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Top Women in Law 2016

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Earlier this year, the New York Law Journal's editorial staff set out to select our first group of Top Women in Law, our attempt to shine a light on the outstanding work being done by female attorneys across New York state who have had notable achievements over the past year.

These outstanding attorneys, gathered with the help of recommendations from the legal community, are making strides to push the legal profession forward for women.

We are honored to name the following attorneys as the New York Law Journal's 2016 Top Women in Law:

- Jaculin Aaron, partner, Shearman & Sterling
- Meriam Al-Rashid, partner, Dentons
- Deborah Archer, dean of diversity and inclusion, New York Law School
- Barbara Becker, partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- Kerry Berchem, partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
- Elise Bloom, partner, Proskauer Rose
- Diane Bosse, special counsel, Hurwitz & Fine
- Carrie Cohen, partner, Morrison & Foerster
- Jennifer Cona, managing partner, Genser Dubow Genser & Cona
- Jayne Conroy, co-founder, Simmons Hanly Conroy
- Victoria Cook, partner, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz
- Mylan Denerstein, partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- Mary Beth Hogan, partner, Debevoise & Plimpton
- Tanya Hobson-Williams, principal, Hobson-Williams P.C.
- Stacy Kanter, partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

- Natalie LaMarque, vice-president, corporate compliance, New York Life Insurance Co.
- Wendi Lazar, partner, Outten & Golden
- Sharon Cohen Levin, partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr
- Judith Livingston, senior partner, Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore
- Carmelyn Malalis, commissioner/chair, New York City Commission on Human Rights
- Taryn Merkl, assistant U.S. attorney, Eastern District of New York
- Patricia Miller, chief of special federal litigation, New York City Law Department
- Sheila Mortazavi, partner, Andrews Kurth
- Sharon Nelles, partner, Sullivan & Cromwell
- Carolyn Nussbaum, Rochester office managing partner, Nixon Peabody
- Faiza Saeed, deputy presiding partner, Cravath, Swaine & Moore
- Leslie Spencer, partner, Ropes & Gray
- Tamara Steckler, attorney-in-charge, juvenile rights practice, Legal Aid Society
- Carol Villegas, partner, Labaton Sucharow
- Mary Kay Vyskocil, U.S. bankruptcy judge, Southern District of New York

The 30 women will be honored at a celebratory dinner at the Manhattan Penthouse in New York City on Nov. 15. For more information about the dinner, please contact Andre Sutton at asutton@alm.com.