

WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION

## 2002 Report Card

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

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# PBA Women in the Profession 

 2002 Report Card Executive SummaryThe 2002 Report Card is the eighth published by the Commission on Women in the Profession. What began as an overview of women's participation in the PBA has grown over the years into an overview of women's roles throughout the profession. The 2002 Report Card includes statistics on women in the 100 largest law firms in the Commonwealth (based on survey results returned by 77 of the 100 firms surveyed), women in the offices of District Attorneys and Public Defenders (based on survey results returned by 63 of the 67 District Attorney offices and all of the Public Defender offices), women in the PBA, women judges on Pennsylvania's Courts of Common Pleas and Appellate Courts, and on the Federal Courts in Pennsylvania.

## BA

■ The PBA had its first and only woman President, Leslie Anne Miller, in 1999
■ Women's membership was $22.9 \%$ in 1996 and is $26.2 \%$ in 2002
■ Women members of the PBA Board of Governors rose from 16.7\% in 1996/97 to a high of $45.8 \%$ in 1999/00. They are $25 \%$ in 2001/02.

The 2002 Report Card reflects both good and bad news for women in the profession. Women comprise 30\% of the 2001/02 PBA Nominating Committee but, only $21 \%$ of the PBA House of Delegates and less than $20 \%$ of 12 committees. Women are substantially under-represented on the Councils of six Sections.

## Private Firms

■ Women are $32 \%$ of all lawyers, $8 \%$ of Managing Partners, $17 \%$ of Department Heads, $16 \%$ of Partners, $47 \%$ of Associates, $45 \%$ of Other Lawyers and the overwhelming majority of Part-Timers

## District Attorneys' Offices

- Women are 30\% of all lawyers, $13 \%$ of the District Attorneys, and $37 \%$ of First Assistants


## Public Defenders' Offices

■ Women are $35 \%$ of all lawyers, $18 \%$ of the Public Defenders, and $54 \%$ of First Assistants

## Judiciary

State

- There are no women judges in 41 of 67 counties

■ Women are $14 \%$ of the Supreme Court, $36 \%$ of the Superior Court, and $56 \%$ of the Commonwealth Court

## Federal

■ Eastern District: Women are 16\% of District Court Judges, 36\% of Magistrate Judges, and 25\% of Bankruptcy Judges
■ Middle District: Women are $25 \%$ of District Court Judges and there are no women Magistrate Judges or Bankruptcy Judges
■ Western District: Women are 17\% of District Court Judges, $40 \%$ of Magistrate Judges, and 20\% of Bankruptcy Judges
■ Two of the four women on the 10 member Third Circuit Court of Appeals are from Pennsylvania

# Chosen From the 100 Largest Firms in Pennsylvania The Women in the Profession's Award for the Promotion of Women to Leadership Positions 

This award was established in 2002 to recognize the firm among the 100 largest firms in Pennsylvania that has done the most to promote its women lawyers to leadership positions within the firm. By celebrating the accomplishments of the firm that is selected to be honored, the award recognizes standards which other firms can aspire to meet. By describing the methods the firm uses to promote women to leadership positions, the award highlights successful tactics that other firms can emulate.

The important leadership positions in most firms which carry the greatest prestige and monetary awards are managing partner, equity partner, and department/section/practice group head. The representation of women in substantial percentages in these categories shows a firm's commitment to utilize and reward the talents and abilities of all of its most accomplished lawyers.

The total percentage of women in a firm does not indicate that the firm is making the best use of its talented and able women lawyers unless they are also well represented in leadership positions. Associate and nonequity partner positions may or may not be stepping-stones to true leadership positions in a firm. Part-time positions might be compatible with wholesome family life and provide some women and men with the ability to practice their profession which would not be available if they had to work full time. However, part-time positions should not be dead end positions that exclude the possibility of equity partnership or other leadership positions. Opportunities for advancement of excellent lawyers should be available in varying circumstances.

We hope to present two awards in each future year: one for a firm selected from among the very largesize firms in Pennsylvania and another selected from among the mid-sized firms which are nevertheless within the 100 largest firms in Pennsylvania.

## First Award to Willig, Williams and Davidson

The first Women in the Profession Award for the Promotion of Women to Leadership Positions has been awarded to Willig, Williams and Davidson, a mid-sized firm of 34 lawyers, with offices in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and New Jersey. The firm concentrates in representing labor unions, employee benefits funds and working people. Willig, Williams and Davidson has set a standard that will be very hard for other firms to match.

There are three named partners: two women, Deborah Willig and Alaine Williams, and one man, Stewart Davidson. Of the eight equity partners, five are women. One of those women works part-time, as she did for most of her time as an associate at the firm. Two of the other women equity partners were part-time during some of their time as associates. At Willig, Williams and Davidson, working part-time as an associate does not extend the time period necessary to achieve partnership or equity partnership. The firm has a parenting policy which has been used by a number of women and two men. There are a total of 15 partners in the firm, nine women and six men.There are seven non equity-partners, four women and three men. Of the 20 associates, there are six women and 12 men. Two of the women associates work part-time. There is one male lawyer in New Jersey who is of counsel. Of the 34 lawyer total, 15 are women and 19 are men.

Deborah Willig, the Managing Partner, graduated from Temple Law School in 1975. During law school, she worked as a legal and legislative assistant for the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. Upon graduation, she clerked for Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Lisa Aversa Richette. Since her clerkship, she has been engaged in the practice of union labor relations and plaintiff employment law. Deborah Willig became the first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association in 1992 and received the association's Sandra Day O'Connor Award in 1995. This March, Womens Way presented her with its Agent of Change Award. She currently serves on the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Commission.

Alaine S.Williams graduated from Florida State University Law School in 1979 and received a LL.M from Columbia University School of Law in 1980. She served as the Assistant and Acting Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Human Relations and also served in the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan in 1975, where she taught a course on the American legal system to Afghan judges and lawyers. She is an expert on public employment law and has chaired the Labor Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Stewart W. Davidson graduated from Harvard Law School in 1982. He practices labor law, specializing in representing employee benefit funds. He serves on multiple boards, co-chairing the Labor Advisory Board for State of Israel Funds. He has taught, and continues to teach, numerous labor and employment courses at Philadelphia area colleges and universities, and he lectures extensively in Pennsylvania and nationally.

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## PBA Women in the Profession <br> The Anne X. Alpern Award

In 1994, the Commission created an annual award to be presented to a woman attorney in Pennsylvania who has been an outstanding legal professional as well as a mentor for other attorneys. The Anne X. Alpern Award was named after the first woman to serve as a state attorney general in the United States. In 1959 Governor David Lawrence appointed Anne Alpern to the position of attorney general for Pennsylvania. Two years later, Governor Lawrence appointed Anne Alpern to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, making her Pennsylvania's first woman appellate judge. Justice Alpern died in 1981. By naming its award in memory of this legal pioneer, the Commission honors her outstanding achievement as a role model for all women attorneys.

## 2002 Recipient: Lila G. Roomberg, Esquire

The 2001 Anne X. Alpern recipient is Lila G. Roomberg. Ms. Roomberg is presently Of Counsel at Ballard Spahr Andrews \& Ingersoll, where she spent most of her legal career. She was an associate from 1959-1970 and became a partner in 1970. She received her law degree from the School of Law of the New York University and received a bachelor of arts degree from Washington Square College, New York University. Ms. Roomberg has served as a mentor to many women in the profession over the years.

Ms. Roomberg is an active member with both the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations. She serves on the Executive Council of the PBA Women in the Profession as its Newsletter and Networking Directory Editor. She was the founder of the Philadelphia Bar Association Child Care Services Committee. The Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations have recently adopted Alternative Work Arrangement Recommendations that she co-authored. She also presently is a member of the Advisory Board of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts and the Golda Meir Chapter of Hadassah. She received the Philadelphia Bar Association's Sandra Day O'Connor Award in 2000.

Her practice concentrated in public finance, and she was responsible for tax-exempt financing for municipalities, school districts, authorities, and health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, and continuing care communities.

## Prior Award Recipients

2001 Nora Barry Fischer, Esquire
2000 Honorable Carolyn E. Temin
1999 Leslie Anne Miller, Esquire
1998 Professor Marina Angel
1997 Honorable Phyllis Beck
1996 Professor Esther Clark
1995 Joy Flowers Conti, Esquire
1994 Honorable Genevieve Blatt

## Pennsylvania Bar Association <br> Methodology

The Women in the Profession Report Card was originally created to illustrate the participation and leadership roles of women in the PBA. The Report Card, produced annually, includes statistics for the five previous years. It has been expanded to assess the status of women in several areas, including the judiciary.
The sources of the data are:
2001/02 Resource Guide to the Pennsylvania Bar Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association Membership records
Surveys sent to all District Attorneys, all Public Defenders, and the 100 largest law firms
PALAW 2001 Annual Report on the Legal Profession
2002 PBA Lawyer's Directory and Product Guide
Some members of the PBA have gender neutral names so some errors may exist. As sample sizes can result in fluctuations of percentages, sample sizes must be recognized in the interpretation of these statistics.

## Pennsylvania Bar Association Today in the PBA

ctive membership in the PBA is open to any lawyer in good-standing who is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania.
The overall PBA membership number has declined slightly since 1998, but the percentage of women members has been increasing steadily. When the first report card was issued in 1994/95, women were $23.6 \%$ of the total membership. Today women are $26.2 \%$ of the membership

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\text { Women - 7,137 } \quad \text { Men - 20,090 }
$$

Total Members - 27,227

## Women in the Profession Survey Results Private Sector Law Firms



[^0]in the PALAW 2001 Annual Report on the Legal Profession

## Women in the Profession Survey Results Private Sector Law Firms

Women Men $=\%$ of Women



Total
Lawyers

Partners


Associates


Other

## Women in the Profession Survey Results Private Sector Law Firms

These statistics are the result of survey forms sent to the 100 largest law firms in Pennsylvania. Follow up phone calls to firms and District Attorney and Public Defender Offices greatly increased the response rate this year. However, the phone calls revealed confusion as to the data requested, which may have resulted in some inadvertent errors in responses including slight variations in totals reported. Some responses that did not fit the final format were eliminated. The survey instruments will be revised next year. The survey forms are sent out in late January. Survey responses are voluntary and firms are promised anonymity. 2002 was the fourth year that this information was gathered. In 2002, 77 firms responded, compared to 42 firms in 2001.

For 2002 women are:
■ $32 \%$ of all lawyers, compared to $28 \%$ in 2001
■ $8 \%$ of Managing Partners, compared to $5 \%$ in 2001
■ $17 \%$ of Department Heads
■ $16 \%$ of Partners
■ $47 \%$ of Associates

- Women are an overwhelming majority of Part-Timers

■ $45 \%$ of Other Lawyers, e.g. Of Counsel, Specialists
Women are under-represented in the higher ranking positions of Managing Partners, Department Heads and Partners. They are over-represented in the lowest paying, least powerful and least prestigious positions of Associates and Part-Timers.

# Women in the Profession Survey Results <br> Public Sector 

## District Attorneys

Women Men $=\%$ of Women


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## Women in the Profession Survey Results Public Sector

## Public Defenders



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## Women in the Profession Survey Results <br> Public Sector

The statistics compiled as to the role of women in District Attorneys' Offices and Public Defenders' Offices are the result of the number of surveys returned: 63 out of the 67 District Attorneys' Offices surveyed returned forms and all of the Public Defenders' Offices surveyed returned forms. The survey response rate was up from 2001, when 44 District Attorneys' offices and 39 Public Defenders' Offices responded. The pattern of under-representation of women in the higher ranking positions and over-representation in the lower ranking positions as seen in the private sector is mirrored in the public sector. As with the private sector, the forms were sent out in late January and anonymity was promised to responding offices.

## District Attorneys

For 2002, women are:
■ 30\% of all lawyers in District Attorneys' Offices

- 8 or $13 \%$ of District Attorneys
- 14 or $37 \%$ First Assistant District Attorneys

■ 10\% of Part-Timers, but Part-Time Assistant District Attorney positions are desirable positions

## Public Defenders

For 2002, women are:
■ 35\% of all lawyers in Public Defenders' Offices

- 12 or $18 \%$ of Public Defenders

■ 15 or $54 \%$ of First Assistant Public Defenders
■ 19\% of Part-Timers, but Part-Time Assistant Public Defender positions are desirable positions

Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas Judges by County

| Women | Men | = \% | Wor |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COUNTY |  |  |  | COUNTY |  |  |  |
| Adams | 0 | 3 | 0\% | Lackawanna | 1 | 6 | 14\% |
| Allegheny | 8 | 32 | 20\% | Lancaster | 1 | 11 | 8\% |
| Armstrong | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Lawrence | 0 | 3 | 0\% |
| Beaver | 0 | 6 | 0\% | Lebanon | 0 | 4 | 0\% |
| Bedford | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Lehigh | 1 | 8 | 11\% |
| Berks | 2 | 10 | 17\% | Luzerne | 1 | 8 | 11\% |
| Blair | 1 | 3 | 25\% | Lycoming | 1 | 4 | 20\% |
| Bradford | 0 | 2 | 0\% | McKean | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Bucks | 3 | 7 | 30\% | Mercer | 0 | 3 | 0\% |
| Butler | 1 | 4 | 20\% | Mifflin | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Cambria | 0 | 5 | 0\% | Monroe | 2 | 3 | 40\% |
| Cameron | 0 | 1 | 0\% | Montgomery | 2 | 18 | 10\% |
| Carbon | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Montour | 0 | 2 | 0\% |
| Centre | 0 | 3 | 0\% | Northampton | 1 | 4 | 20\% |
| Chester | 4 | 7 | 36\% | Northumberland | 0 | 3 | 0\% |
| Clarion | 0 | 1 | 0\% | Perry | 0 | 2 | 0\% |
| Clearfield | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Philadelphia | 39 | 54 | 42\% |
| Clinton | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Pike | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Columbia | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Potter | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Crawford | 0 | 3 | 0\% | Schuylkill | 1 | 5 | 17\% |
| Cumberland | 0 | 5 | 0\% | Snyder | 1 | 1 | 50\% |
| Dauphin | 1 | 7 | 13\% | Somerset | 0 | 3 | 0\% |
| Delaware | 4 | 14 | 22\% | Sullivan | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Elk | 0 | 1 | 0\% | Susquehanna | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Erie | 2 | 6 | 25\% | Tioga | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Fayette | 0 | 5 | 0\% | Union | 1 | 1 | 50\% |
| Forest | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Venango | 0 | 2 | 0\% |
| Franklin | 1 | 3 | 25\% | Warren | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Fulton | 1 | 3 | 25\% | Washington | 2 | 3 | 40\% |
| Greene | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Wayne | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Huntingdon | 0 | 1 | 0\% | Westmoreland | 2 | 9 | 18\% |
| Indiana | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Wyoming | 0 | 1 | 0\% |
| Jefferson | 0 | 1 | 0\% | York | 2 | 9 | 18\% |
| Juniata | 0 | 2 | 0\% | Totals | 82 | 329 | 20\% |

There were no women judges in 41 of 67 counties last year. The situation remains the same. There are no women judges in the same 41 counties this year. There are 82 women judges, or $20 \%$, and 329 men. Excluding Philadelphia which has $42 \%$ women judges, women comprise $14 \%$ of the judges in the remaining counties.

# Pennsylvania <br> State Appellate and Federal Judiciary 

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Women Men = % of Women
PA Appellate Judiciary
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PA Supreme Court 1 out of 7 justices
PA Superior Court
5 out of 14 judges
PA Commonwealth Court
5 out of 9 judges

## Federal Judiciary

Pennsylvania Bar Association Members by County

| Women | Men | $=\%$ o | Women |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COUNTY |  |  |  | COUNTY |  |  |  |
| Adams | 18 | 44 | 29\% | Lackawanna | 98 | 438 | 18\% |
| Allegheny | 1078 | 2918 | 27\% | Lancaster | 148 | 491 | 23\% |
| Armstrong | 6 | 36 | 14\% | Lawrence | 17 | 85 | 17\% |
| Beaver | 33 | 146 | 18\% | Lebanon | 26 | 89 | 23\% |
| Bedford | 3 | 21 | 13\% | Lehigh | 125 | 411 | 23\% |
| Berks | 124 | 437 | 22\% | Luzerne | 70 | 329 | 18\% |
| Blair | 30 | 87 | 26\% | Lycoming | 38 | 154 | 20\% |
| Bradford | 10 | 41 | 20\% | McKean | 2 | 32 | 6\% |
| Bucks | 165 | 481 | 26\% | Mercer | 20 | 106 | 15\% |
| Butler | 35 | 92 | 28\% | Mifflin | 5 | 32 | 14\% |
| Cambria | 30 | 155 | 16\% | Monroe | 26 | 106 | 18\% |
| Cameron | 0 | 3 | 0\% | Montgomery | 598 | 1660 | 27\% |
| Carbon | 15 | 39 | 28\% | Montour | 7 | 12 | 37\% |
| Centre | 48 | 121 | 28\% | Northampton | 86 | 333 | 21\% |
| Chester | 208 | 566 | 27\% | Northumberland | 7 | 69 | 9\% |
| Clarion | 3 | 30 | 9\% | Perry | 7 | 12 | 37\% |
| Clearfield | 10 | 43 | 19\% | Philadelphia | 1690 | 3882 | 30\% |
| Clinton | 1 | 29 | 3\% | Pike | 7 | 24 | 27\% |
| Columbia | 9 | 40 | 18\% | Potter | 3 | 12 | 20\% |
| Crawford | 21 | 78 | 21\% | Schuylkill | 42 | 142 | 23\% |
| Cumberland | 110 | 326 | 25\% | Snyder | 5 | 17 | 23\% |
| Dauphin | 535 | 1228 | 30\% | Somerset | 15 | 60 | 20\% |
| Delaware | 239 | 678 | 26\% | Sullivan | 1 | 4 | 20\% |
| Elk | 3 | 19 | 14\% | Susquehanna | 4 | 22 | 15\% |
| Erie | 84 | 414 | 17\% | Tioga | 4 | 34 | 11\% |
| Fayette | 26 | 89 | 23\% | Union | 8 | 26 | 24\% |
| Forest | 0 | 3 | 0\% | Venango | 8 | 50 | 14\% |
| Franklin | 34 | 88 | 28\% | Warren | 5 | 29 | 15\% |
| Fulton | 2 | 7 | 22\% | Washington | 66 | 203 | 25\% |
| Greene | 8 | 26 | 24\% | Wayne | 10 | 44 | 19\% |
| Huntingdon | 4 | 30 | 12\% | Westmoreland | 104 | 380 | 22\% |
| Indiana | 13 | 51 | 20\% | Wyoming | 8 | 13 | 38\% |
| Jefferson | 4 | 35 | 10\% | York | 91 | 334 | 21\% |
| Juniata | 1 | 12 | 8\% |  |  |  |  |

With some exceptions, women are more heavily represented in large urban counties (e.g. Philadelphia in the east and Allegheny in the west) and their surrounding suburban counties (e.g. Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery in the east and e.g., Butler, Washington and Westmoreland in the west).

The PBA Board of Governors manages and carries out policies established by the House of Delegates. The Board is comprised of the following members:

PBA general officers (President, President-Elect, Vice President, Chair of the House of Delegates, Secretary and Treasurer)
the Immediate Past President
three representatives from the Young Lawyers Division one Zone Governor from each of the twelve zones two governors-at-large (one minority governor and one woman governor)
The Pennsylvania Bar Association has welcomed women lawyers into its leadership. The participation of women on the Board of Governors grew during the 1990s. This was due in part to the 1991 Bylaws amendment establishing the position of an at-large governor to represent women's interests. The steady improvement from 1995/96 to 1999/00 was reversed, in 2000/01 as the number of women on the Board decreased by 4 from the previous year. This year 6 women comprise $25 \%$ of the Board.

■ Women were $16.7 \%$ of the Board of Governors in 1996/97, $45.8 \%$ in 1999/00, and are $25 \%$ today

- The number of women decreased from 11 in 1999/00 to 6 in 2001/02

Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors


Pennsylvania Bar Association Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee selects one candidate for each of the general offices of the association to be presented to the House of Delegates for consideration. The committee, derived from the Board of Governors, consists of:
all zone governors
the minority governor
the woman governor
the five living immediate past presidents of the PBA
the immediate past chair of the Young Lawyers
Division
■ Women held $40 \%$ of Nominating Committee seats in 1999/00 and $30 \%$ both last year and this year.


25.0\%
25.0\%
2001/02 2000/01 1999/00 1998/99 1997/98

| Women | Men $=\%$ of Women |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | 2001/02 |
| $\square$ Women $=6$ | $\square$ Men $=14 \quad$ Total $=20$ |

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## Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates

The House of Delegates sets the policy of the PBA and is comprised of the following members:

PBA general officers (President, President-Elect, Vice President, Chair of the House of Delegates, Secretary and Treasurer)
all Zone Governors
one member from each zone for each 100 active members
one additional member from each unit membership zone
living former PBA presidents and chairs of the House
one representative of each county bar association
the preceding secretary, treasurer and zone governors
delegates of sections and the Young Lawyers Division the Attorney General of Pennsylvania state delegates to the ABA House
the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania
deans of Pennsylvania law schools

## Delegates



Participation by women in the House of Delegates was $25 \%$ in 1999/00, $19.9 \%$ in 2000/01, and is $21 \%$ in 2001/02. The percentage of delegates does not mirror the percentage of women PBA members, which is $26.2 \%$ in 2001/02.

In 1999/00 there were 87 women delegates and this year there are 86 . This year, each of the 12 zones has women delegates, but in Zones 2 and 4 they comprise only $6.7 \%$ of the delegates.
Annual fluctuations in membership, as well as other factors, affect the number of representatives in a particular zone. The members of the House of Delegates are selected by election within each zone.
Since 1996, the following Zones have consistently had high percentages of women Delegates:
■ Zone 3 - Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York
■ Zone 6 - Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland
■ Zone 12 - Allegheny
This year, the following Zones have less than $18 \%$ women Delegates:
■ Zone 2 - Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Schuylkill
■ Zone 4 - Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga and Union
■ Zone 5 - Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming
■ Zone 7 - Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Warren and Venango
■ Zone 8 - Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Mifflin and Somerset
■ Zone 11 - Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk and Potter
Zone 1, Philadelphia, fell from 24.5\% women delegates in 1997/98 to $18.1 \%$ this year.

# Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates - by Zone 

Women Men = \% of Women

1999/00
1998/99
1997/98
Zone 1
Zone 2
Zone 3
Zone 4
Zone 5
Zone 6
Zone 7
Zone 8
Zone 9
Zone 10
Zone 11
Zone 12

2001/02

| 13 | 59 | $18.1 \%$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 28 | $6.7 \%$ |
| 22 | 39 | $36.1 \%$ |
| 1 | 14 | $6.7 \%$ |
| 3 | 21 | $12.5 \%$ |
| 5 | 17 | $22.7 \%$ |
| 3 | 16 | $15.8 \%$ |
| 3 | 14 | $17.6 \%$ |
| 11 | 49 | $18.3 \%$ |
| 3 | 11 | $21.4 \%$ |
| 2 | 10 | $16.7 \%$ |
| 18 | 39 | $31.6 \%$ |

2000/01

| 11 | 52 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 26 |
| 16 | 31 |
| 0 | 12 |
| 2 | 21 |
| 6 | 13 |
| 1 | 16 |
| 1 | 14 |
| 10 | 44 |
| 3 | 10 |
| 2 | 8 |
| 15 | 31 |

$17.7 \%$
$7.1 \%$
$34 \%$
$0 \%$
$8.7 \%$
$31.6 \%$
$5.9 \%$
$6.7 \%$
$18.5 \%$
$23.1 \%$
$20 \%$
$32.6 \%$

| 13 | 46 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 3 | 23 |
| 14 | 28 |
| 0 | 11 |
| 2 | 22 |
| 4 | 13 |
| 1 | 16 |
| 1 | 13 |
| 10 | 44 |
| 4 | 8 |
| 2 | 8 |
| 15 | 29 |

$22 \%$
$11.5 \%$
$50 \%$
$0 \%$
$8.3 \%$
$23.5 \%$
$5.9 \%$
$7.1 \%$
$18.2 \%$
$33.3 \%$
$20 \%$
$34.1 \%$

| 14 | 44 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 3 | 23 |
| 12 | 28 |
| 2 | 9 |
| 2 | 21 |
| 4 | 12 |
| 2 | 14 |
| 1 | 13 |
| 10 | 41 |
| 4 | 8 |
| 1 | 9 |
| 15 | 28 |

$24.1 \%$
$11.5 \%$
$30 \%$
$18.2 \%$
$8.7 \%$
$25 \%$
$12.5 \%$
$7.1 \%$
$19.6 \%$
33.3
$10 \%$
34.9

| 13 | 40 | $24.5 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | :--- |
| 3 | 21 | $12.5 \%$ |
| 11 | 23 | $32.4 \%$ |
| 1 | 10 | $9.1 \%$ |
| 3 | 19 | $13.6 \%$ |
| 3 | 11 | $21.4 \%$ |
| 2 | 14 | $12.5 \%$ |
| 0 | 14 | $0 \%$ |
| 6 | 42 | $12.5 \%$ |
| 1 | 7 | $12.5 \%$ |
| 0 | 9 | $0 \%$ |
| 10 | 26 | $38.5 \%$ |

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Zone Map


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## Pennsylvania Bar Association Committees



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## Pennsylvania Bar Association Committees

In 2001/02, there are 44 active committees listed in the Resource Guide to the PBA. Each committee addresses an area of concern in the practice of law. Generally committees have chairs and vice chairs.

Participation of women on committees continues to fluctuate from year to year. In reviewing the percentage of women on committees, it is important to keep in mind that women represent $26.2 \%$ of the total PBA membership in 2001/02.

In 2001-02, 19 women serve as chairs or co-chairs of the 44 active committees. Twenty-one women serve as vice chairs.

The following 12 committees have below $20 \%$ women membership:

| $\square$ | $5.3 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Advertising* |  |
| $18.2 \%$ | Amicus Curiae Brief* |
| $15.4 \%$ | Commission on Multidisciplinary Practice* |
| ■ $12.5 \%$ | Judicial Administration |
| $9.1 \%$ | Lawyers Assistance |
| $15.4 \%$ | Medical Society/Bar Association* |
| $7.6 \%$ | Professional Liability |
| - $3.4 \%$ | Senior Lawyers |
| $18.8 \%$ | Specialization* |
| ■ $17.9 \%$ | Sports, Entertainment \& Art |
| $18.5 \%$ | Statutory Law |
| $14.3 \%$ | Visions and Trends* |

[^4]Pennsylvania Bar Association Sections

## Pennsylvania Bar Association

 SectionsThere are currently 18 sections in the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Sections are comprised of active PBA members, and any PBA member may become a member of any section or sections upon payment of section dues. Each section has a chair and may have a vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and other officers.
In 2001/21, are 3 women section chairs and 3 women vice chairs, as compared to 1 woman chair and 5 vice chairs in 2000/01. Secretary/Treasurer positions held by women increased to 4 this year as compared to 3 in 2000/01. There are 2 Section Delegates as compared to 3 in 2000/01.

Women are substantially under-represented in comparison to section membership on the councils of 6 sections:

|  | Membership | Council |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $\square$ | Aeronautical Law | $16 \%$ |
| $0 \%$ |  |  |
| $\square$ | Criminal Law | $16 \%$ |
| Education Law | $30 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Intellectual Property | $22 \%$ |
| $13 \%$ |  |  |
| $\square$ | Labor \& Employment | $30 \%$ |
| Tax Law | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| ■ |  | $0 \%$ |

Women have consistently been unrepresented or under-represented in the leadership of 4 of these sections: Aeronautical Law, Criminal Law, Labor \& Employment Law and Tax Law. This year, there are no women on the councils of 3 of these 4 sections: Aeronautical Law, Criminal Law, and Tax Law.

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## Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Leadership

The PBA Young Lawyers Division represents slightly less than one-third of the association's membership. Members are lawyers who are 36 years of age or younger or who have been practicing law for five years or less, regardless of age. The leadership positions in the Young Lawyers Division are:

Chair
Chair-Elect
Immediate Past Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Division Delegate
ABA/YLD District Representative
It bodes well for the future of the Young Lawyers Division that women continue to participate actively in its leadership roles.

This year, just as last year, $43 \%$ of the leadership positions, 3 of 7 officers, are held by women.

■ The Immediate Past Chair is a woman

- The Division Delegate is a woman
- The ABA/YLD District Representative is a woman.


# Pennsylvania Bar Association Report Card Conclusion 

For the eighth year, the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession has prepared a Report Card. Originally patterned after the ABA Report Card, the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession Report Card has evolved every year. It has changed and expanded with the hope of illuminating the roles of women in the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the legal profession.

Starting in 1994, the Report Card focused on the PBA membership and the positions and numbers of women in the organization. Eight years later, this is still an important focus of the Report Card, but the Report Card has grown to include more information on women within the profession. The 2002 Report Card looks at numbers and positions of women in private law firms as well as public offices such as District Attorneys and Public Defenders. For the third time, numbers on women in the judiciary are reported.

The Commission on Women in the Profession issues this Report Card yearly to serve as a measure of the evolving participation of women in the legal profession in Pennsylvania. The Commission hopes, in keeping with our Mission Statement, the Report Card will help identify barriers as well as reveal opportunities for women within the profession.

The Women in the Profession's Award for the Promotion of Women to Leadership Positions was established this year to recognize the firm among the 100 largest firms in Pennsylvania that has done the most to promote its women lawyers to leadership positions within the firm. The important leadership positions in most firms which carry the greatest prestige and monetary awards are managing partner, equity partner, and department/section/practice group head. The representation of women in substantial percentages in these categories shows a firm's commitment to utilize and reward the talents and abilities of all of its most accomplished lawyers. By honoring a firm, the award recognizes standards which other firms can aspire to meet and highlights successful tactics which other firms can emulate.

It remains the belief and goal of this Commission that with all members working together, we will create a strong and vital profession and PBA. Together we will be prepared to meet the challenges facing our society and profession.

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## PBA Women in the Profession Mission Statement

The mission of the Pennsylvania Bar Association ("PBA") Commission on Women in the Profession is to assure full and equal participation of women in the PBA, the legal profession and the justice system. In order to achieve this mission, the Commission is to:

1. Identify opportunities that enable women lawyers to participate fully in the work, responsibilities and rewards of the profession. Included in this objective are issues relating to the advancement of women within law firms, job opportunities for women, gender discrimination in the profession and ways and means by which women can utilize the Bar Association as a continuing organization to help solve and resolve problems unique to women in the profession.
2. Monitor the current status of women in the legal profession, identify their career paths and goals, and promote their advancement and achievement.
3. Develop educational programs to address discrimination against women lawyers and the unique barriers they encounter in pursuing their professional careers.
4. Make recommendations to the PBA Board of Governors and House of Delegates for action on issues the Commission identifies.
5. Make recommendations to the Courts, legislature and other groups within the justice system on issues the Commission identifies through the approval of the Board of Governors and House of Delegates.

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[^0]:    Source: Based on the survey responses received from 79 of the largest 100 law firms as identified

[^1]:    Source: Based on the survey responses received from 63 of the 67 District Attorney Offices.

[^2]:    Source: Based on the survey responses received from 67 of the 67 Public Defender Offices.

[^3]:    * denotes appointed committee

[^4]:    * denotes appointed committee

