# Women in the Profession

## 16th ANNUAL REPORT CARD

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the 2010 Pennsylvania Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession Report Card which marks its 16th year. In the fall of 2009 the Report Card Committee was asked to evaluate whether the Report Card remained a valuable annual project for the Commission. The consensus was that there was value in obtaining data on the number of women in large private law firms, certain public offices, the judiciary and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. However, there were also concerns that for years the Report Card has highlighted where women are not rather than where women are in the legal profession.

In order to address these concerns, for 2010, the Report Card has expanded to highlight the women in the legal profession who practice in small firms, solo practice or in government agencies. By profiling the experiences of these women, the Report Card hopes to illuminate where women are practicing and what choices led them there. The Commission is indebted to Barbara Seaman Ochs and Melinda Ghilardi for interviewing these women and sharing their stories.

The sixteenth Report Card continues to provide concrete data on the number of women practicing in large firms, as public defenders, district attorneys and as judges while becoming relevant to women practicing in other areas. It is the Commission's continued hope that the Report Card will help identify barriers as well as reveal opportunities for women within the profession.

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#### REPORT CARD MISSION

For the sixteenth 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 1995, the Report Card focused on the PBA membership and the positions and numbers of women in the organization. Sixteen 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 2010 Report Card looks at numbers and positions of women in private law firms as well as public offices, such as District Attorney and Public Defender Offices, and in the judiciary. This year, the report card has expanded again, and includes profiles of women in small firms, solo practice, and government.

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.

#### 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 approval of the Board of Governors and House of Delegates.

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### **Today in the PBA**

- Women = 8,407
- Men = 19,667

Total = 28,074



#### 2010 REPORT CARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### **PBA**

 Women's membership in the PBA continues to increase both numerically and proportionally since the first Report Card was issued in 1995.

Women were 30% of the PBA during the 2009 Bar Year.

- Gretchen A. Mundorff, President-Elect for the 2009 Bar Year, will be the second woman President of the PBA. The PBA had its first woman President, Leslie Anne Miller, in 1999.
- Women comprise 28% of the House of Delegates during the 2009 Bar Year.
- Women were 20.8% of the PBA Board of Governors in 1995, rose to a high of 45.8% in 2000, and were 32% in the 2009 Bar Year, 8% higher than the previous Bar Year.
- Women were 9% of the Nominating Committee in 1995, and were 41% in the 2009 Bar Year.
- In 1995, there were 38 committees with 12 women solo chairs, 32%. During the 2009 Bar Year, there were 48 committees: 29 had women solo chairs, 60%.

The President-Elect appoints the chairs of committees.

The Commission on Women in the Profession had over 700 members during the 2009 Bar Year, almost six times as many members as the next largest committee. Women are a majority of total committee membership, 56%.

- In 1995, there was 1 woman section chair. For the 2009 Bar Year, 6 section chairs were women, 33%. Sections elect their own chairs.
- In 1995, there was only 1 woman out of 16 section representatives to the House of Delegates. During the 2009 Bar Year, there were 6 women out of 17 section representatives to the House of delegates, or 35%, a 16% increase from the prior year.

The Young Lawyers Division, which includes all women and men under 38, is 31% of PBA members. Women comprise 45% of the Young Lawyers Division for 2009.

• Women were 57% of the leadership in the Young Lawyers Division for the 2009 Bar Year and were the same in 1995— the current chair, secretary and immediate past chair are men, while the chair-elect, treasurer, house of delegates representative, and ABA/YLD district representative are women.



#### **PRIVATE FIRMS**

• In the 2009 Bar Year, women were 30% of all Lawyers, 12% of Chief Administrators, 19% of Equity Partners, 20% of Partners, 18% of Partner-Administrators (e.g. Department and Practice Group Heads), and 45% of Associates on Partnership Track.

Women continue to be under-represented in higher level positions including managing partners and executive committee members and over-represented as Associates, contract and staff attorneys, per diem attorneys from temporary agencies, and part-timers.

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES**

 Women were 42% of all lawyers, 13% of District Attorneys, and 24% of First Assistants in the 2009 Bar Year.

#### **PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICES**

• Women were 37% of all lawyers, 10% of the Public Defenders, and 23% of First Assistants.

#### STATE JUDICIARY

• In 2009, elected women were 29% of the Supreme Court, 54% of the Superior Court, and 43% of Commonwealth Court.

- Philadelphia had 43 women Court of Common Pleas Judges, or 48%. Women comprised only 27% of Court of Common Pleas Judges in the remaining 66 counties.
- Thirty-one counties had no women judges. Montgomery County, one of the four largest counties, has only 1 woman out of 17 judges.

#### **FEDERAL JUDICIARY**

In 2009, appointed women federal judges in Pennsylvania were 21% of District Court Judges, 41% of Magistrate Judges, and 31% of Bankruptcy Judges.

- Eastern District: Women were 14% of District Court Judges, 42% of Magistrate Judges, and 33% of Bankruptcy Judges.
- Middle District: Women were 25% of District Court Judges and 33% of Bankruptcy Judges. There were no women Magistrate Judges.
- Western District: Women were 33% of District Court Judges, 67% of Magistrate Judges, and 25% of Bankruptcy Judges.
- In 2009 there were 3 women judges, 25%, on the 12 member Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Two were from Pennsylvania.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

#### Sources:

- 2009/2010 Resource Guide to the Pennsylvania Bar Association.
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Membership records as of May 16, 2010.
- Data collected from surveys sent to the 100 Largest Pennsylvania Law Firms, District Attorneys, and Public Defenders in April 2010.
- Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts Judicial Data.
- PA LAW 2009 Annual Report on the Legal Profession.
- 2009 PBA Lawyer's Directory and Product Guide.

#### Factors to consider:

- Some members of the PBA have gender neutral names so some errors may exist.
- Sample sizes must be recognized in the interpretation of these statistics.
- Direct yearly comparisons are appropriate only for the PBA and the Judiciary, since responders and response rates can differ from year to year for the 100 Largest Pennsylvania Law Firms, District Attorneys, and Public Defenders.
- In comparisons, women's statistics are given first.
- All percentages are of women and are rounded unless reported in greater detail.



#### **PRIVATE LAW FIRMS**

These statistics are the result of data collected from surveys sent to the 100 largest law firms in Pennsylvania. Follow-up phone calls to firms, District Attorney, and Public Defender Offices increased response rates. Survey responses were voluntary. Responding firms are promised anonymity. 2010 was the eleventh year that this information was gathered.

For the 2009 Bar Year, counting only Pennsylvania offices of responding law firms, women were:

- 30% of all Lawyers, same as 2008.
- 12% of all Chief Administrators, a decrease from 13% in 2008.
- 18% of Partner-Administrators, e.g. Department or Practice Group Heads, a decrease from 20% in 2008.
- 19% of Equity Partners, an increase from 17% in 2008.
- 20% of all Partners, an increase from 19% in 2008.
- 45% of Associates on Partnership Track, a decrease from 47% in 2008.
- 67% of all Part-Timers, 92% of Part Time Equity Partners, 82% of Part Time Partners, and 99% of Part Time Associates.

| Total            |     |     | chi.c          | T                 | F        | 0/ 5            | Total              |             | 0/ F          | Destruction       | F                 | % F               | Total           | F      | 0/ 5          | Total          |       | 0/ <b>F</b>  |          |      |        |
|------------------|-----|-----|----------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------|--------------|----------|------|--------|
| Total<br>Lawyers | F   | %F  | Chief<br>Admin | Total<br>Partners | Partners | % F<br>Partners | Equity<br>Partners | F<br>Equity | % F<br>Equity | Partner-<br>Admin | Partner-<br>Admin | Partner-<br>Admin | Total<br>Assoc. | Assoc. | % F<br>Assoc. | Total<br>Other | Other | % F<br>Other | Total PT | F PT | % F PT |
| 331              | 113 | 34% | M              | 33                | 7        | 21%             | 10                 | NR          | 0%            | 17                | 1                 | 6%                | 52              | 27     | 52%           | 25             | 9     | 36%          | 3        | 3    | 100%   |
| 318              | 133 | 42% | F/M            | 137               | 27       | 20%             | 103                | 14          | 0%            | 51                | 10                | 20%               | 169             | 77     | 46%           | 48             | 24    | 50%          | 13       | 13   | 100%   |
| 274              | 55  | 20% | M              | 136               | 24       | 18%             | 79                 | 8           | 10%           | 47                | 3                 | 6%                | N/A             | N/A    | N/A           | 59             | 23    | 39%          | 16       | 11   | 69%    |
| 263              | 67  | 25% | M              | 130               | 27       | 21%             | 101                | 21          | 21%           | 75                | 12                | 16%               | 70              | 36     | 51%           | 21             | 2     | 10%          | 29       | 18   | 62%    |
| 255              | 67  | 26% | M              | 31                | 3        | 10%             | 31                 | 3           | 0%            | 22                | 2                 | 9%                | 11              | 3      | 27%           | 28             | 5     | 18%          | 2        | 1    | 50%    |
| 223              | 80  | 36% | M              | 76                | 14       | 18%             | 60                 | 11          | 18%           | 70                | 12                | 17%               | 120             | 56     | 47%           | 27             | 10    | 37%          | 19       | 15   | 79%    |
| 221              | 65  | 29% | M              | 12                | 0        | 0%              | 4                  | 1           | 25%           | 12                | 3                 | 25%               | 10              | 3      | 30%           | 21             | 2     | 10%          | 3        | 1    | 33%    |
| 219              | 65  | 30% | M              | 169               | 33       | 20%             | 104                | 15          | 14%           | 42                | 6                 | 14%               | 75              | 32     | 43%           | 30             | 2     | 7%           | 37       | 17   | 46%    |
| 217              | 84  | 39% | F              | 107               | 25       | 23%             | 107                | 25          | 23%           | 76                | 17                | 22%               | 84              | 49     | 58%           | 25             | 10    | 40%          | 28       | 19   | 68%    |
| 185              | 49  | 26% | M              | 81                | 16       | 20%             | 74                 | 15          | 20%           | 41                | 6                 | 15%               | 89              | 29     | 33%           | 15             | 4     | 27%          | 11       | 9    | 82%    |
| 158              | 31  | 20% | M              | 97                | 13       | 13%             | 48                 | 3           | 6%            | 19                | 1                 | 5%                | 35              | 12     | 34%           | 26             | 6     | 23%          | 9        | 8    | 89%    |
| 125              | 36  | 29% | M              | 75                | 11       | 15%             | 48                 | 7           | 15%           | 18                | 4                 | 22%               | 39              | 21     | 54%           | 11             | 4     | 36%          | 11       | 9    | 82%    |
| 121              | 32  | 26% | M              | 19                | 2        | 11%             | 12                 | 2           | 17%           | 12                | 2                 | 17%               | 7               | 4      | 57%           | 17             | 4     | 24%          | 3        | 1    | 33%    |
| 118              | 45  | 38% | M              | 69                | 15       | 22%             | 39                 | 7           | 18%           | 69                | 14                | 20%               | 41              | 29     | 71%           | 8              | 1     | 13%          | 0        | 0    | 0%     |
| 111              | 36  | 32% | M              | 59                | 12       | 20%             | 39                 | 9           | 23%           | 33                | 7                 | 21%               | 42              | 13     | 31%           | 9              | 2     | 22%          | 5        | 3    | 60%    |
| 109              | 27  | 25% | M              | 66                | 13       | 20%             | 66                 | 13          | 20%           | 30                | 3                 | 10%               | 43              | 14     | 33%           | 0              | 0     | 0%           | 4        | 4    | 100%   |

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| Total   |      |     | Chief  | Total    | F        | % <b>F</b> | Total<br>Equity | F      | % <b>F</b> | Partner- | F<br>Partner- | % F<br>Partner- | Total  | F      | % F    | Total | F     | % <b>F</b> |          |      |        |
|---------|------|-----|--------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|--------|------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------------|----------|------|--------|
| Lawyers | F    | %F  | Admin  | Partners | Partners | Partners   | Partners        | Equity | Equity     | Admin    | Admin         | Admin           | Assoc. | Assoc. | Assoc. | Other | 0ther | Other      | Total PT | F PT | % F PT |
| 108     | 35   | 32% | M      | 53       | 11       | 21%        | 28              | 3      | 11%        | 17       | 3             | 18%             | 28     | 10     | 36%    | 27    | 11    | 41%        | 13       | 9    | 69%    |
| 95      | 38   | 40% | M      | 115      | 27       | 23%        | 40              | 40     | 100%       | 116      | 14            | 12%             | 74     | 36     | 49%    | 10    | 4     | 40%        | 14       | 13   | 93%    |
| 86      | 24   | 28% | NR     | 52       | 12       | 23%        | 19              | 1      | 5%         | NR       | NR            | -               | 0      | 0      | 0%     | 34    | 12    | 35%        | 0        | 0    | 0%     |
| 66      | 14   | 21% | M      | 41       | 2        | 5%         | 27              | 2      | 7%         | 7        | 1             | 14%             | 22     | 9      | 41%    | 3     | 1     | 33%        | 1        | 1    | 100%   |
| 59      | 23   | 39% | M      | 10       | 2        | 0%         | 4               | 1      | 25%        | 2        | 1             | 50%             | 7      | 4      | 57%    | 0     | 0     | 0%         | 2        | 1    | 50%    |
| 56      | 24   | 43% | M      | 13       | 8        | 62%        | 10              | 5      | 0%         | 4        | 2             | 50%             | 14     | 9      | 64%    | 3     | 0     | 0%         | 1        | 1    | 100%   |
| 52      | 11   | 21% | M      | 35       | 4        | 11%        | 29              | 2      | 7%         | 7        | 0             | 0%              | 16     | 7      | 44%    | 1     | 0     | 0%         | 6        | 2    | 33%    |
| 49      | 19   | 39% | M      | 19       | 5        | 26%        | 15              | 5      | 33%        | 4        | 1             | 25%             | NR     | NR     | -      | 9     | 2     | 22%        | 3        | 2    | 67%    |
| 43      | 6    | 14% | M      | 26       | 11       | 42%        | NR              | NR     | -          | 9        | 3             | 33%             | 27     | 13     | 48%    | 1     | 0     | 0%         | 8        | 4    | 50%    |
| 39      | 23   | 59% | F/M    | 19       | 4        | 21%        | 12              | 1      | 8%         | 5        | 1             | 20%             | 10     | 2      | 20%    | 2     | 1     | 50%        | NR       | NR   | -      |
| 39      | 23   | 59% | M      | 18       | 10       | 56%        | 4               | 1      | 25%        | 4        | 1             | 25%             | 21     | 13     | 62%    | 0     | 0     | 0%         | 3        | 3    | 100%   |
| 39      | 18   | 46% | F      | 23       | 12       | 52%        | 9               | 5      | 56%        | 6        | 5             | 83%             | 17     | 7      | 41%    | 2     | 2     | 100%       | 6        | 6    | 100%   |
| 37      | 13   | 35% | M      | 18       | 4        | 22%        | 14              | 4      | 29%        | 4        | 2             | 50%             | 13     | 5      | 38%    | 6     | 2     | 33%        | 3        | 2    | 67%    |
| 35      | 2    | 6%  | M      | 21       | 0        | 0%         | 15              | 0      | 0%         | 6        | 0             | 0%              | 8      | 1      | 13%    | 6     | 1     | 17%        | 6        | 1    | 17%    |
| 35      | 14   | 40% | M      | 24       | 6        | 25%        | 10              | 2      | 20%        | 9        | 3             | 33%             | 10     | 5      | 50%    | 1     | 1     | 100%       | 4        | 1    | 25%    |
| 35      | 6    | 17% | M      | 17       | 2        | 12%        | 17              | 2      | 12%        | 12       | 2             | 17%             | 12     | 4      | 33%    | 1     | 0     | 0%         | 1        | 0    | 0%     |
| 34      | 8    | 24% | M      | 24       | 6        | 25%        | 5               | 0      | 0          | 46       | 10            | 22%             | 3      | 2      | 67%    | 2     | 0     | 0          | 0        | 0    | 0      |
| 33      | 11   | 33% | NR     | 117      | 16       | 14%        | NR              | NR     | -          | 21       | 5             | 24%             | 110    | 46     | 42%    | 4     | 1     | 25%        | 11       | 9    | 82%    |
| 32      | 7    | 22% | M      | 64       | 14       | 22%        | 48              | 7      | 15%        | 12       | 2             | 17%             | 40     | 0      | 0%     | 3     | 1     | 33%        | 2        | 1    | 50%    |
| 31      | 8    | 26% | M      | 12       | 2        | 17%        | 12              | 2      | 17%        | 5        | 2             | 40%             | 14     | 6      | 43%    | 5     | NR    | -          | 5        | NR   | -      |
| 30      | 8    | 27% | M      | 13       | 3        | 23%        | 10              | 3      | 30%        | NR       | NR            | -               | 18     | 5      | 28%    | 2     | 0     | 0%         | 2        | NR   | 0%     |
| 30      | 6    | 20% | NR     | 15       | 3        | 20%        | 15              | 3      | 20%        | 1        | NR            | 0%              | 6      | 2      | 33%    | 4     | 0     | 0%         | 1        | 1    | 100%   |
| 30      | 5    | 17% | M      | NR       | NR       | -          | 34              | 10     | 29%        | 12       | 4             | 33%             | 25     | 13     | 52%    | 1     | 0     | 0%         | 3        | 3    | 100%   |
| 29      | 7    | 24% | F      | 13       | 2        | 15%        | 13              | 2      | 15%        | 10       | 2             | 20%             | 12     | 5      | 42%    | 4     | 0     | 0%         | 5        | 1    | 20%    |
| 29      | 7    | 24% | M      | 114      | 22       | 19%        | NR              | NR     | -          | 15       | 5             | 33%             | 156    | 87     | 56%    | 3     | 1     | 33%        | 40       | 30   | 75%    |
| 28      | 4    | 14% | M      | 19       | 4        | 21%        | 7               | 1      | 14%        | 19       | 4             | 21%             | 7      | 2      | 29%    | 2     | 0     | 0%         | NR       | 0    | 0%     |
| 26      | 4    | 15% | M      | 20       | 2        | 10%        | 11              | 1      | 9%         | 1        | NR            | 0%              | 3      | 2      | 67%    | 3     | 0     | 0%         | NR       | 0    | 0%     |
| 23      | 8    | 35% | M      | 22       | 6        | 27%        | 22              | 6      | 27%        | 8        | 2             | 25%             | 7      | 4      | 57%    | 6     | 2     | 33%        | 2        | 2    | 100%   |
| 4476    | 1361 | 30% | 5F/38M | 2234     | 442      | 20%        | 1355            | 263    | 19%        | 996      | 178           | 18%             | 1567   | 704    | 45%    | 515   | 150   | 29%        | 335      | 225  | 67%    |

NR denotes that no response was provided to the survey question.



#### **SOLO AND SMALL FIRM ATTORNEY PROFILES**

Helly Phillips Erb:
Principal in the Erb Law Firm, P.C.,

Principal in the Erb Law Firm, P.C., Roxborough/Manayunk section of Philadelphia.

Law School: Temple University, 1997

**Professional/community involvement:** PBA Solo and Small Firm section. I am purposefully uninvolved in the community unless it's related to my children.

**Practice area:** Tax and business planning, international tax, estate planning, immigration issues/work visas.

What drew you to small firm practice?  ${\rm I}\,$ 

always wanted to have my own business. I like to call the shots. I work with my husband, who is also a lawyer. We select our clients. That doesn't happen in a large firm.

What do you like best about small firm practice? The control in selecting employees and clients as well as our marketing strategy. I choose my hours.

The biggest challenge in your practice?

Time-consuming administrative responsibilities.

**Your most productive marketing tool:** My blog "taxgirl.com". I'm also on Twitter.

Both are very chatty, not technical. Taxgirl.com has attracted media attention. I've written twice for Forbes Magazine.

How did you come up with "taxgirl" as the name for your blog? I clerked for the Internal Revenue Service and then worked for a large firm after law school. When someone had a tax question, the response was always "Ask the tax girl."

**Is there a common misconception about small firms vs. large firms?** Lawyers who practice in small firms are just as competent and capable as lawyers in large firms.

Does the quality of life figure in to your decision to practice in a small firm? I previously worked at large law firms which allowed no time for a personal life. Now that I have children, time at home is really important. Working in my small firm close to my home allows me to run in the morning, walk my children to school and then I walk to work while singing along with my ipod.



Marion Laffey-Ferry: Sole practitioner in Butler, Butler County

**Prior professions:** high school teacher, technical school administrator, paralegal.

**Law School:** University of Pittsburgh, 1985

**Professional activities:** Butler County Bar Assn.; current chair, PBA Solo and Small Firm Section; Zone 10 delegate; PBA By-Laws Cttee.

**Practice area:** "People law" – from domestic adoptions through estates.

What drew you to Butler County? I had lived in Pittsburgh all but two years of my life when I accepted a clerkship with a small firm in Butler while I was in law school. I liked the atmosphere in court here and I stayed.

**What do you like best about solo practice?** The freedom. I'm my own boss. I answer only to me.

**Biggest challenge in your practice:** Cash flow.

What is your most productive marketing tool? Networking with local people and community groups has been far more effective for me than advertising.

Does the quality of life figure into your decision to practice solo in a small town? I have a better quality of life because I practice solo here. The relationship between the bench and bar is very congenial. Just from listening to urban lawyers, I know I'm far better off practicing in Butler. I could not be as involved in PBA if I worked for a firm or practiced in a city.





Kim L. Lengert: Solo practitioner in Robesonia, Berks County.

**Other profession:** ordained Lutheran pastor currently on leave.

Law School: Widener University, 2007.

Professional activities: PBA Solo/Small Firm Section; advisor to Conrad Weiser High School mock trial team; MENSA coordinator for Berks County; frequent speaker for community groups.

**Practice area:** general civil practice including family law, wills and estates, environmental/administrative law, business and non-profits

Why Robesonia? Robesonia is small town of about 1,000 people and very much like Mayberry. The concept of community allows me to interact with my neighbors and provide the service aspect of the law.

What do you like best about solo practice? It gives me time with my family, to enjoy my farm and to care for my elderly

parents. I have no billable hours requirement which allows me to build relationships with my clients.

What is the biggest challenge in your practice: Hiring and retaining good employees.

What is your most productive marketing tool? My law firm's motto: "Timely solutions- time honored values." I also pass out pens and business cards wherever I go and attend many community and church functions. I also host free seminars for business owners.

How does the quality of life figure into your decision to practice solo in a small town? I no longer work long days commuting to York. I can ride my bicycle to work and go home for lunch. Every Friday morning before work, I go fishing with a friend.



Rehecca Reinhardt:
Associate with McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall,
Williamsport, Lycoming County.

**Law School:** University of Pittsburgh, 2001.

**Professional involvement:** Immediate past chair, PBA Solo/Small Firm Section; Lycoming County Bar Assn.; frequent pro bono counsel in Protection from Abuse cases; involved in my law firm's fund-raising for local charities.

**Practice Area:** 99 per cent devoted to family law.

What drew you to Williamsport? My husband. I had been in partnership with another female lawyer in Washington County.

What do you like best about practicing in a small firm? I have my own caseload and my own clients.

**What is the biggest disadvantage?** The compensation is lower.

**Do you find that being a female lawyer is a disadvantage?** Not in the least. Many of my clients want a woman as his or her counsel.

The most difficult aspect of your practice:

Assisting my clients with their very emotional and sensitive family issues. Balancing my career with my family life is also a challenge.

**Your most productive marketing tool:** My law firm sponsors advertisements on local radio stations focusing on my family law practice.

**Community involvement:** None! With a teenager, a toddler and a baby due shortly, I have no time.

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Jan Matthew Zamanini: Solo practitioner in Harrisburg

**Prior professions:** government attorney, radio/TV news reporter, anchor and host, press secretary

**Law School:** Dickinson School of Law – 1984

Professional/community involvement: original member and current chair of PBA Plain English Committee; writer and editor for PBA Solo/Small Firm Section newsletter; issue editor for ABA Solo E-Newsletter; adoption of retired racing greyhounds; local theater/dance groups.

**Practice area:** Small business and non-profit transactions; estate planning

Why solo practice in the state capitol? In the 25 years I worked for the Commonwealth, I saw many small businesses that needed assistance with procurement and contract issues, but couldn't afford the services of a large law firm. My practice targets this huge under-represented group.

What do you like best about solo practice? I set my own agenda, which gives me professional and personal flexibility.

What is the biggest challenge in your practice? Carving out "me" time.

Your most productive marketing tool? I frequently speak to community and business groups on planning for the unexpected in business. I go to networking events for business women's groups where I'm known for my humorous "30 Second Commercials" (sample start: "How many of you love your lawyer?").

How does quality of life figure into your decision to practice solo? I have no concern about meeting an employer's constantly changing agenda. Though I'm tough on myself, being my own boss has been great for my mental and physical health!



#### **PUBLIC SECTOR**

All District Attorneys' Offices and Public Defenders' Offices returned survey forms. These high rates of return give an accurate picture to date of the status of women in the public sector.

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEYS**

All District Attorney's Offices responded. In 2009, women were:

- 42% of all lawyers in District Attorneys' Offices, same as 2008.
- 9 women are 13% of District Attorneys, a decrease from 14% in 2008.
- 15 women are 24% of First Assistant District Attorneys, same as 2008.
- Women are 29% of Part-Timers, a decrease from 31% in 2008. These are generally considered desirable positions because they usually supplement income from private practice.

| Total<br>Das | Total<br>Female DAs | % F  | DA | 1st. Asst. | Total<br>Admin | F Admin | % F Admin | Total<br>Part Time | F<br>Part Time | % F<br>Part Time |
|--------------|---------------------|------|----|------------|----------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 304          | 165                 | 54%  | F  | M          | 38             | 19      | 50%       | 3                  | 3              | 100%             |
| 114          | 47                  | 41%  | M  | M          | 17             | 5       | 29%       | 2                  | 1              | 50%              |
| 53           | 21                  | 40%  | M  | M          | 19             | 7       | 37%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 45           | 17                  | 38%  | F  | M          | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 41           | 24                  | 59%  | M  | M          | 8              | 2       | 25%       | 3                  | 3              | 100%             |
| 31           | 12                  | 39%  | M  | F          | 8              | 2       | 25%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 30           | 13                  | 43%  | F  | M          | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 12                 | 2              | 17%              |
| 29           | 12                  | 41%  | M  | M          | 9              | 4       | 44%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 26           | 7                   | 27%  | M  | M          | 14             | 5       | 36%       | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 25           | 10                  | 40%  | M  | M          | 6              | 2       | 33%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 25           | 9                   | 36%  | M  | F/M        | 7              | 2       | 29%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 23           | 5                   | 22%  | M  | M          | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 4                  | 1              | 25%              |
| 22           | 8                   | 36%  | M  | M          | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 21           | 8                   | 38%  | M  | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 7                  | 2              | 29%              |
| 15           | 15                  | 100% | F  | M          | 33             | 15      | 45%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 15           | 6                   | 40%  | M  | F/M        | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 13           | 2                   | 15%  | M  | M          | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 5                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 13           | 4                   | 31%  | M  | M          | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 5                  | 1              | 20%              |
| 13           | 3                   | 23%  | M  | F          | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 7                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 13           | 4                   | 31%  | M  | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 2                  | 1              | 50%              |
| 12           | 6                   | 50%  | M  | F          | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 4                  | 3              | 75%              |
| 12           | 3                   | 25%  | M  | M          | 3              | 0       | 0%        | 4                  | 2              | 50%              |
| 10           | 3                   | 30%  | F  | M/M        | 3              | 1       | 33%       | 5                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 10           | 3                   | 30%  | M  | M          | 4              | 1       | 25%       | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 10           | 3                   | 30%  | M  | M/M        | 2              | 0       | 0%        | 3                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 9            | 4                   | 44%  | M  | M          | 3              | 0       | 0%        | 3                  | 2              | 67%              |
| 8            | 2                   | 25%  | M  | F          | 2              | 1       | 50%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 8            | 5                   | 63%  | F  | M          | 2              | 1       | 50%       | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 8            | 3                   | 38%  | M  | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%        | 7                  | 3              | 43%              |
| 8            | 3                   | 38%  | M  | F          | 2              | 1       | 50%       | 3                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 7            | 2                   | 29%  | M  | M          | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 6                  | 2              | 33%              |
| 7            | 2                   | 29%  | M  | F          | 2              | 1       | 50%       | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 7            | 2                   | 29%  | M  | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 6            | 1                   | 17%  | M  | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |

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### **DISTRICT ATTORNEYS** CONTINUED

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|-----------|----------|------|--------|------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Tot<br>Da |          |      | DA     | 1st. Asst. | Total<br>Admin | F Admin | % F Admin       | Total<br>Part Time | F<br>Part Time | % F<br>Part Time |
| (         | 5 2      | 33%  | M      | M          | 3              | 1       | 33%             | 2                  | 1              | 50%              |
| (         | 5 2      | 33%  | M      | F          | 2              | 1       | 50%             | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 5 1      | 20%  | M      | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%              | 4                  | 1              | 25%              |
|           | 5 3      | 60%  | F      | F          | 1              | 1       | 100%            | 2                  | 1              | 50%              |
|           | 5 1      | 20%  | M      | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%              | 5                  | 1              | 20%              |
|           | 5 3      | 60%  | M      | M          | 3              | 3       | 100%            | 3                  | 3              | 100%             |
|           | 4 1      | 25%  | M      | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%              | 4                  | 1              | 25%              |
|           | 4 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 4              | 0       | 0%              | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 4 1      | 25%  | M      | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%              | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 4 2      | 50%  | F      | M          | 1              | 1       | 100%            | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 4 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 1      | 33%  | M      | F          | 3              | 1       | 33%             | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 3              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 1              | 0       | 0%              | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 0      | 0%   | M      |            | 3              | 0       | 0%              | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 1              | 0       | 0%              | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%              | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 1      | 33%  | M      | F          | 3              | 1       | 33%             | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 3 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 3              | 0       | 0%              | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 2 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 2 1      | 50%  | M      | F          | 0              | 0       | 0%              | 1                  | 1              | 100%             |
|           | 2 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 2 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%              | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 2 0      | 0%   | M      | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%              | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 2 1      | 50%  | M      | F          | 2              | 1       | 50%             | 1                  | 1              | 100%             |
|           | 1 0      | 0%   | M      |            | 0              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 1 1      | 100% | F      |            | 1              | 1       | 100%            | 1                  | 1              | 100%             |
|           | 1 0      | 0%   | M      |            | 1              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 1 1      | 100% | M      | F          | 1              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 1 0      | 0%   | M      |            | 0              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 1 0      | 0%   | M      |            | 0              | 0       | 0%              | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
|           | 1 1      | 100% | M      |            | 1              | 0       | 0%              | 0                  | 1              | 0%               |
| (         | 0 0      | 0%   | M      |            | 1              | 0       | 0%              | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 108       | 8 457    | 42%  | 13%    | 24%        | 264            | 87      | 33%             | 131                | 38             | 29%              |
|           |          |      | 9F/58M | 15F/48M    |                |         |                 |                    |                |                  |



#### **PUBLIC DEFENDERS**

All Public Defenders' Offices responded. In 2009, women were:

- 37% of all lawyers in Public Defenders' Offices, a decrease from 39% in 2008.
- 7 women are 10% of Public Defenders, a decrease from 12% in 2008.
- 9 women are 23% of First Assistant Public Defenders, an increase from 22% in 2008.
- Women are 22% of Part-Timers, an increase from 20% in 2008. These are generally considered desirable positions because they usually supplement income from private practice.

| Total | Total      | % F | PD | 1st. Asst. | Total | F Admin | % F Admin | Total     | F         | % F       |
|-------|------------|-----|----|------------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| PDs   | Female PDs |     |    |            | Admin |         |           | Part Time | Part Time | Part Time |
| 225   | 141        | 63% | F  | M          | 26    | 10      | 38%       | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 86    | 40         | 47% | M  |            | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 15        | 9         | 60%       |
| 65    | 7          | 11% | M  | M          | 3     | 1       | 33%       | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 40    | 15         | 38% | M  | F          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 24        | 10        | 42%       |
| 31    | 13         | 42% | M  | M          | 2     | 0       | 0%        | 1         | 0         | 0%        |
| 30    | 1          | 3%  | M  |            | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 25        | 0         | 0%        |
| 25    | 10         | 40% | M  | M          | 3     | 0       | 0%        | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 24    | 10         | 42% | M  | M          | 3     | 3       | 100%      | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 23    | 6          | 26% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 2         | 0         | 0%        |
| 22    | 11         | 50% | M  | F          | 1     | 1       | 100%      | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 20    | 9          | 45% | M  | M          | 1     | 0       | 0%        | 4         | 2         | 50%       |
| 19    | 10         | 53% | M  | F          | 1     | 1       | 100%      | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 18    | 2          | 11% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 7         | 1         | 14%       |
| 18    | 3          | 17% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 17        | 2         | 12%       |
| 14    | 2          | 14% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 8         | 2         | 25%       |
| 14    | 5          | 36% | M  | F          | 1     | 1       | 100%      | 7         | 2         | 29%       |
| 13    | 3          | 23% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 8         | 3         | 38%       |
| 12    | 4          | 33% | M  | M          | 3     | 1       | 33%       | 8         | 3         | 38%       |
| 10    | 3          | 30% | F  | M          | 2     | 1       | 50%       | 7         | 0         | 0%        |
| 9     | 2          | 22% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 2         | 0         | 0%        |
| 9     | 4          | 44% | M  | M          | 1     | 1       | 100%      | 3         | 1         | 33%       |
| 8     | 1          | 13% | M  | M          | 1     | 0       | 0%        | 4         | 0         | 0%        |
| 8     | 1          | 13% | M  |            | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 7         | 1         | 14%       |
| 8     | 3          | 38% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 6         | 2         | 33%       |
| 7     | 1          | 14% | M  | F          | 2     | 1       | 50%       | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 7     | 1          | 14% | M  | M          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 5         | 0         | 0%        |
| 7     | 0          | 0%  | M  | F          | 2     | 1       | 50%       | 6         | 0         | 0%        |
| 7     | 4          | 57% | M  | F          | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 1         | 0         | 0%        |
| 7     | 1          | 14% | M  | M          | 1     | 0       | 0%        | 2         | 0         | 0%        |
| 6     | 0          | 0%  | M  | M          | 1     | 0       | 0%        | 3         | 0         | 0%        |
| 6     | 0          | 0%  | M  | M          | 1     | 0       | 0%        | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 6     | 1          | 17% | M  |            | 0     | 0       | 0%        | 2         | 1         | 50%       |
| 5     | 2          | 40% | M  |            | 1     | 0       | 0%        | 0         | 0         | 0%        |
| 5     | 1          | 20% | M  | M          | 1     | 0       | 0%        | 4         | 1         | 25%       |
|       |            |     |    |            |       |         |           |           |           |           |

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### **PUBLIC DEFENDERS** CONTINUED

| Total<br>PDs | Total<br>Female PDs | % F  | PD  | 1st. Asst. | Total<br>Admin | F Admin | % F Admin | Total<br>Part Time | F<br>Part Time | % F<br>Part Time |
|--------------|---------------------|------|-----|------------|----------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 5            | 2                   | 40%  | M   | M          | 2              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 5            | 1                   | 20%  | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 1              | 100%             |
| 5            | 1                   | 20%  | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 5            | 1                   | 20%  | M   | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 5                  | 1              | 20%              |
| 4            | 1                   | 25%  | M   |            | 3              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 4            | 0                   | 0%   | M   | M          | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 3                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 4            | 1                   | 25%  | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 4                  | 1              | 25%              |
| 4            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 4                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 3            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 3            | 0                   | 0%   | M   | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 3                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 3            | 1                   | 33%  | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 3                  | 1              | 33%              |
| 3            | 0                   | 0%   | M   | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 3            | 1                   | 33%  | M   | M          | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 2                  | 1              | 50%              |
| 3            | 2                   | 67%  | F   |            | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 2            | 1                   | 50%  | M   |            | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 2                  | 1              | 50%              |
| 2            | 1                   | 50%  | F   | M          | 1              | 1       | 100%      | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 2            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 2            | 1                   | 50%  | F   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 2            | 1                   | 50%  | M   | F          | 2              | 1       | 50%       | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 2            | 1                   | 50%  | M   | F          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 2                  | 1              | 50%              |
| 2            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 2                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 2            | 0                   | 0%   | M   | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 2            | 1                   | 50%  | F   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 1              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   | M          | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 0                   | 0%   | M   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 1                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 1            | 1                   | 100% | F   |            | 0              | 0       | 0%        | 0                  | 0              | 0%               |
| 896          | 335                 | 37%  | 10% | 23%        | 74             | 24      | 32%       | 218                | 47             | 22%              |



#### **2009 PENNSYLVANIA JUDICIARY**

| County       | F  | M  | % <b>F</b> | County           | F | M  | %F   | County           | F  | M   | %   |
|--------------|----|----|------------|------------------|---|----|------|------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Philadelphia | 43 | 47 | 48%        | Forest/Warren    | 1 | 0  | 100% | Cumberland       | 0  | 4   | 0%  |
| Allegheny    | 13 | 27 | 33%        | Franklin/Fulton  | 1 | 2  | 33%  | Fayette          | 0  | 4   | 0%  |
| Delaware     | 5  | 12 | 29%        | Indiana          | 1 | 2  | 33%  | Greene           | 0  | 2   | 0%  |
| Chester      | 4  | 10 | 29%        | Juniata/Perry    | 1 | 1  | 50%  | Huntingdon       | 0  | 1   | 0%  |
| Lehigh       | 4  | 6  | 40%        | Lackawanna       | 1 | 7  | 13%  | Jefferson        | 0  | 1   | 0%  |
| Bucks        | 3  | 8  | 27%        | Lycoming         | 1 | 3  | 25%  | Lawrence         | 0  | 4   | 0%  |
| Washington   | 3  | 3  | 50%        | Montgomery       | 1 | 16 | 6%   | Lebanon          | 0  | 3   | 0%  |
| York         | 3  | 11 | 21%        | SchuylkilI       | 1 | 5  | 17%  | Luzerne          | 0  | 7   | 0%  |
| Berks        | 2  | 11 | 15%        | Snyder/Union     | 1 | 1  | 50%  | McKean           | 0  | 1   | 0%  |
| Blair        | 2  | 3  | 40%        | Adams            | 0 | 3  | 0%   | Mercer           | 0  | 4   | 0%  |
| Butler       | 2  | 4  | 33%        | Armstrong        | 0 | 2  | 0%   | Mifflin          | 0  | 2   | 0%  |
| Erie         | 2  | 7  | 22%        | Bedford          | 0 | 2  | 0%   | Northumberland   | 0  | 3   | 0%  |
| Lancaster    | 2  | 13 | 13%        | Cambria          | 0 | 3  | 0%   | Pike             | 0  | 2   | 0%  |
| Monroe       | 2  | 3  | 40%        | Cameron/Elk      | 0 | 1  | 0%   | Potter           | 0  | 1   | 0%  |
| Northampton  | 2  | 6  | 25%        | Carbon           | 0 | 1  | 0%   | Somerset         | 0  | 3   | 0%  |
| Westmoreland | 2  | 7  | 22%        | Clarion          | 0 | 1  | 0%   | Sullivan/Wyoming | 0  | 1   | 0%  |
| Beaver       | 1  | 6  | 14%        | Clearfield       | 0 | 2  | 0%   | Susquehanna      | 0  | 1   | 0%  |
| Bradford     | 1  | 1  | 50%        | Clinton          | 0 | 2  | 0%   | Tioga            | 0  | 1   | 09  |
| Centre       | 1  | 3  | 25%        | Columbia/Montour | 0 | 2  | 0%   | Venango          | 0  | 2   | 09  |
| Dauphin      | 1  | 6  | 14%        | Crawford         | 0 | 3  | 0%   | Wayne            | 0  | 1   | 09  |
|              |    |    |            |                  |   |    |      | Totals:          | 98 | 194 | 34% |

Philadelphia continues to have, by far, the highest number of women judges, 43 or 48%. Women comprise only 27% of Court of Common Pleas Judges in the remaining 66 counties.\*

Generally, the largest counties have the most women judges. However, Montgomery County, one of the four largest counties, has only 1 woman out of 17 judges.

Thirty-one counties have no women judges and thirteen counties only have 1 women.

\* Cameron and Elk, Columbia and Montour, Franklin and Fulton, Juniata and Perry, Snyder and Union, Forest and Warren, and Sullivan and Wyoming, share judges. We have not double counted the judges for these counties.

### **PENNSYLVANIA APPELLATE**

PA Supreme Court

2 out of 7 Sitting Justices

PA Superior Court

7 out of 13 Sitting Judges

PA Commonwealth

3 out of 7 Sitting Judges

Elected women were 29% of the Supreme Court, 54% of the Superior Court, and 43% of Commonwealth Court.



#### **2009 FEDERAL JUDICIARY**

#### **EASTERN DISTRICT**

| District Court Judges | 3 out of 21 sitting Judges14% |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| US Magistrate Judges  | 5 out of 12 sitting Judges42% |
| Bankruptcy Judges     | 2 out of 6 sitting Judges33%  |

#### MIDDLE DISTRICT

| District Court Judges | 1 out of 4 sitting Judges25% |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| US Magistrate Judges  | 0 out of 4 sitting Judges0%  |
| Bankruptcy Judges     | 1 out of 3 sitting Judges33% |

#### **WESTERN DISTRICT**

| District Court Judges | 3 out of 9 sitting Judges33° |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| US Magistrate Judges  | 4 out of 6 sitting Judges67° |
| Bankruptcy Judges     | l out of 4 sitting Judges25° |

Appointed women were 21% of District Court Judges, 41% of Magistrate Judges, and 31% of Bankruptcy Judges.

#### THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

The jurisdiction of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals includes Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the Virgin Islands. There are 3 women appointed judges, 25%, on the 12 member Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Two are from Pennsylvania.





#### **GOVERNMENT LAWYER PROFILES**

Pamela F. Cross:

Assistant Counsel-in-Charge, Department of General Services (DGS), Governor's Office of General Counsel

**Law School:** University of Pennsylvania Law School

**Professional involvement:** President, Keystone Bar Association (regional minority bar association in Central Pennsylvania)

**Practice area:** Procurement Unit, DGS Office of Chief Counsel. Practice includes procurement, contract and administrative agency law. Handles contract and transactional matters including negotiations, drafting, review and execution of contracts.

Who have been your mentors? Wayne Richardson, Esquire opened up a door of opportunity for me to work in state government by being available to share his experience and insight as a government attorney, and by bringing together a group of attorneys of color who met periodically for lunch to network.

What attracted you to a government position?

I was initially attracted to the government because of the nature of the work, the ability to be actively engaged in matters from day one and the degree of professionalism among government attorneys.

Does the quality of life figure into your decision to practice in state government? Quality of life was a major factor for me. I wanted the ability to balance my family and professional lives, and a government position was optimal for me to do that.

What advice would you give to a recent law school graduate considering a government position? An important part of being a government attorney is advising clients on policy issues as well as legal issues. I would advise a law student to not only have good legal research and writing skills, but to develop their ability to analyze issues, provide sound counsel, and work with the utmost professionalism.



Nikki Johnson-Huston: Assistant City Solicitor, City of Philadelphia, Major Tax Unit

**Law School:** Temple University Beasley School of Law, 2004

**Practice area:** Tax attorney

**Who have been your mentors?** I have many female mentors who I met through the Philadelphia Bar Association

What attracted you to a government position? This position gives me the ability to do tax litigation as well as transactional work. I also have the opportunity to get experience very quickly, which is not always the case in private practice.

Does the quality of life figure into your decision to practice in city government? Balance is very important, and my current position provides me with the flexibility to start a family.

Do you find your gender to be a disadvantage in government work? Most of my unit is female, and three of us are African American women. In my experience, the government gives people who are not in the Top Ten in their class great opportunities. You are also more likely to see people of color in government work, and in supervisory positions as well. It is a great motivator that it is possible to succeed in these positions.

What advice would you give to a recent law school graduate considering a government position? Consider it! It provides a great learning experience. Do not be intimidated by lower salaries, and be ready to work hard.







Dianne J. Nichols:

legal counsel to the Professional Licensure Ctte,
Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Harrisburg.

**Prior professions:** public affairs director for a non-profit; deputy attorney general Bureau of Consumer Protection; administrator at The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

Law school: The Dickinson School of Law

Professional involvement: Charter member, PBA Minority Bar Ctte.; current member, PBA Diversity Task Force, former member-at-large of PBA Board of Governors and Judicial Evaluation Cttee.

**Practice area:** advises the House Standing Committee on legislation and regulations for 29 licensing boards within the Department of State.

What do you like best about state government practice? The public service aspect. When I worked for the Attorney General, helping people with their

consumer issues and getting businesses to comply with the laws and regulations was satisfying. Now, I have some influence over the regulation of licensees performing their work.

Biggest challenge in your practice: Pacing the work load for the various licensing boards with the legislative calendar. Having been a pioneer in the profession, I have not had a mentor, so I figured it out myself and have mentored others.

Does the quality of life figure into your decision to practice in state government? The factor of quality of life was part of my decision to practice in state government, but you take advantage of what your employment opportunities are. Now, it gives me time to care for my mother and be involved in limited community service.

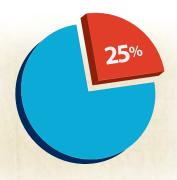


| County     | F    | M    | % <b>F</b> | County     | F   | M    | % <b>F</b> | County         | F     | M      | %F  |
|------------|------|------|------------|------------|-----|------|------------|----------------|-------|--------|-----|
| Adams      | 20   | 52   | 28%        | Elk        | 4   | 19   | 17%        | Montour        | 5     | 15     | 25% |
| Allegheny  | 1172 | 2622 | 31%        | Erie       | 112 | 391  | 22%        | Northampton    | 131   | 359    | 27% |
| Armstrong  | 8    | 29   | 22%        | Fayette    | 35  | 95   | 27%        | Northumberland | 10    | 68     | 13% |
| Beaver     | 43   | 133  | 24%        | Forest     | 1   | 1    | 50%        | Perry          | 5     | 20     | 20% |
| Bedford    | 7    | 17   | 29%        | Franklin   | 42  | 94   | 31%        | Philadelphia   | 1706  | 3288   | 34% |
| Berks      | 148  | 448  | 25%        | Fulton     | 1   | 4    | 20%        | Pike           | 6     | 23     | 21% |
| Blair      | 33   | 96   | 26%        | Greene     | 9   | 20   | 31%        | Potter         | 5     | 11     | 31% |
| Bradford   | 10   | 35   | 22%        | Huntingdon | 3   | 24   | 11%        | Schuylkill     | 45    | 138    | 25% |
| Bucks      | 205  | 511  | 29%        | Indiana    | 18  | 54   | 25%        | Snyder         | 2     | 19     | 10% |
| Butler     | 55   | 122  | 31%        | Jefferson  | 7   | 22   | 24%        | Somerset       | 12    | 63     | 16% |
| Cambria    | 34   | 145  | 19%        | Juniata    | 3   | 11   | 21%        | Sullivan       | 1     | 4      | 20% |
| Cameron    | 1    | 2    | 33%        | Lackawanna | 130 | 469  | 22%        | Susquehanna    | 5     | 26     | 16% |
| Carbon     | 19   | 46   | 29%        | Lancaster  | 206 | 509  | 29%        | Tioga          | 6     | 28     | 18% |
| Centre     | 73   | 133  | 35%        | Lawrence   | 14  | 81   | 15%        | Union          | 10    | 26     | 28% |
| Chester    | 265  | 599  | 31%        | Lebanon    | 28  | 86   | 25%        | Venango        | 11    | 46     | 19% |
| Clarion    | 7    | 26   | 21%        | Lehigh     | 146 | 411  | 26%        | Warren         | 10    | 24     | 29% |
| Clearfield | 9    | 43   | 17%        | Luzerne    | 78  | 338  | 19%        | Washington     | 83    | 235    | 26% |
| Clinton    | 4    | 32   | 11%        | Lycoming   | 58  | 151  | 28%        | Wayne          | 11    | 32     | 26% |
| Columbia   | 11   | 35   | 24%        | McKean     | 5   | 24   | 17%        | Westmoreland   | 124   | 357    | 26% |
| Crawford   | 33   | 73   | 31%        | Mercer     | 33  | 111  | 23%        | Wyoming        | 8     | 14     | 36% |
| Cumberland | 174  | 379  | 31%        | Mifflin    | 6   | 30   | 17%        | York           | 122   | 376    | 24% |
| Dauphin    | 637  | 1223 | 34%        | Monroe     | 32  | 103  | 24%        | Out-of country | 8     | 25     | 24% |
| Delaware   | 301  | 711  | 30%        | Montgomery | 732 | 1786 | 29%        | Out-of-state   | 1109  | 2124   | 34% |
|            |      |      |            |            |     |      |            | Totals:        | 6,704 | 14,833 | 31% |

In 2009, the female membership of the PBA was 31%. With some exceptions, women are more heavily represented in large urban counties, e.g., Philadelphia and its surrounding counties in the east and Allegheny in the west.



#### **PBA LEADERSHIP**



#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

In the 2009 Bar Year, one Executive Officer of the PBA was a woman: President-Elect Gretchen A. Mundorff. The remaining officers were male: President Clifford E. Haines, Vice President Matthew Crème, and Immediate Past President C. Dale McClain.

#### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The PBA Board of Governors is comprised of: PBA Executive Committee (President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Immediate Past President) (1 women); other PBA Executive Officers (Chair of the House of Delegates, Secretary, and Treasurer (2 men and 1 woman); three representatives from the Young Lawyers Division (2 men and 1 woman), 1 Zone Governor from each of the 12 zones (only 4 Zones have women Governors); one minority Governor-at-large (a man), one woman Governor-at-large and one Unit County Governor (a man).

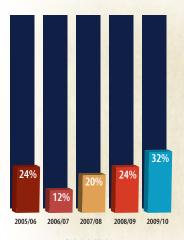
• In 2009, 8 women were 32% of the 25 members of the Board of Governors.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee selects one candidate for each of the top offices of the PBA to be presented to the House of Delegates. The Committee consists of: all Zone Governors, the unit county Governor, the minority Governor, the woman Governor, the five living immediate past presidents of the PBA, the immediate past chair of the YLD, 2 committee and 3 section representatives, a representative from the Conference of County Bar Leaders Executive Committee, a representative of the Executive Council of the Commission on Women in the Profession Committee and a representative of the Executive Council of the Minority Bar Committee.

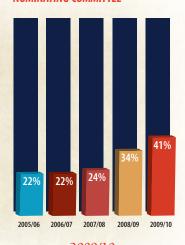
• In 2009, 12 women were 41% of the 29 members of the PBA Nominating Committee.

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**



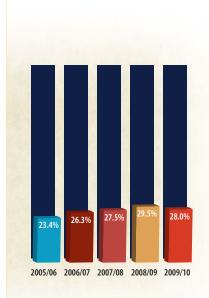
**2009/10**Women = 8 Men = 17 Total = 25

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE



**2009/10**Women = 12 Men = 17 Total = 29





**2009/10**Women = 104 Men = 265
Total = 369

#### **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 (overwhelmingly men); one representative of each county bar association; the immediate past PBA Secretary, Treasurer, and Zone Governors; representatives of sections and of the Young Lawyers Division; the Attorney General of Pennsylvania; state delegates to the ABA House: the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania; and deans of Pennsylvania law schools, among others.

\*Annual fluctuations in membership, as well as other factors, affect the number of representatives in a particular zone. The zone members of the House of Delegates are selected by election within each zone.

In 2009, 104 women were 28% of the 369 members of the House of Delegates.

|    |    | 2005/06 |    |    | 2006/07 |    |    | 2007/08 |    |    | 2008/09    |    |    | 2009/10    |
|----|----|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|------------|----|----|------------|
| F  | M  | %F      | F  | M  | %F      | F  | M  | %F      | F  | M  | % <b>F</b> | F  | M  | % <b>F</b> |
| 15 | 53 | 22%     | 19 | 51 | 27%     | 26 | 51 | 34%     | 25 | 49 | 34%        | 23 | 47 | 33%        |
| 4  | 23 | 15%     | 5  | 21 | 19%     | 5  | 22 | 19%     | 5  | 23 | 18%        | 4  | 24 | 14%        |
| 22 | 37 | 37%     | 20 | 36 | 36%     | 23 | 39 | 37%     | 25 | 39 | 40%        | 22 | 31 | 42%        |
| 1  | 13 | 7%      | 3  | 11 | 21%     | 5  | 10 | 33%     | 4  | 9  | 31%        | 1  | 10 | 9%         |
| 3  | 22 | 12%     | 3  | 21 | 13%     | 4  | 20 | 17%     | 4  | 16 | 21%        | 5  | 19 | 21%        |
| 4  | 16 | 20%     | 6  | 16 | 27%     | 5  | 15 | 25%     | 5  | 14 | 27%        | 7  | 13 | 35%        |
| 3  | 14 | 18%     | 2  | 15 | 12%     | 3  | 13 | 19%     | 3  | 11 | 22%        | 4  | 11 | 27%        |
| 5  | 11 | 31%     | 5  | 13 | 28%     | 2  | 15 | 12%     | 2  | 13 | 14%        | 2  | 14 | 13%        |
| 13 | 53 | 20%     | 15 | 50 | 23%     | 14 | 49 | 22%     | 16 | 48 | 26%        | 13 | 46 | 22%        |
| 2  | 10 | 17%     | 5  | 8  | 38%     | 5  | 9  | 36%     | 7  | 8  | 47%        | 6  | 8  | 43%        |
| 2  | 9  | 18%     | 4  | 8  | 33%     | 3  | 9  | 25%     | 3  | 7  | 31%        | 4  | 8  | 33%        |
| 18 | 41 | 31%     | 16 | 38 | 30%     | 15 | 38 | 28%     | 16 | 38 | 30%        | 13 | 34 | 28%        |



#### **HOUSE OF DELEGATES BY ZONE**

The percentage of women Delegates has been consistently high for Zone 3.

 Zone 3 – 42% Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York In 2009, Zones 1, 6, 10 and 11 are also high.

- Zone 1 33% Philadelphia
- Zone 6 35% Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland
- Zone 10 43% Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer
- Zone 11 33% Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk





#### **COMMITTEES**

In the 2009 Bar Year, there were 48 active PBA Committees. Each committee addresses an area of concern in the practice of law. Generally committees have chairs and vice chairs, and can have cochairs and/or co-vice chairs. In reviewing the percentage of women on committees, it is important to keep in mind that in 2009 women represented 30% of PBA membership and 56% of committee members.

In 2009, there were 48 committees: 29 committees had solo women chairs, 60%; 19 committees have solo men chairs, 40%. The number of solo women chairs increased from 2008.

The President-Elect appoints leadership for committees.

The Commission on Women in the Profession is the largest committee in the PBA.

|   | 2005/06 |     | 2006/07 |     | 2   | 2007/08 |     | 2008/09 |     | 009/10 |
|---|---------|-----|---------|-----|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|--------|
| Committee                                   | F       | %F  | F       | %F  | F   | %F      | F   | %F      | F   | %F     |
| Access to Justice                           |         |     |         |     |     |         |     |         | 6   | 33%    |
| Agricultural Law                            | 12      | 26% | 16      | 31% | 16  | 31%     | 20  | 39%     | 16  | 41%    |
| Alternative Dispute Resolution              | 55      | 32% | 61      | 34% | 59  | 33%     | 56  | 34%     | 47  | 35%    |
| Amicus Curiae Brief*                        | 2       | 17% | 3       | 23% | 2   | 20%     | 2   | 20%     | 2   | 22%    |
| Animal Law                                  | 54      | 56% | 71      | 66% | 63  | 61%     | 72  | 63%     | 58  | 66%    |
| Appellate Advocacy                          | 44      | 41% | 50      | 42% | 56  | 47%     | 60  | 48%     | 55  | 52%    |
| Bar/Press*                                  | 3       | 23% | 3       | 17% | 1   | 11%     | 1   | 11%     | 3   | 20%    |
| Bylaws                                      | 5       | 31% | 4       | 24% | 4   | 25%     | 4   | 24%     | 1   | 8%     |
| Charitable Organizations                    | 28      | 37% | 29      | 40% | 31  | 44%     | 27  | 43%     | 20  | 41%    |
| Child Advocate Pro Bono                     |         |     |         |     |     |         | 17  | 81%     | 14  | 82%    |
| Children's Rights                           | 59      | 73% | 77      | 78% | 73  | 83%     | 63  | 78%     | 47  | 77%    |
| Civil & Equal Rights                        | 17      | 29% | 32      | 43% | 33  | 45%     | 29  | 44%     | 20  | 43%    |
| Community & Public Relations                | 11      | 30% | 16      | 42% | 16  | 47%     | 14  | 50%     | 4   | 24%    |
| Corrections System                          | 8       | 25% | 9       | 24% | 13  | 38%     | 9   | 28%     | 8   | 32%    |
| Editorial*                                  | 5       | 26% | 4       | 24% | 5   | 28%     | 5   | 25%     | 2   | 14%    |
| Federal Practice                            |         |     | 17      | 33% | 27  | 42%     | 26  | 43%     | 24  | 41%    |
| Gaming Law                                  | 22      | 20% | 20      | 20% | 19  | 23%     | 13  | 18%     | 13  | 22%    |
| Gay/Lesbian Rights                          | 24      | 55% | 28      | 60% | 26  | 51%     | 14  | 48%     | 13  | 52%    |
| Government Lawyers                          | 98      | 47% | 111     | 51% | 122 | 50%     | 131 | 51%     | 127 | 49%    |
| Health Care Law                             | 49      | 33% | 54      | 39% | 48  | 40%     | 49  | 42%     | 31  | 36%    |
| In-House Counsel                            | 31      | 36% | 35      | 37% | 31  | 36%     | 32  | 40%     | 21  | 36%    |
| Insurance Staff Attorney                    | 11      | 24% | 11      | 26% | 11  | 27%     | 13  | 33%     | 12  | 30%    |
| Judicial Administration                     | 18      | 24% | 22      | 28% | 22  | 29%     | 20  | 32%     | 17  | 33%    |
| Judicial Campaign Advertising*              | 7       | 39% | 7       | 41% | 6   | 38%     | 6   | 35%     | 5   | 36%    |
| Judicial Evaluation*                        | 7       | 50% | 8       | 44% | 7   | 54%     | 8   | 50%     | 9   | 47%    |
| Judicial Independence Commission*           | 13      | 25% | 10      | 21% | 10  | 21%     | 10  | 21%     | 9   | 20%    |
| Law Related Education                       | 14      | 64% | 18      | 62% | 15  | 52%     | 18  | 56%     | 14  | 58%    |
| Lawyer Advertising Task Force*              |         |     | 2       | 10% | 2   | 11%     |     |         |     |        |
| Lawyers Assistance                          | 5       | 14% | 6       | 17% | 5   | 15%     | 6   | 16%     | 6   | 19%    |
| Legal Ethics & Professional Resp.*          | 14      | 19% | 14      | 19% | 15  | 21%     | 13  | 17%     | 13  | 18%    |
| Legal Services for Exceptional Children     | 38      | 54% | 32      | 53% | 39  | 60%     | 36  | 58%     | 29  | 55%    |
| Legal Services to Persons with Disabilities | 19      | 42% | 16      | 43% | 21  | 49%     | 20  | 54%     | 15  | 52%    |

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In the 2009 Bar Year the following committees have below 30% women membership:

22%.....Amicus Curiae Brief

20% ....Bar/Press

8% .....Bylaws

24% ....Community & Public Relations

14% ....Editorial

22% ....Gaming Law

20% ....Judicial Independence Commission

19% ....Lawyers Assistance

18% ....Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility

29% ....Military & Veterans Affairs

12% ....Professional Liability

21% ....Professionalism

3% .....Senior Lawyers

23% .....Sports Entertainment & Art Law

17% ....Unauthorized Practice of Law

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|--|-----------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------------|------|--------------|
| Committee  | - Z(<br>F | %F     | - Z( | %F     | - Z1 | %F     | F F  | 006/09<br>%F | F    | 009/10<br>%F |
|  |           |        |      |        |      |        |      |              |      |              |
| Legal Services to the Public                                       | 35        | 56%    | 38   | 54%    | 37   | 59%    | 43   | 64%          | 31   | 56%          |
| Legislative Relations Task Force*                                  | 2         | 29%    | 1    | 13%    | 6    | 26%    |      |              |      |              |
| Loan Forgiveness Implementation*                                   |           |        | 15   | 48%    | 11   | 44%    |      |              |      |              |
| Long Range Planning Strategic Goals                                |           |        |      |        | 9    | 43%    |      |              |      |              |
| Medical and Health Related Issues                                  | 18        | 32%    | 29   | 46%    | 26   | 43%    | 19   | 38%          | 15   | 43%          |
| Member Benefits and Services                                       | 12        | 36%    | 11   | 35%    | 12   | 39%    | 11   | 38%          | 9    | 43%          |
| Military and Veterans*   | 13        | 17%    | 11   | 18%    | 11   | 20%    | 17   | 30%          | 16   | 29%          |
| Minority Bar Association   | 58        | 51%    | 100  | 56%    | 75   | 57%    | 109  | 59%          | 120  | 57%          |
| Outreach to Children Initiative*                                   |           |        | 11   | 42%    | 8    | 40%    |      |              |      |              |
| PABAR-PAC*   | 1         | 17%    | 2    | 33%    | 3    | 17%    | 6    | 30%          | 5    | 36%          |
| PBA Leadership Recruitment & Development*                          |           |        |      |        | 7    | 58%    | 6    | 50%          | 5    | 50%          |
| Plain English  | 18        | 46%    | 18   | 43%    | 17   | 47%    | 21   | 57%          | 13   | 50%          |
| Presidential Planning*   | 10        | 38%    | 8    | 31%    | 8    | 30%    | 7    | 37%          |      |              |
| Professional Liability   | 5         | 7%     | 11   | 15%    | 9    | 13%    | 8    | 11%          | 8    | 12%          |
| Professional Practice Standards*                                   | 3         | 17%    | 2    | 15%    | 2    | 15%    |      |              |      |              |
| Professionalism  | 17        | 30%    | 18   | 34%    | 22   | 42%    | 18   | 35%          | 8    | 21%          |
| Quality of Life/Balance  | 21        | 58%    | 27   | 68%    | 21   | 64%    | 21   | 62%          | 15   | 65%          |
| Review & Certifying Board*   | 6         | 46%    | 3    | 33%    | 8    | 62%    | 5    | 56%          | 5    | 63%          |
| Senior Lawyers   | 3         | 5%     | 3    | 8%     | 4    | 9%     | 4    | 9%           | 1    | 3%           |
| Sports, Entertainment & Art  | 14        | 29%    | 16   | 30%    | 17   | 32%    | 17   | 37%          | 7    | 23%          |
| Statutory Law  | 9         | 26%    | 13   | 30%    | 13   | 33%    | 12   | 30%          | 8    | 31%          |
| Technology & PBA Website*  |           |        | 5    | 23%    | 4    | 19%    |      |              |      |              |
| Unauthorized Practice of Law                                       | 16        | 20%    | 18   | 23%    | 13   | 21%    | 13   | 23%          | 7    | 17%          |
| Women in the Profession Commission                                 | 427       | 97%    | 635  | 97%    | 674  | 98%    | 720  | 98%          | 744  | 99%          |
| Totals   | 1377      |        | 1813 | 49%    | 1815 | 52%    | 1851 | 54%          | 1678 | 56%          |
| * denotes committee entirely appointed by the PBA President Elect. |           |        |      |        |      |        |      |              |      |              |



#### **SECTIONS**

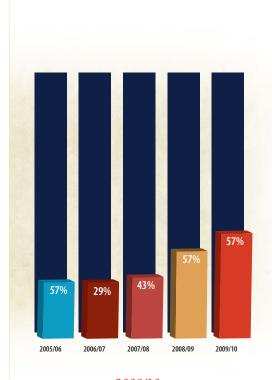
Section membership is open to any PBA member who pays section dues. Sections elect their officers, council members, and House of Delegates representatives.

In the 2009 Bar Year, there were 6 women chairs out of 18 chairs, or 33%, which is a slight decrease compared to 2008 when there were 7 women chairs, or 39%. There are 6 women representatives to the House of Delegates out of 17, or 35%.

|                                 |                | -    | М     | % F         | Chain   | Vice Chair  | Cos/Trees | Section Del. |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
|                                 |                | F    | IVI   | %0 <b>F</b> | Chair   | vice citali | Sec/Treas | Section Del. |
| Administrative Law              | Council        | 9    | 7     | 56%         | F       | M           | F         | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 93   | 161   | 37%         |         |             |           |              |
| Aeronautical & Space            | Council        | 1    | 4     | 20%         | M       | F           |           | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 5    | 28    | 15%         |         |             |           |              |
| Business Law                    | Council        | 8    | 18    | 31%         | M       | M           | M/M       | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 311  | 1237  | 20%         |         |             |           |              |
| Civil Litigation                | Council        | 10   | 12    | 45%         | F       | M           | F/M       | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 440  | 1911  | 19%         |         |             |           |              |
| Criminal Law                    | Council        | 2    | 6     | 25%         | M       | F           | M         | F            |
|                                 | Members        | 104  | 499   | 17%         |         |             |           |              |
| Education Law                   | Council        | 3    | 3     | 50%         | F       |             |           | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 73   | 175   | 29%         |         |             |           |              |
| Elder Law                       | Council        | 15   | 11    | 58%         | F       | F           | M/M       | F            |
|                                 | Members        | 216  | 613   | 26%         |         |             |           |              |
| Environmental Law               | Council        | 3    | 10    | 23%         | M       | M           | M/M       | F            |
|                                 | Members        | 106  | 345   | 24%         |         |             |           |              |
| Family Law                      | Council        | 22   | 9     | 71%         | M       | M/F         | M/M       |              |
|                                 | Members        | 662  | 714   | 48%         |         |             |           |              |
| Intellectual Property           | Council        | 8    | 10    | 44%         | M       | F           | M         | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 83   | 249   | 25%         |         |             |           |              |
| International & Comparative Law | Council        | 1    | 4     | 20%         | M       |             |           | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 37   | 81    | 31%         |         |             |           |              |
| Labor & Employment Law          | Council        | 6    | 8     | 43%         | M       | M           | M/F       | F            |
|                                 | Members        | 244  | 514   | 32%         |         |             |           |              |
| Municipal Law                   | Council        | 3    | 12    | 20%         | M       | F           | F         | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 95   | 613   | 13%         |         |             |           |              |
| Public Utility Law              | Council        | 4    | 6     | 40%         | M       | F           | M         | F            |
|                                 | Members        | 53   | 119   | 31%         |         |             |           |              |
| Real Property Law               | Council        | 6    | 14    | 30%         | M       | M/M         | F/M       | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 483  | 1911  | 20%         |         |             |           |              |
| Solo & Small Firm Practice      | Council        | 14   | 13    | 52%         | F       | M           | F/M       | F            |
|                                 | Members        | 191  | 642   | 23%         |         |             |           |              |
| Tax Law                         | Council        | 3    | 14    | 18%         | M       | M           | F         | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 137  | 570   | 19%         |         |             |           | , .          |
| Workers Compensation Law        | Council        | 6    | 16    | 27%         | F       | M           | M/M       | M            |
|                                 | Members        | 171  | 625   | 21%         |         | _ ^-        |           |              |
|                                 | Council Totals | 124  | 177   | 41%         | 6 of 18 | 7 of 18     | 7 of 24   | 6 of 17      |
|                                 | Member Totals  | 3504 | 11007 | 32%         | 33%     | 39%         | 29%       | 35%          |

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 $\frac{2009/10}{\text{Women} = 4 \text{ Men} = 3 \text{ Total} = 7}$ 

#### YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

The PBA Young Lawyers Division represents 31% of the PBA's membership. Members are lawyers who are 38 years of age or younger or have been practicing law for five years or less, regardless of age.

In the 2009 Bar Year there were 8,585 members of the Young Lawyers Division, 3,828 women, or 45%, and 4,757 men, or 55%. Women held 57% of the leadership positions, 4 of 7 offices.

- The Chair, Secretary, and Immediate Past Chair were men.
- The Chair-Elect, Treasurer, House of Delegates Representative, and ABA/YLD District Representative were women.

#### **AWARDS**

This year veteran Commission Member and Report Card Committee co-chair Lila G. Roomberg received the first Lifetime Achievement Award. For decades, Lila has served as a role model, mentor and leader of the profession.

Last year, the Commission on Women in the Profession chose to establish an Honor Roll of legal organizations welcoming women professionals. Nominations are accepted for Pennsylvania firms, corporate law departments or other organizations of lawyers providing legal services, either public or private. The Honor Roll honors those firms that have instituted programs or initiatives that help women lawyers continue and advance in their professional careers.

The Women in the Profession's Firm Award for the Promotion of Women to Leadership Positions was presented from 2002-2008 to recognize the firm among the 100 largest in Pennsylvania that has done the most to promote its women lawyers to leadership positions within the firm.

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.

### Honor Role of Legal Organizations Welcoming Women Professionals

2010 Duane Morris LLP | Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC | Lavin, O'Neil, Riccit, Cedrone & DiSipio | Littler Mendelson P.C. | Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, P.L.L.C. | White and Williams LLP | Willig, Williams & Davidson

2009 Cozen O'Connor | Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, P.C. | K&L Gates | Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, P.L.L.C. | Oliver, Price & Rhodes | Raynes McCarty



#### Firm Award

2008 Willig, Williams & Davidson

2007 No Firm Award

2006 Lavin, O'Neil, Ricci, Cedrone & DiSipio

2005 Houston Harbaugh

2004 Woodcock Washburn

2003 Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll

2002 Willig, Williams & Davidson

The Anne X. Alpern Award to a Pennsylvania woman attorney who has had a significant professional impact in Pennsylvania, who has demonstrated leadership in her profession and community, and who has participated in mentoring activities.

2010 Hon. Linda K.M. Ludgate

2009 Hon. Cynthia A. Baldwin

2008 Kathleen D. Wilkinson

2007 Ann L. Begler

2006 Hon. Maureen Lally-Green

2005 Hon. Sandra Schultz Newman

**2004** Hon. Donetta W. Ambrose

2003 Charisse R. Lillie

2002 Lila G. Roomberg

2001 Nora Barry Fischer

2000 Hon. Carolyn E. Temin

**1999** Leslie Anne Miller

1998 Professor Marina Angel

1997 Hon. Phyllis Beck

1996 Professor Esther Clark

1995 Joy Flowers Conti

The Lynette Norton Award to an outstanding woman litigator who has demonstrated leadership in mentoring other women attorneys and who is devoted to assisting other women who follow in the profession.

**2010** Lynn E. Rzonca

2009 Mary Sue Ramsden

2008 Kimberly A. Brown

2007 Carolyn P. Short

2006 Elizabeth Maguschak

2005 Melinda C. Ghilardi

2004 Kerry A. Kearney