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

KRF Legal specializes in litigation and dispute resolution. My clients' needs are usually too small for expensive Big Law, but still require a thorough, detail-oriented and dynamic attorney. I work across many areas, including complex, commercial and intellectual property litigation; business divorces, co-op disputes, and employment law. Clients come to me with complex and murky problems and often do not see a path forward. I work with them to develop creative strategies—be it in tactical litigation defense or negotiating with stubborn business partners—so they can confidently move on with their lives and businesses. I see the whole client, not just the issue that brought them to me. This approach allows me to not only find solutions that are not always obvious, but also provide realistic advice and counsel.

Tell us an interesting fact about you.

I had some interesting jobs while studying Art History at Barnard College: intern at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice, Italy, and also gallery assistant at the now-defunct Knoedler Gallery, whose unfortunate downfall is the subject of the Netflix documentary *Made You Look* and the eight-episode podcast *Art Fraud* (narrated by Alec Baldwin). I also speak French, Italian and some Spanish.

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

Winning a very tricky asylum case for a pro bono client (when I was with a firm). The law was not on our side. The client understandably struggled with PTSD, but that sometimes interfered with their ability to communicate with us. We spent probably a hundred hours interviewing the client and presented a very compelling story. Still, we expected to lose. I've never felt such joy as in that courtroom when the Administrative Law Judge granted asylum. The client embraced us outside afterwards, tearfully telling us: "Thank you for saving my life." I've had some amazing successes in business, but they have yet to top that moment.

What challenge are you most proud of overcoming?

Having the nerve to start a law practice on my terms and with my unique vision. I founded KRF Legal in part because I wanted to create a career that matched my strengths and fit my needs. I like being able to turn away incompatible clients and fostering long-lasting relationships with business owners and other accomplished people who can't afford Big Law but need quality counsel.

Tell us about a recent professional accomplishment of yours.

The New York City Bar Association's Litigation Committee (which is often asked to comment on rules changes, proposed legislation and amendments, and the like) recently selected me for membership. I am also the Co-chair of the Social/Networking Subcommittee.

Tell us about a recent personal accomplishment of yours.

I started attending a dance class earlier this year. Dance classes have always intimidated me—I fear I have no rhythm and will look like I have no rhythm. I finally got over that and now look forward to my weekly class. I still probably look silly, but I'm having too much fun to care.

What advice would you offer new business owners?

Go slowly and keep going. Not every day will be your best, and you will likely have more challenging days than rewarding ones at first. You will contemplate quitting at least a dozen times. Do not get discouraged. Nothing sustainable can be built in a day, or even a year. Success will come if you stay true to yourself and your vision.

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

Listening. Are you stuck on an issue—even a small one—and can't see a way forward? Let's talk about it. Sometimes a 10-minute phone call really clears things up. I also enjoy collaborating (including co-counsel) with other lawyers on bigger matters where two+ heads are better than one.

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

I value the community and collective wisdom of Women Owned Law members. Running a solo law practice can feel quite lonely, but attending a WOL event always renews me and reminds me I'm not alone and my challenges are not unique.

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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