

## **Charna E. Sherman**

Charna E. Sherman focuses her practice on litigation matters. She represents numerous corporate and individual clients as both plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of cases in federal and state courts, including complex commercial and other civil litigation, as well as white collar criminal defense. Ms. Sherman is the co-chair of Squire Sanders' corporate compliance, investigations and white collar defense practice and regularly offers media commentary on high-profile white collar trials. She has been named one of Ohio's Super Lawyers for a number of years and is rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell.

Ms. Sherman has a long record of leadership with respect to issues concerning women in the law. She is one of twelve members appointed by the President of the American Bar Association to serve on the select Commission on Women in the Profession. She also serves on a select Committee of the National Association of Women Lawyers for the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees. And she serves on the Steering Committee of the ABA's newest women's initiative, DirectWomen, focused on placing seasoned women attorneys on Fortune 1000 boards of directors. As co-chair of the Women Advocate Committee of the ABA Section of Litigation Leadership (SOL), she spearheaded in 2002 and 2003 groundbreaking National Summits on Women in the Law.

Ms. Sherman's additional ABA involvement includes her service as co-director of the SOL Division on Task Forces. In 2004, she also co-chaired the SOL Task Force on Mediation Ethics and succeeded in shepherding the adoption for the first time by the ABA House of Delegates of National Standards on Mediation Ethics. The SOL recognized her leadership on this important issue with its Award of Excellence.

Ms. Sherman clerked for the now late Honorable John H. Pratt of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center, and was an Articles Editor on *The Georgetown Law Journal*. Before law school, she was a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan. She received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard University, and was *Phi Beta Kappa*.

Ms. Sherman also contributes to her community in Cleveland, Ohio in a variety of roles. Since 1995, she has served as chair of a biannual Parents-in-a-Pinch benefit to raise scholarship money for daycare for children of needy, working families at the JDN Early Childhood Center.