

Each month, Women's Business asks readers for nominations to create a Top 10 list in a particular category. In this issue, we present the region's leading corporate lawyers. Following are the dynamic professionals our readers turn to for top-notch legal services and advice.

TOP 10

Megan Gates

Partner
Mintz Levin



"As the CEO of two public companies over the past 10 years, I have had the pleasure to have Megan serve us as corporate counsel. Her client dedication

and responsiveness is unequalled to any outside attorney that I have worked with in my career. No matter what the time pressure or issue, Megan is there to provide excellent counsel. I certainly hold her in the highest category when it comes to excellent legal counsel and client service."

- **FREDERICK W. DRISCOLL**
VICE PRESIDENT, CFO &
TREASURER
NOVAVAX

Lauren Jennings

Of Counsel
Posternak, Blankstein &Lund



"I have never worked with anyone who could distill information and produce appropriate documents as efficiently and accurately as

Lauren. She is a pleasure to work with and always keeps the client's budget in mind. In short, she does just what we need when we need it."

- **GRETCHEN FOX**
PRESIDENT
FOX RPM CORP.

Belinda Juran

Partner
WilmerHale



"Belinda brings to her practice and her clients an insatiable intellectual curiosity, practical judgment and tireless effort. The result is

keen, knowledgeable and thoughtful advice and counsel which allows her clients to successfully advance their business objectives and goals. I consider us extraordinarily fortunate to be one of her clients."

- **ANDREA CORCORAN**
GENERAL COUNSEL &
SECRETARY
TOLERX INC.

Cynthia Larose

Partner
Mintz Levin



"Cynthia is a great woman to be among the top corporate lawyers. She is the consummate professional. She is there for my company

whenever we need her, understands and anticipates our concerns, and her advice is always right on target."

- **ANDREW SINI**
COUNSEL
NUMERIX

Lia Der Marderosian

Partner
WilmerHale



"Lia is an intelligent, accomplished and extremely hard-working attorney whose professional knowledge, expertise and perspective are

tremendous assets to us. We rely on Lia's experience and guidance on a variety of topics, ranging from general corporate and securities law issues to business development and compensation matters. She is trusted by our legal team and our senior management to consistently provide sound advice for our company."

- **MARY BETH DELENA**
SENIOR DIRECTOR, LEGAL
ALNYLAM PHARMACEUTICALS INC.



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Susan I. Permut
Senior Vice President & Deputy General Counsel
EMC Corp.



"Susan is a sharp, strategic and insightful lawyer, able to evaluate the risks and opportunities of a proposed action, formulate a strategy

and expertly navigate a path forward, even when that path presents significant unforeseen obstacles or difficulties. She is quick, well-informed, a terrific mentor and role model to many young lawyers in her department, and a consummate professional."

- MARGARET A. BROWN
MANAGING PARTNER,
BOSTON OFFICE
SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE,
MEAGHER & FLOM

Sarah C. Richmond
Partner
Gesmer Updegrave



"Sarah is more than just an expert corporate lawyer - she is a business advisor and advocate who feels personally invested in her

clients' success. Sarah always goes the extra mile for her clients, including her generosity in opening up her terrific network to provide introductions and make connections to help her clients grow and prosper. Two very enthusiastic thumbs up!"

- PAIGE ARNOF-FENN
FOUNDER & CEO
MAVENS & MUGULS

Elka T. Sachs
Partner
Krokidas & Bluestein



"Elka has the crucial ability to break down extremely complex legal issues in a way that makes sense and can be acted upon. She knows how to translate

complicated legalese into understandable language. We are very fortunate to have her as our corporate counsel, as she brings her extensive legal expertise, problem solving and passion to her work."

- MARY A. MCCARTHY
PRESIDENT AND CEO
ALLIANCE HEALTH INC.

Paula J. Valencia-Galbraith
Associate
Mintz Levin



"Paula has become one of RockPort Capital's go-to lawyers and is a tremendous partner and team player for our fund. She has

worked on a wide range of transactions, many of which are complex and unique, and her simultaneous grasp of the key strategic issues and the myriad important details is truly impressive.

"Paula's on it" means you are in good hands!"

- WILBER JAMES
MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER
ROCKPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS

Michele Whitham
Partner
Foley Hoag



"Michele understands both the law and the lore. She has such a tremendous wealth of knowledge of the proper and appropriate

way to deal with a legal problem."

- MICHAEL TRAISTER
VICE PRESIDENT &
GENERAL COUNSEL
AURORA IMAGING TECHNOLOGY



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