

# GN lawyer among best: magazine

BY EVAN NEMEROFF

Jacqueline Harounian of the Great Neck law firm Wisselman, Harounian & Associates, P.C. was recently recognized by New York Super Lawyers magazine as one of the outstanding attorneys in the metropolitan area in 2010.

"It is an honor to be recognized in such a distinguished magazine," Harounian said. "I believe my professional and more importantly my community-based activities are a big reason why my peers recognized me for this accomplishment."

Harounian, who lives in Great Neck, joined the law firm in 1994 after receiving her juris doctorate from Hofstra School of Law where she graduated with distinction in the top 10 percent of her class. In 2006, Harounian was named a partner in the law firm, which is recognized as one of the largest matrimonial firms on Long Island by Long Island Business News.

"I can't believe that I have worked at the same

place for 17 years," Harounian said. "This law firm is a wonderful place to work and I am glad to be part of the company. It's a nice feeling that I helped the company grow to become one of the largest matrimonial firms on Long Island."

At Wisselman, Harounian & Associates, P.C., Harounian handles family and matrimonial litigation appearing in Family and Supreme Courts in Long Island and New York City on custody, divorce, and support matters. Harounian said she treats all of her clients with respect, compassion, care and understanding by guiding them towards a resolution of their divorce or custody case that is in their best interest.

Harounian said she believes that a negotiated settlement, rather than litigation, is one of the best ways to solve her clients' disputes.

"I push hard for a settlement because litigation can be a destructive process for a family," Harounian said. "Litigation can destroy a family financially and have detrimental results on chil-

dren. Litigation can be a big disservice to my clients and their children which could result in an adversary relationship."

The selections for Super Lawyers are made by Law & Politics, a division of Key Professional Media, Inc. Each year, Law & Politics undertakes a multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by the Law & Politics' attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check. Only 5 percent of lawyers in New York are named by Super Lawyers to its annual list.

Outside of the courtroom, Harounian works with many professional and not-for-profit organizations including Long Island Woman's Agenda, Nassau County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Great Neck Chamber of Commerce, Great Neck Lawyer's Association, Alliance/S.A.V.E (Stop America's Violence Everywhere), Hofstra University

School of Law, Hofstra Law School mentoring program and the executive board of Sephardic Heritage Alliance, Inc. She has also conducted legal workshops for mental health professionals enabling them to better assist patients who are going through matrimonial litigation.

In 2007, Harounian won the Nassau County Soroptomist International "Making a Difference Award" for her volunteer efforts and contributions. Harounian has also been recognized by the Long Island Press as one of the "Fortune 52" and was named a 40 Under 40 Club for Rising Stars by the Long Island Business News.

Harounian is married and has four children.

"I am lucky that my job is close to home where I can manage my work and have time with my family," Harounian said. "I enjoy all of the services I am providing the community whether it is working to help families settle disputes or providing information at seminars for people who are facing a matrimonial litigation."

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## Great Neck Co-op Council

On Monday, September 13, the Great Neck Co-op & Condo Council met to hear Lou Martinez from ACCREDITED Environmental Solutions discuss "Lead Certification" From Left to Right: Fern Rogers, GNCCC co-chair; Joan Evans, GNCCC executive board; Marc Schneider, GNCCC legal advisor; Siu Hochron, GNCCC co-chair; Martinez; Bev Machtlinger, GNCCC executive

