



## Bressler, Amery & Ross, First Woman Managing Principal Diana C. Manning, Esq.

When Bressler Amery & Ross made the decision to elect Diana Manning as the firm's Managing Principal, it was the culmination of her incredibly successful journey at the well-known New Jersey based firm.

Bressler has eight offices, two of which are located in Florham Park and New York, while also enjoying a strong presence across the south and west, specifically in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Birmingham, Charlotte, Dallas and Houston.

Despite its size and developing national footprint, Diana's advance to her current position at Bressler is no surprise to anyone. In fact, she has been preparing for over two decades to assume these responsibilities as she has helped to guide the steady growth and expansion of the organization.

Throughout her 22-year career as a litigator in complex commercial cases, Diana spent her time learning the ropes, becoming deeply immersed in every aspect of the firm, and ultimately being perfectly positioned to step into her role as a leader in this rapidly growing, robust firm. Not only is she the Co-chair of the firm's Business and Commercial Litigation practice and chair of its Appellate Practice, but more significantly, she has served for three years on the Executive Committee and seven years on the Compensation Committee. As a result, she has consistently advanced up the so-called corporate ladder, being challenged and encouraged to continue reaching for the top rung.

While her election as Managing Principal was gender neutral, the importance of naming a woman to this most prestigious role cannot be overlooked. In fact, Diana rose to the top because of the strong Bressler culture of inclusion, which ensured that every door was open to her. This firm, and the professionals who embody it, have always embraced diversity, advancing the most talented among their staff and basing every attorney's success on individual competency, skills, passion and expertise. Rather than focus on race, culture or gender, the firm's leadership team focuses on preparing their future leaders by providing them with exposure to improve both their technical skills and their soft skills, helping them increase both their intelligence quotient (IQ) and their emotional quotient (EQ).

As a result, Diana has flourished within the firm and her reputation has spread across the community she serves. She has been on the Top 100 Lawyers in New Jersey list for four consecutive years in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 as well as being on the Super Lawyers list of Best Lawyers in America from 2015-2021. She is an inspiration in and out of the firm, serving as a role model for men and women who aspire to follow in her footsteps to eventually become leaders in their own firms.

"Early on, my fellow partners encouraged me to take on new roles and challenges. They were undaunted regarding the idea of a glass ceiling and simply assumed that I would do my best, always seeking positions of authority, and ultimately claim a seat at the leadership table. And today I sit in the Managing Principal's chair," Diana noted as she pointed out that it would be difficult to progress in a firm that doesn't support a philosophy of inclusions and equity.

**Congratulations to Bressler Amery & Ross, and to Diana Manning, for their smart attitude and their bold vision!**

We invite you to visit the firm and check out Diana's profile at [bressler.com](http://bressler.com)

