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WHO'S WHO | in Women in Professional Services

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Caryn Lilling is principal owner and managing partner of Mauro Goldberg & Lilling LLP, a Great Neck law firm that dedicates its practice exclusively to litigation strategy and appellate advocacy.

Lilling was appointed managing partner in 2000 and became its principal owner in June 2010. Lilling has enjoyed her 20-year career at Mauro Goldberg & Lilling, where she began as its first associate upon her graduation from Hofstra University School of Law. She was instrumental in building the firm as a successful boutique appellate practice.

Across the board, the economy has affected everyone, irrespective of gender, Lilling noted.

"It has placed strains on families and businesses, and has asked everyone to do more with less," she said. "In my own experience, law firms have been compelled to rethink their business and marketing models, hiring and retention strategies, and associated costs of running their businesses."

Additionally, recent graduates are left struggling to find work in an environment where entry-level associate positions are not as available as before, Lilling noted.

"On a positive note, however, I



have seen more women rising up through the ranks of the companies with which we do business," she said. "Whether that is a product of this extended downturn, or a broader, natural rise of women in business, this is a good sign as we hopefully emerge as a stronger, more robust economy."

Lilling has handled hundreds of civil appeals in state and federal courts, and has argued cases in the New York Court of Appeals.

She has frequently lectured for major insurance companies, teaching hospitals and bar associations. Lilling has published on various topics including medical malpractice, dam-

ages, emotional injury claims, premises security and appellate practice.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, with a degree in psychology, Lilling has a special interest in the relationship between psychology and the law, and has published articles on the topic.

In 2007, Lilling was sworn in as a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate in Nassau County. The Family Court Advocate Program provides the court with trained volunteers who investigate, monitor and report to the court on the status of individual children in foster care.

Mauro Goldberg & Lilling LLP is among the largest law firms in New York that dedicates its practice exclusively to litigation strategy and appellate advocacy. Its attorneys have extensive experience litigating appeals in state and federal courts in a wide variety of practice areas, including medical and other professional malpractice, construction law, insurance coverage, general negligence, products liability, corporate law, commercial litigation, matrimonial law and entertainment law.

The firm regularly represents the insurance industry, hospitals, public entities and other business organizations. As amicus curiae, Mauro Goldberg & Lilling has also prepared briefs in order to influence decisions involving issues of industry and statewide importance.