

**APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST DEPARTMENT
CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION
FEMALE ATTORNEY NUMBERS**

**Lawyers Arguing Commercial and Civil Cases Before the Appellate Division, First Department
Breakdown by Gender**

CIVIL CASES

For the months of September 2010 - January 2011 a total of 802 cases were published, 468 of which were civil cases. Women were the lead attorney or argued the matter for one or both sides in 90 civil cases (19.23%). (*See* Table 1)

COMMERCIAL CASES

For the months of September 2010 – January 2011, of the 468 civil cases published, 98 of these were commercial cases. Women were the lead attorney or argued the matter for one or both sides in 12 commercial cases (12.24%). (*See* Table 1)

Of the 98 commercial cases published, a total of 207 attorneys appeared (some commercial cases have multiple parties). Of the 207 attorneys, 193 were male, 14 were female (7.3%). (*See* Table 2)

TABLE 1¹

September 2010 to January 2011	Total Cases Published	Number of Cases with Male Attorney in Lead Role or Arguing the Case	Number of Cases with Women Attorney in Lead Role or Arguing the Case	Percentage of Cases Where a Women was in a Lead Role or Argued the Case
Civil Cases*	468	378	90	19.23%
Commercial Cases**	98	86	12	12.24%

* *This number does not include family law cases*

** *This number is a subset of the total number of civil cases*

¹ Chart based on data collected by the Appellate Division, First Department and analysis of the courts published civil decisions.

TABLE 2²

September 2010 to January 2011	Number of Attorneys Who Appeared in the 98 Commercial Cases	Number of Male Attorneys Who Appeared in a Lead Role or Argued the Case	Number of Female Attorneys Who Appeared in a Lead Role or Argued the Case	Percentage of Women in Lead Role or Arguing the Case
Commercial Cases*	207	193	14	7.3%

* This number is a subset of the total number of civil cases

Comparing the numbers above to the percentage of women in the profession and women judges it is clear that the percentage of women lawyers appearing in commercial cases in the First Department does not correlate with the numbers of women in the profession and on the bench.

Number of women partners:

- 17.5% of partners are women at firms that are signatories to the NYC Bar Statement on Diversity.³

Number of women in government:⁴

- 58% of the lawyers at the New York City Law Department are women
- 48% of the lawyers at the New York State Attorney General’s Office are women
- 39% of the lawyers at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of New York are women
- 39% of the lawyers at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York are women

Number of women on the bench:

- 38% of the Appellate Division First Department Justices are women (18 Justices, 7 women)
- 35% of judges nationally on the Federal bench are women (874 judges, 308 women)⁵
- 37% of the judges in the New York City Commercial Division are women (8 judges, 3 women)⁶

Percentage of women attorneys:

- Nationally 31% of lawyers are women⁷

² Chart based on data collected by the Appellate Division, First Department and analysis of the courts published civil decisions.

³ New York City Bar Bench Marking Report 2010.

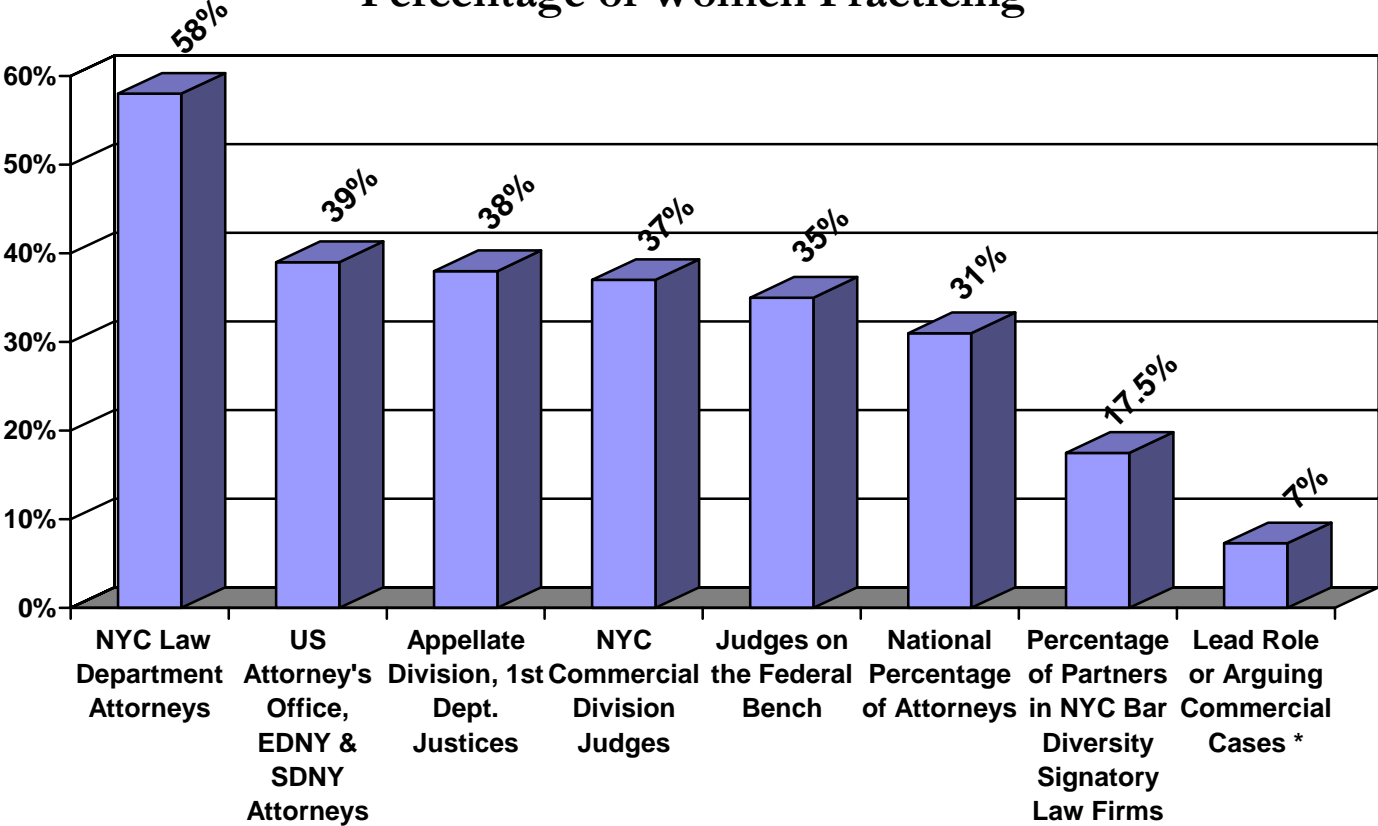
⁴ From www.law.com survey, numbers as of September 2010 (<http://www.nylj.com/nylawyer/adgifs/decisions/120610agusa.pdf>)

⁵ From <http://www.uscourts.gov/JudgesAndJudgeships/FederalJudgeships.aspx> and <http://www.uscourts.gov/JudgesAndJudgeships/BiographicalDirectoryOfJudges.aspx>

⁶ From http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/comdiv/history_justices.shtml

⁷ ABA Commission on Women 2009 report, *A Current Glance at Women in the Law 2009*.

Percentage of Women Practicing



**Based on total number of attorneys appearing in commercial cases*