

2023 CRAIN'S **NOTABLE WOMEN** IN LAW

IN THIS 2023 LIST OF NOTABLE WOMEN IN LAW, *Crain's* recognizes leading female attorneys in New York who are furthering justice and keeping the cogs of commerce spinning.

More than a third of America's lawyers today are women—but of course, it was not always that way. In the decades since Kate Stoneman (1841-1925) became New York's first female attorney in 1886, women have contributed immeasurably to the legal profession, excelling in their work but also leveraging the law to promote fairness and provide aid. *Crain's* sought to highlight lawyers of this genre: Women at the pinnacle of their profession whose impact radiates well beyond the clients they serve.

The 100 lawyers who grace this list work in a range of legal arenas, from labor and employment to real estate and intellectual property. You'll read about attorneys who have achieved precedent-setting victories in all areas of the law, representing prominent clients ranging from Verizon to Kenneth Cole, from the United Federation of Teachers to Jay-Z. You'll also meet people who volunteer their time helping immigrants applying for asylum, serving economically disadvantaged communities, and mentoring young female lawyers and people from underrepresented groups.

To qualify, candidates needed to serve in a senior-level role at a law firm in the New York City metro area and have at least a decade of experience. We also looked for individuals who have performed consequential legal or pro bono work, served as mentors, promoted inclusivity and assumed leadership roles in civic or philanthropic endeavors.

Carol Villegas

Partner

Labaton Sucharow

A partner and the youngest litigation team leader in Labaton Sucharow's history, Carol Villegas serves as chief of compliance, a member of the executive committee and chair of the women's initiative. In addition to driving the firm's largest securities cases, Villegas is also leading the headline-grabbing privacy actions against Flo Health and Amazon. A first generation Colombian-American, Villegas aims to help diverse students and lawyers receive opportunities to succeed by working with advocacy groups and mentoring. She was elected to serve as chair of the board of directors of the City Bar Fund, the nonprofit arm of the New York City Bar Association.

