



Jeanette Rosner Wolman

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Jeanette Rosner Wolman's biography appears along with the biography of Margaret Brent in the book, *Notable Maryland Women*. Born in 1902, Mrs. Wolman achieved a distinguished career and advanced the status of other women lawyers at a time when women were wholly unwelcome in the profession.

Mrs. Wolman was rejected because of her sex from all the law schools to which she applied save one, the University of Maryland, from which she graduated in 1924. In 1927 after she and other women were denied membership in bar associations, she and seven others co-founded an association of women lawyers in Baltimore whose goals included advancing the interests of women engaged in the practice of law. The barriers they faced are evident from the fact that not until 1957 was the goal of open bar admission attained.

After a more limited involvement in the law while raising her two sons, Mrs. Wolman practiced for nearly a decade as in-house counsel to the Hecht Company and then for more than forty years with her husband, Paul C. Wolman. But her career is chiefly distinguished by her exceptional public service. In recognition of her efforts to advance the status of women, she was appointed the first chair of the Maryland Commission on the Status of Women on which she served for many years, and was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and the Baltimore Women's Hall of Fame. She served with distinction on the Juvenile Court Committee for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Handicapped, the Jewish Family and Children's Bureau of Baltimore and numerous other civic and professional groups.

Although not now actively engaged in practice, she continues her varied interests in the Business and Professional Women's Association, of which she was president, and in state and local bar association committees and commissions. She also continues a long tradition of assisting aspiring attorneys and civic and community leaders.