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

My firm has been in business for 12 years. We have four partners, and we specialize in complex business disputes, distressed assets litigation, internal investigations and regulatory matters. Three of our four partners were AUSAs in the Southern District of New York and we all were originally trained at well-known large firms. We started with two lawyers and one admin; now we have fourteen lawyers and three staff.

**Tell us an interesting fact about you.**

For the past several years, instead of a summer outing, the firm has had an annual ski weekend for our lawyers and their families. The fun fact is that we are such a friendly bunch that even people who don't ski often attend.

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

There are so many. Right now, I am most enjoying the moments that come from mentoring our younger lawyers and paying forward everything I have learned over my career.

**What challenge are you most proud of overcoming?**

In law school and as a junior lawyer, I was not a natural public speaker. I forced myself to be in situations that would require me to speak and became the very vocal advocate that I am today.

**Tell us about a recent professional accomplishment of yours.**

Recently, as plaintiff, we managed to push a federal court M&A dispute all the way through discovery and trial in just over seven months. We went to trial on the date the judge penciled in at the first conference. This was the first time in my 35-year career that we went from complaint through trial without an extension.

**Tell us about a recent personal accomplishment of yours.**

My latest personal accomplishment is realizing I have successfully launched two now-adult children, although I suppose that is really their accomplishment. In addition to being an attorney, I am a very proud mother.

**What advice would you offer new business owners?**

From the start, make sure you know all the details of the business. Once it has been up and running for a while, you can start to delegate the details, but there is no substitute for first-hand knowledge as a backstop.

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

I am always open to sharing ideas and experiences, at networking events and also individually.

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

The opportunity to network and exchange ideas with other women who are leading firms is fantastic.

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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.

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