



Bettina B Plevan, Past President of the New York City Bar Association

Bettina B Plevan is a partner in Proskauer's Labor & Employment Law Department and a former member of the Firm's seven-person Executive Committee. She handles a broad range of labor and employment litigation, and provides counseling to clients on sensitive employment and partnership matters. In addition to maintaining her active practice, Betsy is a senior member of Proskauer's Diversity Steering Committee, and a key member of the steering committee for Proskauer's Women's Alliance. Betsy is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and a Member of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Betsy is also involved in many public service activities. She is a member of the Chief Judge's Task Force on Access to Justice and serves as Chair of the Magistrate Judge Selection Panel of the Southern District of New York. She is also a former Co-Chair and currently Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

In 2004, Betsy became the second woman to serve as President of the New York City Bar Association. While in office, she helped establish the Office of Diversity to provide law firms and corporate law departments with tangible ways to increase gender diversity throughout their ranks and in leadership positions. She earlier served as Co-Chair of Committee on Gender Bias of the Second Circuit Task Force on Fairness in Courts. She was also the first woman President of the Federal Bar Council.

As City Bar President, Betsy also focused on pro bono legal services, helping to brand the City Bar Justice Center and working with the Committee on Pro Bono to develop a list of pro bono principles for law firms.

Betsy has received many awards including the New York Law Journal's 2014 Lawyers Who Lead by Example Lifetime Achievement Award for her accomplishments in paving the way for women in law. Betsy was also recently honored at the Legal Aid Society's 38th Annual Awards Dinner with the Servant of Justice award for her work for and commitment to the mission of equal access to justice for all within the legal community.