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NOTABLE WOMEN IN LAW

Despite the gains for women in the legal field in both representation and pay, they still lag their male counterparts by a wide margin. The pandemic has made the situation worse.

The effects on women lawyers, especially those with children, during the pandemic were documented in a number of surveys in the past couple of years. Although all lawyers worked from home, women reported taking on a much larger share of child care and housework during that time, making it

even harder than usual to rack up billable hours and shine in the boardroom.

It is against this challenging backdrop that the women chosen for Crain's 2022 Notable Women in Law list are even more remarkable.

This group of 119 women are exemplary in every way. These impressive attorneys were chosen not only for their skills and accomplishments in the courtroom, but for their leadership outside of it. In addition to their long hours representing everyone from executives at Fortune 500 companies to immigrants seeking asylum, our honorees this year shored up morale among their colleagues during the pandemic and found ways to keep business going in the face of turmoil.

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. Each notable lawyer was selected for her outstanding professional achievements and her pro bono work or involvement with industry and community organizations.



NICOLE FANJUL

Co-deputy Office Managing Partner, New York office
Latham & Watkins LLP

Banking partner Nicole Fanjul was promoted to co-deputy managing partner of Latham & Watkins' New York office—the firm's largest with 635 lawyers—on the eve of its move to the iconic

Time & Life Building. Fanjul represents lenders and corporate borrowers in complex financing transactions, with a focus on syndicated leveraged finance and direct lending. Among her involvement in many high-profile deals, Fanjul advised on the acquisition financing for Takeda's \$46 billion acquisition of Shire, the largest overseas takeover by a Japanese company. Fanjul maintains an active pro bono practice, frequently advising on immigration matters, especially with immigrant victims of domestic violence.



ALLI STILLMAN

Partner
Latham & Watkins LLP

Alli Stillman, a nationally renowned litigator, represents public and private companies in a range of industries in copyright and associated intellectual property litigation matters. With a concentration in technology, media and entertainment, Stillman's work often centers on issues that help shape national copyright law. As a partner with Latham & Watkins, Stillman is called upon by major entertainment companies to handle contentious matters, including music streaming giant Spotify, in the infringement suit brought by Eight Mile Style, Eminem's music publisher. Stillman was the only attorney selected for Leadership Music's Class of 2022, a nationwide program for established music industry leaders.



LISA WATTS

Vice Chair
Latham & Watkins LLP

Lisa Watts is a powerhouse transactional tax practitioner who helps clients meet their business goals by navigating complex areas of tax law in the context of mergers, buyouts and initial public offerings. She recently received the New York Law Journal Dealmakers of the Year award for her work advising on the tax aspects of the newly popular special-purpose acquisition company transactions, an alternative to traditional IPOs. Latham advised companies on more SPAC M&A transactions than any other law firm in 2020. Watts recently took on a major new role in addition to her tax practice. In March she was elected vice chair of Latham—with 3,000 attorneys, it's one of the largest law firms in the world. Watts will focus on the firm's strategic direction and manage its global presence.

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