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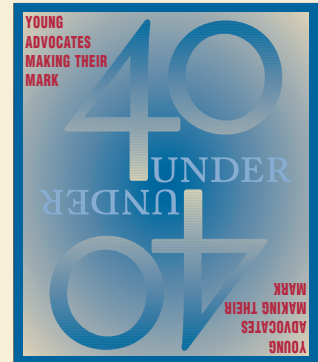
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Young lawyers chalk up impressive achievements and exert influence

THE FOLLOWING 40 ATTORNEYS were culled from nominations The National Law Journal received from readers, the advice of legal associations and our own research on lawyers who would still be under 40 by May 2, our publication date. Though in no way comprehensive, the list attempts to identify 40 of the leading young attorneys in various areas of law across the country who, we expect, will continue to exert influence in the legal profession. We looked for evidence of extraordinary achievements early on in their careers.

We attempted to balance the picks geographically, though inevitably many work in New York and Washington, two epicenters of the national legal community. One noticeable trend in the latest crop of legal talent is the resurgence of mergers and acquisitions; a handful of the 40 have played a role in billion-dollar deals over the past few years. Several young attorneys have argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, one is dean of a top-tier law school and another is attorney general of her state. The achievements of these young lawyers are indeed impressive.



LORIE ALMON, 36

Partner at Seyfarth Shaw • New York office

In 2003, Lorie Almon turned heads when she was retained as defense counsel by the City of New York at age 34 in a suit leveled by about 16,000 former and current NYPD officers. She serves as lead counsel in that employment law case, *Scott v. City of New York*, as well as a related 3,500 plaintiff suit. That same year, she served as lead counsel in the sexual harassment case, *Mormol v. Costco Wholesale Corp.*, saving Costco from a damaging Title VII lawsuit in the appellate courts. Over the course of her career, Almon has argued hundreds of employment cases as lead counsel in federal district courts, gaining the experience necessary for bigger cases. Already she has earned verdicts in six federal and state court cases, and

won cases for important clients like Prudential Financial Inc. and Kaiser Permanente. Early in her career, Almon worked for the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, receiving formal recognition from Mayor Rudy Giuliani for her service. At 32, she became an equity partner at Seyfarth Shaw, and recently became the head of the Chicago-based firm's labor and employment group in New York. In addition, she became a member of Seyfarth Shaw's national labor and employment steering committee, a group that guides 300 attorneys in the field. Maintaining her dedication to opportunities and fairness in employment law, Almon also helped found the Corporate Counsel Women of Color nonprofit. The group connects minority women



who work in corporate firms, forming a reinforcing network for young professionals like herself.

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