

Hilarie Bass

Hilarie Bass is the Global Operating Shareholder and, until recently, national chair of the 500 member litigation department of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, an 1800 lawyer general practice law firm headquartered in Miami with 33 worldwide offices. She also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. She is currently Chair Elect of the ABA's 70,000 member Litigation Section and will take over as Chair in August of 2010. Over her 25 year career, she has successfully represented clients in scores of commercial cases in jury and nonjury trials involving millions of dollars in controversy.

Hilarie has a long history of community service on a local and national level. After fifteen years of volunteer service to United Way of Miami-Dade, she served as Chair of the Board from 1997 - 1999, overseeing the two most successful fund-raising campaigns in the country and negotiating the acquisition of their new headquarters in downtown Miami. She presently serves as Chair of United Way's Success by Six Committee, spearheading the funding and construction of a twenty million dollar Center for Excellence child care and educational facility, dedicated to the improvement of early childhood education. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami and is completing her successful service as chair of the School of Law's \$16 million capital campaign.

Hilarie has also been active in bar work on national, state and local levels. She presently serves in the American Bar Association House of Delegates and was recently elected to serve as State Delegate for the State of Florida. She previously served a three-year term on the ABA Board of Governors and as Chair of the ABA Public Education and the Law Committee, the Meetings and Travel Committee, the Selection Committee of the ABA's Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund and the Fund for Justice and Education, the ABA's charitable foundation which funds in excess of \$50 million per year for such programs as legal services for the poor, homelessness and domestic violence. Hilarie recently concluded her service as one of 12 national members on the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession. Hilarie is a frequent lecturer at Continuing Education sessions and bar association meetings throughout the country on topics relating to Commercial Litigation, Business Development and Issues of Concern to Women Lawyers. As a spokesman for the Public Education Committee, she appeared on numerous national and local radio and television broadcasts, including the Today Show and CNN, as part of a media tour for a series of consumer law books.

Hilarie has served as Secretary and General Counsel to the Orange Bowl Committee, having previously served as chair of the nationally broadcast Orange Bowl New Year's Eve Parade. Her civic involvement has also included service as a member of the Super Bowl Host Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of the Dade County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the International Women's Forum. She was selected by Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld to participate in the Defense Department's 2002 Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. She also served as a delegate to the President's Conference on Volunteerism in Philadelphia.

Hilarie has been recognized with awards by numerous civic and professional associations. Among them are South Florida Business Journal Woman of the Year – 2002, United Way of Miami-Dade’s 2000 Dorothy Shula Award, the United Home Care 1999 Claude Pepper Memorial Award, and the Jewish Museum of Florida “Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award.”

Hilarie grew up in Miami before graduating from the George Washington University in 1975 with a degree in political science, *magna cum laude*. She later returned to Miami to attend the University of Miami School of Law, where she graduated first in her class with a Juris Doctor degree in 1981 *summa cum laude*. Upon graduation from law school, she went to work for Greenberg Traurig, LLP, the firm she continues with today.