

Corboy & Demetrio Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Profiled in Law Bulletin's Women In Law 2008

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Michelle Kohut, Margaret Power and Susan Schwartz, three trial lawyers at the Chicago personal injury and medical malpractice law firm of Corboy & Demetrio, were profiled in *Women in Law 2008*.

A Law Bulletin publication, *Women in Law 2008* is dedicated to women attorneys and is designed to recognize and promote female leadership in the legal profession.

Chicago Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Lawyers Profile

Following is a reprint of the profile:

Corboy & Demetrio is one of the nation's premier law firms. It represents individuals and their families in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases and is renowned for its achievements in the courtroom and its contributions to the community. The rights and concerns of its clients are at the core of Corboy & Demetrio's practice. That commitment, dedication, compassion and relentless drive has resulted in exceptional service and exceptional results for its clients. Corboy & Demetrio has ranked first in the Chicago Lawyer Settlement Survey for the highest settlements in Illinois 8 out of 14 times, leading all other firms. It has established and funded scholarships, fellowships and endowments at local and national mentoring programs, high schools, and universities, including all six Chicago law schools.

Michelle M. Kohut joined Corboy & Demetrio in 2004 and practices in all areas of personal injury law. She has tried eight cases to verdict and has obtained numerous multi-million dollar settlements. She is very active in local and national bar associations, including the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, where she serves on the Board of Directors and is Chair of the Political Action Committee. Ms. Kohut is

Attorneys

- Michelle M. Kohut
- Margaret M. Power
- Susan J. Schwartz

Related Practices

- Aviation Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Railroad Negligence & FELA
- Vehicular Negligence

also on the Board of Directors for Women Everywhere, a community service project which seeks to open doors to women and children in need and to expose high school girls to challenging careers in the legal profession. In 2007, she was named one of "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch" by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company and was designated an Illinois Super Lawyer, Rising Star in 2008. A graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Ms. Kohut was a Judicial Law Clerk to William D. Maddux, Presiding Judge of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, prior to joining Corboy & Demetrio.

Margaret M. Power joined Corboy & Demetrio in 1992. Her specialty is complex medical negligence cases where her 15 years of extensive experience as a registered nurse is invaluable in her analysis and preparation for trial. She has investigated and pursued malpractice cases against hospitals and doctors in a wide array of medical specialties, ranging from obstetrics to anesthesiology. Her comprehensive knowledge, tenacity and dedication has resulted in numerous multi-million dollar settlements and verdicts on behalf of clients who have sustained serious injuries. Ms. Power received her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She is active in regional and national bar associations and is Treasurer of the Birth Trauma Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice.

Susan J. Schwartz joined Corboy & Demetrio following graduation from Loyola University Chicago School of Law and became a partner in 1994. Her trial practice centers on representing patients or their families in complex medical negligence personal injury and wrongful death cases. Her work has resulted in settlements and verdicts in excess of several million dollars for many clients, including those injured by medical error while receiving treatment at a hospital or clinic. Ms. Schwartz is an active member of regional and national bar associations and serves on the Board of Managers of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. She has lectured locally and nationally at bar seminars and continuing legal education programs on topics ranging from trial practice techniques, to trial preparation of medical negligence cases, to alternative methods of dispute resolution. She has authored several chapters on medical malpractice and is a frequent contributor to legal publications.