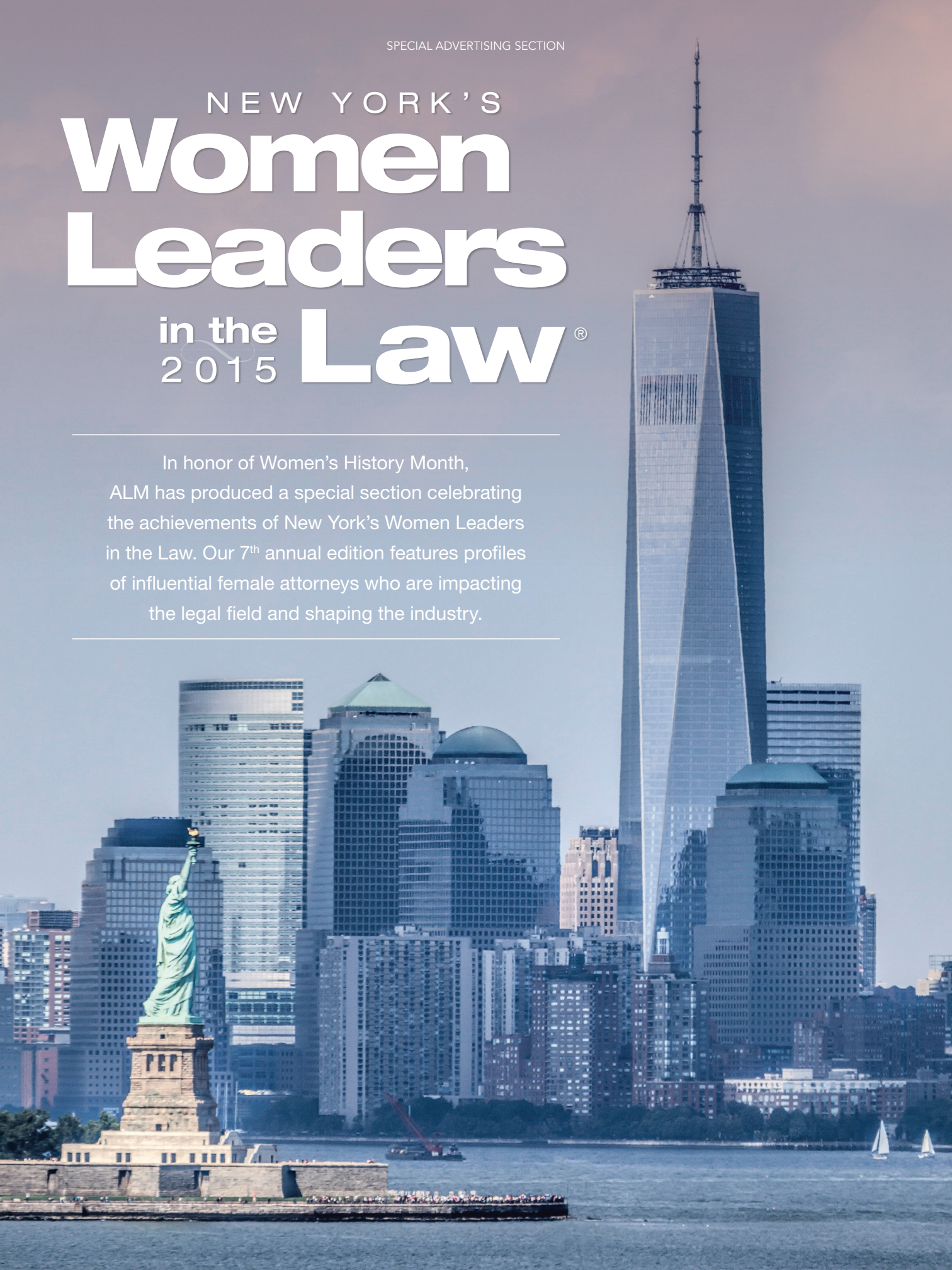


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Shortly after passing the bar in 1987, medical malpractice attorney Kathleen Kettles realized her advocacy for the injured in Manhattan courtrooms was distinctive, not just due to her passion, but also because of the actual sound of her voice.

“When I was in the trial assignment part waiting to go out and pick a jury, I would rarely see other women. Today is a different story — there are many female trial lawyers,” says Ms. Kettles, a former partner, and currently of counsel to Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP.

Undeterred, Ms. Kettles used what could have been a disadvantage to her benefit. Her inside knowledge of the industry, having been a registered nurse for 10 years prior, also established her as a formidable plaintiffs’ counsel. She recalls a slight disenchantment with her previous career and a change in mindset pertaining to education that led her to study for the LSATs.

“I went to college in the 1970s in the time when girls often became — if they went to college — teachers or nurses or secretaries, and they didn’t think much beyond that,” she says. “Which is why I didn’t go to law school until 10 years later.”

Being armed with previous professional experience also allowed for a successful career change for Dr. Sandra Kuzmich, a partner at Frommer, Lawrence & Haug LLP and head of its Life Sciences Group. Ms. Kuzmich’s established career in pharmacology prepared her in 2001 to join her firm in its early years, when life and career decisions were already key topics and concerns. This is a dialogue she continues with her female co-workers.

“One thing we need to break away from is the idea that to be successful and respected comes from being of a particular status at a firm and that should not be the case at all,” she says. “What matters is a combination of a person’s contributions, together with his or her professional fulfillment.”

Status disparity between the sexes continues to be a concern, however. In its 2014 installment of “A Current Glance at Women in the Law,” the American Bar Association found women’s most notable presence as associates and summer associates, with 44% and 45.3%, respectively. Females in higher-level positions were still reportedly in single-digit percentages, as they had been in 2013.

However, as Elena Karabatos can attest, networking and loyalty during formative years can overcome disproportion in the long-term.

Ms. Karabatos was already under the tutelage of partner Stephen

Schliessel when she entered the legal workforce in 1986 and joined him at a prior firm. By 2000, the two partners co-founded Schliessel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC. The firm employs eight attorneys, of which five are women, three of whom are partners.

“I believe in a team approach. The key to a successful business or firm is to work together collaboratively and to maximize each individual’s strengths and potential,” she says. “We’ve all practiced together for many years, and most of my partners have been working with me straight out of law school.”

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Though their practices vary, the shared trait among these *Women Leaders in the Law* is the zeal for hiring applicants based solely on their credentials and communication skills.

“I think we’re seeing an even breakdown of candidates over the last three or four years,” Ms. Kuzmich says of her firm’s interviewees. “All have these great skillsets and they come in on an even playing field.”

Considering her experience, as well as the ABA’s recent statistics, Ms. Kettles acts within her firm to empower young females in the hopes of contributing to an industry-wide rise and evenness in managing partnerships for women, especially since many law school graduates of the 1980s approach retirement age.

“You have to be clear about what you bring to the table, and be able to state your salary demand or request for a raise, because if you can’t do that, no one will offer you what you’re worth,” she says. “I am mentoring other women so that they can eventually take my place. I want them to be successful.”

By Justin Smulison

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From Left: Brielle Goldfaden, Veronica Sewnarine, Kathleen Kettles, Nicole Gill, and Paula Greco.

As Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro & Halperin, LLP, enters its 25th year of practice, the firm has assembled a team of personal injury and medical malpractice lawyers who rank among the best in New York State for representing plaintiffs.

"Not only do our attorneys have extensive experience in personal injury litigation, but they are also well versed in the courtroom, meaning we can expertly prepare and try the most complicated of cases," observes partner and co-founder Philip Russotti. "Simply put, our clients receive the best representation from experienced litigators with exceptional judgment."

Among these litigators are five attorneys who were recognized this year as New York Women Leaders in the Law: Kathleen Kettles, Paula Greco, Nicole Gill, Brielle Goldfaden, and Veronica Sewnarine.

A former registered professional nurse, Ms. Kathy Kettles brings more than 25 years of medical and legal experience to her practice, in which she concentrates exclusively on medical malpractice and products liability cases. Her results comprise millions of dollars in verdicts and settlements for her clients; and in 2015, she has already secured a settlement of more than \$12 million in a case involving a baby who was brain damaged at birth.

"Medical malpractice cases require the ability to understand complex medical

issues and causation problems, and Kathy, with her combined medical and legal expertise, is one of the best there is at handling these issues," Russotti notes.

Like Kettles, Mrs. Paula Greco has also been handling complicated plaintiffs' personal injury litigation for more than 25 years. In her practice she focuses on premises liability and automobile accident cases, and her many notable results include a \$1.5 million recovery in a premises accident case involving an elevator-related injury.

"Paula has been with us since we started the firm in 1990, and she is excellent at conducting depositions in these complicated cases," Russotti says. "She is tough as nails and relentless."

Ms. Nicole Gill, who has 14 years of legal experience, ranks among the city's top trial attorneys, with the unique advantage of having served as a defense attorney for the New York City Law Department's Corporation Counsel prior to joining the firm. In one of her most recent trials, Gill obtained a \$1.2 million verdict in a hotly contested vehicle accident case, despite the fact that the firm's client, a pedestrian, had difficulty explaining how she got struck.

Since joining the firm in 2012, Mrs. Brielle Goldfaden has distinguished herself in a number of challenging general negligence cases. Already, she has achieved multiple six-figure results, including a \$750,000 set-

tlement at trial in a case involving a three-car accident where the client, a doctor, made a terrific recovery and returned to work. These recoveries have led to her inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, the National Trial Lawyers' "Top 40 Under 40" list, and the *Super Lawyers*' "Rising Stars" recognition.

Mrs. Veronica Sewnarine has been with the firm since 2013, and during that time she has assisted in all phases of medical malpractice litigation, from inception through trial. Beyond her legal practice, she is actively involved in a number of women's professional organizations—such as the New York Women's Bar Association, the Queens County Women's Bar Association, and the Asian American Bar Association of New York—where she seeks to advance the status of women within the profession.

"These five women epitomize the caliber of attorney you would expect to find at this firm," Russotti says. "Their dedication to clients and the profession is illustrated in the high quality of their work, which is all directed toward one goal—obtaining the best result for each and every victim of negligence they represent."

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Elena is the treasurer and a member of the executive committee of the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA). She was chair of the NCBA's Matrimonial Law Committee (2009-2011) for which she received the 2010-2011 NCBA Director's Award for outstanding Service as Chair.

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Seated: Lenore Kramer
Standing, from left: Denise M. Dunleavy, Jonathan R. Ratchik

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Says Nancy: "My goal is to have a solid foundation with each client to better help navigate the divorce process. Open and authentic communication is essential for working together to develop a strategic plan."

Nancy is adept at handling contentious family law matters and intricate financial issues in cases involving complicated marital estates. She works closely with experts who are highly regarded in their fields, from parent coordinators to forensic accountants to assist parties in reaching resolutions in their marital disputes. In addition to having substantial experience as a litigator, Ms. Kellman provides collaborative divorce services as a member of the New York Association of Collaborative Professionals and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. In the collaborative law process, the parties contract to stay out of court and to resolve their issues in a constructive and respectful manner, using neutral financial experts and mental health professionals to achieve this end.

Nancy, a graduate of Pace University Law School, is a fellow of both the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

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Most gratifying was a jury verdict for \$6.6 million awarded to a plaintiff who endured sexual harassment and retaliation. The plaintiff, as well as Ms. Perry and her father, partner and mentor were celebrated at a ceremony for Courageous Plaintiffs, held by the National Employment Lawyers Association. Other notable awards were jury verdicts in favor of a retaliation plaintiff for \$2.5 million, of which \$300,000 was for punitive damages, a sexual harassment plaintiff in the amount of \$1.33 million, and a substantial verdict in favor of the plaintiff in a pregnancy discrimination case.

Ms. Perry has co-authored articles and lectured at programs sponsored by area bar associations and continuing legal education providers. She has achieved an AV® rating with preeminence by Martindale-Hubbell. For each year since 2009 to the present, Ms. Perry has been named to the New York "Super Lawyers" list and in 2012 and 2013, she was also named one of the Top 50 women lawyers in the New York Metro Area. Since 2012, Ms. Perry has been recognized in **Women Leaders in the Law**.

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Ms. Harounian practices exclusively in matrimonial and family law. She was named partner of Wisselman, Harounian & Associates, P.C. in 2006, and along with Jerome Wisselman, she leads an eight-attorney team with a record of success for trial advocacy up to the appellate level.

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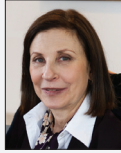
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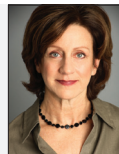
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