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## Marcia D. Greenberger, Founder and Co-President Emerita



Described as “guiding the battles of the women’s rights movement” by the *New York Times*, Marcia Greenberger is the founder and Co-President Emerita of the National Women’s Law Center. The creation of the Center over 45 years ago established her as the first full-time women’s rights legal advocate in Washington, D.C.

A recognized expert on women and the law, particularly in the areas of education and employment, health and reproductive rights, and family economic security, Ms.

Greenberger has been a leader in securing the passage of major legislation, counsel in landmark litigation establishing new legal protections for women, and the author of numerous published articles. Examples include the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1991 providing critical protections against sexual harassment on the job, and Supreme Court victories strengthening protections for students and teachers against sex discrimination in schools and in the workplace.

Her leadership and contributions are reflected in the professional honors she has received and the numerous boards on which she has served. Inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY, Ms. Greenberger was selected by the American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice as a recipient of the Civil Rights Hero Award and honored by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. She has been given the James Wilson Award and the Alumni Award of Merit from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Trustees’ Council of Penn Women “Beacon” Leadership Award, the American Bar Association Margaret Brent Award, the National Association of Women Lawyers’ Arabella Babb Mansfield Award, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Lafayette College as well as the Woman Lawyer of the Year Award by the D.C. Women’s Bar Association and the William J. Brennan, Jr. Award by the District of Columbia Bar. Additionally, she has been recognized by *Working Woman Magazine* as one of the 25 heroines whose activities over 25 years have helped women in the workplace, by *Washingtonian Magazine* as one of Washington, D.C.’s most powerful women, by *Legal Times* as a “Top Lawyer” and one of its “30 Champions”, and by *Legal Times* and *The National Law Journal* as one of “Washington’s Most Influential Women Lawyers.” She has received the Dr. Jane Evans Pursuit of Justice Award from Women of Reform Judaism, the Albert B Chernin Award for commitment to social justice from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, A Woman of Genius Award from Trinity College, the “21 Leaders of the 21st Century” Award from Womens eNews, and the Woman of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International of the Americas. She was elected to the Court of Honor of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, received the Hope Award from Calvary Women’s Shelter and awards from the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, the

Center for Law and Social Policy, and the Winn Newman Award from the National Committee on Pay Equity. She received a Presidential appointment to the National Skill Standards Board, served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and is on the Advisory Committee of the Georgetown University Law Center Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program.

Ms. Greenberger received her B.A. with honors and J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania. She practiced law with the Washington, D.C., firm of Caplin and Drysdale before she founded and became Director of the Women’s Rights Project of the Center for Law and Social Policy, which became the National Women’s Law Center in 1981.

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