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

I am a general civil litigator, with a specialty in criminal and government enforcement defense. I've practiced for almost 30 years, and I have been a law firm business owner for more than 15 years.

What's a favorite moment of your career so far?

Beating the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on its own turf before one of its administrative law judges. This was a high-profile case involving insider trading, which was covered by The Wall Street Journal. Based on the strength of the trial evidence, the SEC Commission later affirmed the decision. In its coverage of the Commission's decision, The New York Times noted that the win on appeal "marked a rare loss" for the SEC.

What challenge are you most proud of overcoming?

I was recently ranked by Chambers USA in its White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations: The Elite guide without submitting an application. That means it was based on unsolicited support of my colleagues (including past adversaries) in the industry.

Tell us about a recent professional accomplishment of yours.

I successfully advocated on behalf of a client who was targeted by the U.S. Attorney's Office (SDNY) resulting in no charges being brought.

Tell us about a recent personal accomplishment of yours.

As a single mom, I just celebrated supporting my oldest daughter throughout her freshman year of college! Now I'm working on another seven years of college tuition to cover her and her younger sister.

What advice would you offer new business owners?

Love your business like you would a child, or family member.

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

Networking is not a skill that was taught to me in any class, and yet it is the key to success for any business person.

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

I have loved participating in the unique activities and meeting other highly motivated and inspiring women.

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 <http://www.womenownedlaw.org>