

DECORATO COHEN SHEEHAN & FEDERICO LLP

LITIGATION

When it comes to women leaders in the legal profession, few firms offer the depth of female talent that can be found at DeCorato Cohen Sheehan & Federico, LLP: In addition to three of the firm's six partners, 16 of its associates are women. "In an area of the law that all too often has been dominated by male attorneys, we've been able to attract and develop top flight women litigators," says Partner Linda J. DeCorato. "There's no glass ceiling here."

DeCorato – a registered nurse prior to entering the legal profession – helped found the firm in 1999, and she has seen it grow from primarily a medical malpractice defense firm to the full-service litigation firm that it is today.

"We handle all forms of litigation up through and including trial, and while we're still largely a defense firm, we do take on some plaintiffs' personal injury litigation," DeCorato says. The firm has also represented plaintiffs and defendants in employment cases, many of which focus on women's rights issues. "As our reputation as litigators has grown, we've continued to attract – and succeed in – a variety of litigation," DeCorato notes.

Yet, despite its expansion, the firm remains a cohesive, hardworking group; and DeCorato attributes this stability to the firm's focus on relationship building. "We pride ourselves on the relationships we've developed with our clients," she says. "Whatever the case, we make sure our clients are fully updated regarding our dedicated and skillful efforts on their behalf. They can rest easy knowing that we are expertly balancing their needs for superior service with exceptional value."



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KRAMER & DUNLEAVY, LLP

LITIGATION, PERSONAL INJURY

Women's rights advocates Lenore Kramer and Denise M. Dunleavy formed Kramer & Dunleavy as the first law firm in New York State focusing on women's health and safety issues. With a combined total experience of more than 80 years, the firm has earned both an AV® rating by Martindale-Hubbell® and a reputation as a powerhouse litigation boutique. Repeatedly selected by their peers to the *Super Lawyers* list, Kramer and Dunleavy, together with Jonathan R. Ratchik, represent their clients with passion, zeal and savvy.

A recognized leader of the personal injury bar, Kramer has served as president of both the NYS Trial Lawyers Association and the Women's Bar association of the State of New York, and has been appointed to numerous prestigious committees and commissions. For many years she represented New York State as a Governor of the American Association for Justice. Dunleavy was named one of the Top 50 female litigators in the nation by *The National Law Journal*. She is also a former recipient of the Trial Lawyer of the Year award. Her courtroom victories have garnered many record-setting verdicts and settlements.

Kramer & Dunleavy has a proven record of results for men, women and children, including settlements of \$6.25 million for a traumatic brain injury resulting from a fall; \$5 million for an infant who lost her forearm due to a hospital medication error; \$4 million for a worker injured on a construction site; \$4 million for a family who lost a loved one at the World Trade Center; \$3.5 million for an injury caused by listeria-infected deli meat; \$2.5 million for a widow whose husband passed from a hospital-



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acquired infection; \$2 million for a woman who underwent a needless mastectomy; \$1.8 million for a cyclist hit by a runaway van and \$1 million for a motorcyclist injured on a defective city roadway.

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