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WHO'S WHO | in Women in Professional Services

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Donna-Marie Korth is a member of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP's commercial/real estate litigation department. Korth concentrates in appellate practice, real estate litigation and guardianship proceedings. She previously concentrated in cooperative/condominium law.

The economic recession has been tough on most people, and it's hard to generalize how it has directly affected women, Korth said.

"However, it is clear that the balance of career and family has become harder to maintain," she said. "For instance, some women who are heads of their households may have had their income reduced by less hours or a lower pay scale. Many are forced to work full time to cover the cost of health benefits, especially if they have children."

On the positive side, women are resilient – and entrepreneurial – which can be seen by the increased number of women reportedly applying for small business loans, Korth said.

"Many women have also decided to go back to school for advanced degrees, and this is particularly true concerning the field of law," she said.

"The pressures have increased for everyone in this economy," Korth explained. "The end results for women may be that they continue to tap into their strengths, rise to the occasion and achieve success in their own new business ventures."

Korth is admitted to practice in New York State and before the United States District Courts for the Eastern and



Southern Districts of New York and the United States Supreme Court.

She has achieved the highest professional rating by Martindale Hubbell, which is the result of an extensive confidential review conducted among the legal profession in the community. Korth was also recently elected as a fellow to the New York State Bar Foundation.

Korth is the former dean of the Nassau Academy of Law, the educational arm of the Nassau County Bar Association, and has moderated and lectured at several CLE seminars. She is also the former chair and current vice chair of the appellate practice committee and is one of the co-ordinators of the annual Moot Court competition among area law schools.

Korth co-authored "The Second Amendment Was not Intended to Justify

Arming Every Tom, Dick and Harriet with an Assault Weapon," published in the spring 2003 issue of St. John's Journal of Legal Commentary. She also co-authored "Megan's Law Should Survive the Latest Round of Attacks," published in the spring 1999 issue of St. John's Journal of Legal Commentary, as well as "Megan's Law before the Second Circuit," published in the New York Law Journal.

In 2006, she was named Touro Law Center's Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney. She also received the Leadership Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and was honored by Strathmore's Who's Who 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 as a leader in the legal profession.

Korth is a magna cum laude graduate of St. John's University and earned a juris doctor, with honors, from its school of law. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and Nassau County Bar Association, and is a member of the commercial and federal litigation section of the New York State Bar Association. She is also a board member of the St. Agnes Cathedral Mothers' Club.

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