBA member & WBASNY VP **AMY SALTZMAN**.

Many thanks to the **DINNER, JOURNAL & AUCTION COMMITTEES** for this wonderful evening, and to **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KAREN LU**, **WEB DIVA ANNIE LEE**, and our friends at **TAG ONLINE** for their extraordinary dedication.

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for her outstanding work as Administrative Judge for
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On her induction as

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And long-time member and friend of the NYWBA

HON. PETER H. MOULTON



All the Best to our New President

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Congratulations to the fine matrimonial judges who sit in New York County. Your recognition is so well deserved.

Congratulations to Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler, a most deserving recipient of the Doris S. Hoffman Service Award and on her appointment as Chief of Policy and Planning for the Office of Court Administration.

Last, but certainly not least, Congratulations to Hon. Peter H. Moulton on his appointment as Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, First Judicial District.

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Thanks to outgoing President Yacine Barry-Wun
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Wishing a great year ahead to our
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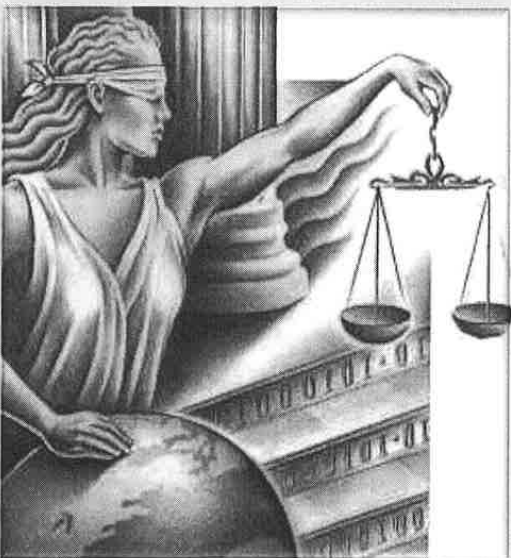
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