

# *Profiles in Leadership*

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**Years in practice:** 4

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**What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?**

The opportunity to meet and learn from other women attorneys throughout the country.

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**Years in practice:** 29 years

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**What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?**

The opportunity to network with women lawyers throughout the country.

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**Name:** Teresa Rider Bult

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**Years in practice:** 10

**Practice areas of concentration:** Employment Law/ Litigation, Management Side

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## **What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?**

A former classmate of mine initially asked me to be a state liaison. I then heard about the Dutch Treat Dinners at the Litigation Section meetings, and decided to check it out. I was so impressed with the women and the leadership, it seemed like something worth investing my time in.

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**Name:** Haley Dempsey

**City of Practice:** Tampa, FL

**Firm or Employer:** Forizs & Dogali, P.L.

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**Years in practice:** 3 (admitted in 10/03)

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**What do you expect to gain as a result of your Woman Advocate work?**

I am looking forward to growing and developing as an attorney through interaction with other women lawyers. I hope to learn from the other members both regarding substantive material as well as the unique issues facing women attorneys including marketing and networking challenges and being a working mother.

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**Name:** Marilyn R. Forbes

**City of Practice:** Raleigh, NC

**Firm or Employer:** Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice

**Law school:** Wake Forest University

**Years in practice:** 25

**Practice areas of concentration:** Products Liability, Litigation

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## **What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?**

The opportunity to work in a non-litigation context with excellent women attorneys across the country.

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**Name:** Kathleen B. Havener  
**City of Practice:** Cleveland, OH  
**Firm or Employer:** Hahn, Loeser & Parks LLP  
**Law school:** Harvard  
**Years in practice:** 15

**Practice areas of concentration:** Commercial litigation, securities, insurance coverage, tax disputes

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**What benefit(s) have you received from your work with Woman Advocate?**

100% of the work I have brought into my firm has come by way of referrals from my colleagues in The Woman Advocate. Better than that, though, is that many of my closest friends in the world are my colleagues in The Woman Advocate.

**If you could attend only one ABA Section of Litigation Meeting, which one would you attend and why?**

The Section Annual Meeting. My true favorite is Corporate Counsel but if you can only attend one, it's important that it be the one at which you can get ALL you need and stay connected to what's really happening in the Section. That's the Section Annual Meeting in the Spring.

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**Name:** Paula W. Hinton

**City of Practice:** Houston, TX

**Firm or Employer:** Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

**Law school:** University of Alabama Law School

**Years in practice:** 27

**Practice areas of concentration:** Commercial Litigation, Class Action

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Co-chair Rainmaking Subcommittee

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**Name:** Nan E. Joesten  
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**Years in practice:** 9

**Practice areas of concentration:** Intellectual Property Litigation

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Mentoring Subcommittee Co-Chair

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## **What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?**

Enjoying camaraderie and support from fellow women litigators from around the country through attendance at ABA meetings and dinners.

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**Name:** Rebecca E. Kuehn

**City of Practice:** Washington, D.C.

**Firm or Employer:** Federal Trade Commission

**Law school:** The George Washington University National Law Center

**Years in practice:** 12

**Practice areas of concentration:** Privacy and identity protection; Fair Credit Reporting Act

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Chair, Young Lawyer Outreach Subcommittee

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**What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee? What benefit(s) have you received from your work with Woman Advocate?**

My answer goes to both of these questions. I joined the Woman Advocate Committee because of its focus on the challenges facing women litigators, and the fact that my firm at that time had very few role models. I have continued my membership because of the fantastic and amazing women involved in the Committee. From these women, I have learned everything from how to be tough yet not "act like a man," to how to deal with the older male partner who is adjusting to your transition from associate to partner, to different ways to handle the balance of work and family. And the Committee consists of some fun people, whom I enjoy seeing at the meetings.

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**Name:** Beatrice O'Donnell, Esquire

**City of Practice:** Philadelphia, PA

**Firm or Employer:** Duane Morris LLP

**Law school:** Temple University School of Law

**Years in practice:** 28 years

**Practice areas of concentration:** Litigation - Commercial, Products Liability, Professional Liability

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Financial Issues

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## What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?

I was asked to fill in for one of my partners to moderate a Woman's Advocate panel featuring in-house women attorneys. I was very impressed with both the quality of the panel and the thoughtfulness of their approach to issues facing women attorneys. Not only did I learn a great deal from them but was motivated to increase my efforts at mentoring at my firm.

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**Name:** Victoria Oldham

**City of Employment:** Columbus, OH

**Firm or Employer:** The Garden City Group, Inc.

**Law school:** The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

**Years working:** 1 year, 11 months

**Employment areas of concentration:** Class Action and Chapter 11 claims administration

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Newsletter Subcommittee

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**What benefit(s) have you received from your work with Woman Advocate?**

The women advocate has helped further my involvement with the ABA and it has helped both my business and professional development goals by introducing me to a dynamic and intelligent group of attorneys.

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**Name:** Linda Pissott Reig

**City of Practice:** Morristown, NJ

**Firm or Employer:** Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

**Law school:** Georgetown

**Years in practice:**

**Practice areas of concentration:** Pharmaceutical Marketing and Sales Compliance, Appellate Practice

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Membership Subcommittee Co-Chair

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**What benefit(s) have you received from your work with Woman Advocate?**

Networking. Staying abreast of data and statistics relating to retention of women in the legal profession. Participating in discussions on how to achieve work-family balance.

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**Name:** Anne Marie Seibel

**City of Practice:** Birmingham, AL

**Firm or Employer:** Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP

**Law school:** Vanderbilt

**Years in practice:** 8

**Practice areas of concentration:** Pharmaceutical litigation, complex litigation, medical malpractice defense

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Co-Chair Mentoring Subcommittee

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**What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?**

I am interested in the learning more about how to assist women in succeeding in the practice of law.

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**Name:** Joanne M. Vorpahl  
**City of Practice:** Houston, TX  
**Firm or Employer:** Porter & Hedges, L.L.P.  
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**Years in practice:** 24

**Practice areas of concentration:** Employment and commercial Litigation

**Leadership position within Woman Advocate Committee:** Co-Chair Rainmaking Subcommittee

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**What attracted you to work with Woman Advocate Committee?**

The prospect of meeting and working with other women trial lawyers from all over the United States.