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That the right to counsel is enshrined in the Bill of Rights speaks to the centrality of legal representation in a free and fair society.

Attorneys sit between the law and the people it protects, wielding the former in service to the latter. That function has taken on increased importance of late, as a rare confluence of social, economic and health challenges have befallen society. But New York's lawyers—a legion of defenders and advocates like no other—have proved remarkably nimble and relentless.

It is in the spirit of that recognition that Crain's selected these 103 honorees for its 2021 list of Notable Women in Law. These impressive attorneys were chosen not only for their skills and accomplishments, but also for their efforts to shore up the edifice of justice. In the public

and private sectors, domestically and abroad, and across industries and sectors, these lawyers—litigators, dealmakers, prosecutors, defenders and investigators—work to uphold the law as Thomas Hobbes described it: "the public conscience."

To find these honorees, Crain's consulted with trusted sources in the legal industry and in the general New York business world. The many nominations submitted by organizations and individuals in the metropolitan area were carefully vetted. Ultimately, each notable lawyer was selected for her professional achievements and her pro bono work or involvement in industry and community organizations.

Read on to learn how these outstanding lawyers are championing justice and bolstering commerce each day.

**CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS 2021** 

## NOTABLE WOMEN



## **ERIKA WEINBERG**

Partner Latham & Watkins

Erika Weinberg is co-chair of Latham & Watkins' Women Enriching Business program—and she could just as well serve as its exemplar. As a partner at the firm and a member of its capital markets

practice, she focuses on corporate finance and general securities, among other corporate matters. Weinberg represents financial institutions and issuers in a range of public and private financing transactions: secured and unsecured high-yield debt offerings, bridge lending and loan commitments, initial public offerings, private-equity offerings and assorted liability management transactions. She advises on filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Weinberg's clients are spread across a variety of industries, including health care, entertainment, media, telecommunications, manufacturing and retail.



## **JANE GREYF**

Partner
Latham & Watkins

Jane Greyf is an authority on commercial transactions. Her intimate market knowledge proves invaluable to private-equity firms and portfolio companies, as well as other corporate clients. The

Latham & Watkins partner advises those clients—from the energy, technology and industrial sectors—on how to maximize the value of their transactions. Her practice includes advising on buyouts, acquisitions and dispositions, complex carve-outs, equity investments, joint ventures, co-investments and tender offers, among other corporate matters. Greyf, whose work encompasses inbound investments in the U.S. by European and Asian funds, is experienced in representing companies on issues related to corporate governance and securities law compliance.

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