

Biography

MARCIA D. GREENBERGER

Described as "guiding the battles of the women's rights movement" by the *New York Times*, Marcia Greenberger is the founder and Co-President of the National Women's Law Center. The creation of the Center over 35 years ago established her as the first full-time women's rights legal advocate in Washington, D.C.

A recognized expert on sex discrimination and the law, Ms. Greenberger has participated in the development of key legislative initiatives and litigation protecting women's rights, particularly in the areas of education and employment, health and reproductive rights, and family economic security. She has been a leader in developing strategies to secure the successful passage of major legislation and counsel in landmark litigation establishing new legal protections for women, and is 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.

Her leadership and contributions are reflected in the professional honors she has received and the numerous boards on which she serves. 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, and by *Legal Times* a one of its "30 Champions", she was awarded the Alumni Award of Merit from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, the National Association of Women Lawyers' Arabella Babb Mansfield Award, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Lafayette College. She received A Woman of Genius Award from Trinity College, the Woman of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International of the Americas, 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. 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 and the Center for Law and Social Policy. She received a Presidential appointment to the National Skill Standards Board, and currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the American Bar Association's Commission on Diversity.

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 started 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.