

MARCH 2021 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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Tell us about your firm or business including history, specialization, and years in business.

The Axelrod Firm is a 5-attorney, 3-paralegal woman-owned law firm founded in 2007 with offices in Philadelphia and Washington, DC. We represent entities (business and governmental bodies) in their commercial, employment (including AIR21), general and product liability and appellate litigation matters.

What is an interesting fact about you or your firm that most people do not know?

I speak Spanish. Another interesting fact: I am one of 8 kids.

What is a favorite moment of your career so far?

Seeing a student, I coached on the Overbrook High School Mock Trial Team, coach her team to victory in the Regional Championships of the competition at Temple Law School.

What challenge are you most proud of overcoming?

Overcoming being a poor speller, a poor speaker, and a poor writer to become a nationally sought-after speaker and published author.

Tell us about a recent professional accomplishment of yours?

Instead of going under during the pandemic, growing The Axelrod Firm from 3 lawyers to 5 and from 2 paralegals to 3, and we are likely not done growing yet! I am also very proud that The Axelrod Firm joined the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance and that I have become a Goodera 10k for Racial Equality Ambassador.

Tell us about a recent personal accomplishment of yours?

I am working on publishing a book in the equity, equality, diversity, and inclusion space.

What advice would you offer new business owners?

I would tell women that women in general underestimate how well they will do on their own. If they really want to start a law firm, they should plan for the worst but also for the best; it might work out better than they ever imagined.

How can you help other Women Owned Law members improve their businesses?

I can help other WOL members expand their equity, equality, diversity, and inclusion efforts.

How has Women Owned Law been of value to you and your career?

It has connected me with amazing fellow women law firm owners who have supported The Axelrod Firm with cases, advice, and recommended resources.

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About Women Owned Law

Women Owned Law is a ground-breaking group created to connect and advance women legal entrepreneurs. WOL supports its members and other women entrepreneurs in the law in their business endeavors at every point in the business lifecycle. We advocate on behalf of women legal entrepreneurs and have been instrumental in raising the profile of women entrepreneurs in the law.

For additional information about Women Owned Law visit www.womenownedlaw.org