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Donna-Marie Korth is a Partner at the law firm of Certilman, Balin, Adler & Hyman, LLP. As a member of the firm's commercial/real estate litigation department she concentrates in appellate practice, real estate litigation and guardianship proceedings. Today, commercial litigation cases are increasing because in a weak economy relationships that were once good unfortunately falter, Korth said.

"Financing the litigation is the difficult issue at hand," she said. "Perhaps we need to consider the English system where the prevailing party recovers their attorney fees; it might weed out the frivolous claims, as well."

Working for alternative ways to resolve

disputes will be the wave of the future, Korth believes. "Mandatory mediation is a possibility."

"I always assess my cases by looking at the bottom line first and hope there may be a practical solution to pursue early on in the case."

It is important for professionals in any field to share their ideas and experiences with the next generation of professionals, she noted. "I plan on continuing my long standing participation with the Nassau County Bar Association's Moot Court Competition, which gives law students a chance to obtain first hand experience with oral advocacy and brief writing."

Since receiving her 2000 40 Under 40 Award, Korth noted that working with wonderful colleagues has continued to expand her horizons and sharpen her professional skills.

With regard to future plans, she said, "I would like my legacy to include being the best mother I can possibly be and to help other children, whether that entails working on a board for a children's organization, hospital or charity or setting up a foundation to promote an important children's cause."

Korth's philosophy is that "we all must strive to provide service to others in any manner we can."