



August 2020 Member Spotlight



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Tell us about your firm or business, including history, specialization, and years in business.

Bethany represents individuals and families who have been catastrophically injured by medical malpractice, auto and motor vehicle accidents, unsafe buildings, defective products and sexual abuse. She has secured many significant verdicts and settlements in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that have provided her clients with financial security and the resources for future medical care.

What's an interesting fact about you or your firm that most people don't know?

When she is not practicing law, serving her community, writing, lecturing, or taking on leadership positions, Bethany can be found hitting the gym and competing annually in the 10-mile Broad Street Run.

What's a favorite moment of your career so far?

Successfully handling a defendant doctor deposition that resulted in quick settlement for Bethany's client has been one of the highlights of her career. Over the course of an eight hour deposition, Bethany was able to establish through the doctor's testimony that the doctor was negligent, and that it caused Bethany's client's death. Bethany was extremely well prepared and truly enjoyed every moment of the experience!

What challenge are you most proud of overcoming?

Handling a complex jury trial independently can be a significant challenge. It took Bethany years of sitting second chair before being given the opportunity to handle a jury trial.

Tell us about a recent professional accomplishment of yours?

Bethany recently joined Feldman Shepherd after practicing law at two other firms in Philadelphia. She is thrilled to work with a group of professionals who are dedicated to their clients, the bar, and the community. She appreciates the opportunity to serve her clients, take on various leadership roles, and continue her pro bono work.

Tell us about a recent personal accomplishment of yours?

Bethany lost 40 pounds in 2012 due to healthy eating and exercise. She has found that maintaining a healthy weight and lifestyle is more difficult than losing weight! This year, Bethany will participate in her 9th consecutive Broad Street Run.

What advice would you offer new business owners?

The importance of image and marketing cannot be overstated. The best attorneys are not always the most prolific business generators. Time and attention must be spent to develop a well-regarded reputation in your industry.

How can you help other Women Owned Law members improve their businesses?

Do not let negativity and self-doubt hold you back from accomplishing your dreams. Set goals, make a plan, and get out there. No one is going to believe in you if you do not believe in yourself. Earn confidence by exuding confidence.

How has Women Owned Law been of value to you and your career?

Women Owned Law is invaluable because it connects women who are leaders in their respective fields of practice. Women Owned Law cultivates new ideas, new ways to see the world, and new ways of practice. Women Owned Law has given me a new perspective on opportunities, my community, and the way I do business. Women Owned Law has not only expanded my mind but my professional network as well.

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