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Lady Justice

Ellen Makofsky came to the law late but to elder law early.

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"In the 1950s, Manhattan attorney Sidney L. Garwin gave a gold charm of Lady Justice to his wife, Esther, who put it on a necklace and wore it proudly, showing the world she was married to a lawyer..."

Years later, their daughter, Ellen, would wear the same necklace to show the world that she IS a lawyer.

Married and with two children in the early 1980's, [Ellen Makofsky](#) may have gotten a late start at law school but she has made a big impact in her field of elder law. Makofsky was just named a [Top 50 Woman Super Lawyer](#) (for the 5th time) by Super Lawyers, part of Thomson Reuters, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. It is a particular honor to be selected as a Super Lawyer because the determination is made by experts in the same field, in this case, experts in elder law.

"Today, one of Ellen Makofsky's prize possessions is the Lady Justice necklace she inherited from her mother. 'It reminds me that I didn't need to marry a lawyer,' Makofsky says. 'I am the lawyer.'"

Thank you to author Timothy Harper and New York Metro Super Lawyers magazine for this fabulous profile of Ellen Makofsky in the latest issue. [Click here to read the article.](#)

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