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That the right to counsel is enshrined in the Bill of Rights speaks to the centrality of legal representation in a free and fair society.

Attorneys sit between the law and the people it protects, wielding the former in service to the latter. That function has taken on increased importance of late, as a rare confluence of social, economic and health challenges have befallen society. But New York's lawyers—a legion of defenders and advocates like no other—have proved remarkably nimble and relentless.

It is in the spirit of that recognition that Crain's selected these 103 honorees for its 2021 list of Notable Women in Law. These impressive attorneys were chosen not only for their skills and accomplishments, but also for their efforts to shore up the edifice of justice. In the public

and private sectors, domestically and abroad, and across industries and sectors, these lawyers—litigators, dealmakers, prosecutors, defenders and investigators—work to uphold the law as Thomas Hobbes described it: “the public conscience.”

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. Ultimately, each notable lawyer was selected for her professional achievements and her pro bono work or involvement in industry and community organizations.

Read on to learn how these outstanding lawyers are championing justice and bolstering commerce each day.

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# NOTABLE WOMEN IN LAW

## COURTNEY ROCKETT

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When litigation cases are proceeding along a suboptimal path, Courtney Rockett may swoop in to take over as lead litigator, re-framing cases with her creative strategies. It's all in a day's work for the member at Mintz, who represents corporations, private-equity firms and celebrities, among others, in sensitive civil litigation matters. Rockett focuses on complex commercial transactions, partnership disputes, securities matters, entertainment disputes and intellectual property litigation. She previously was a partner at a national law firm, where she developed a two-decade track record of achieving highly favorable settlements for her clients. Rockett, whose clients have included Tory Burch and Sony Pictures Entertainment, is regularly recognized as one of the top lawyers in the New York metropolitan area by Super Lawyers.

