

chair of the CBA's Women and the Law Section and has served on the board of the New Haven Ballet.



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**LEAH M. REIMER**

**Firm:** Cantor Colburn LLP

**Age:** 47

**Law School:** University of Connecticut

School of Law (1995)

**College:** Baylor University

**Current Job Title:** Partner

**Responsibilities:** As co-chair of the Chemical, Material and Life Science Department, Attorney Reimer's most important responsibilities are to bring in new clients, especially in advanced technologies; manage relationships with clients; develop innovative approaches to new technologies and issues in patent law; recruit and retain associates with advanced skills in science and experience in patent law; and develop and execute strategy and operations for the Chemical, Materials, and Life Sciences Department.

**Career Highlights:** Before joining Cantor Colburn, Reimer was a research chemist and group leader at Eli Lilly and DowElanco. At Cantor Colburn, she spearheaded the strategy to rapidly increase the firm's business with the pharmaceutical industry, growing the business from a modest practice to a major source of revenue.

**Distinction in Practice:** Reimer has obtained large numbers of significant advanced technology patents; authored scientific and legal publications; made numerous presentations to other attorneys in the field; and has taught and mentored other attorneys. Last year, the Connecticut Technology Council recognized her as one of its Women of Innovation.

**Public Service:** Reimer helps mentor and train associates to acquaint them with patent law and firm culture. She has taught Patent Law at the University of Connecticut School of Law as an adjunct professor since 1998. This year she helped develop and taught a new course on Advanced Patent Law. She is active with the Intellectual Property Owners' Association and serves on the Patent Search Committee. In her private life, she volunteers with Girl Scouts of

America and was Troop Leader for her daughter's troop.

**Quotable:** "Clients appreciate her broad expertise, her abilities as a scientist and scientific sounding board, her engaging personality, and the degree of her enthusiasm for their portfolio development. This has made her unique in her ability to manage and develop client working relationships."



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**VANESSA D. ROBERTS**

**Firm:** McCarter & English LLP

**Age:** 33

**Law School:** Georgetown University Law

Center (1999)

**College:** Yale University

**Current Job Title:** Business Litigation Associate

**Responsibilities:** Attorney Roberts is a civil advocate on behalf of corporate and individual clients in complex business litigation and trust and probate litigation matters. She presents oral arguments; performs independent legal research and analysis; prepares pleadings, motions and legal briefs; advises clients on relevant legal issues and developments; conducts and responds to discovery; plans and effectuates settlements; and otherwise develops cases for trials and evidentiary hearings. She also participates in firm hiring and recruitment programs.

**Career Highlights:** Roberts argued and won her first case at the Connecticut Supreme Court in October 2007, *Corcoran v. Connecticut Siting Council*. In addition, she has received a number of professional honors: In 2007, she was selected as a "Forty Under 40" award recipient by the *Hartford Business Journal*. She also has received an Alumni Legacy Award from the New Haven Public School Foundation and a Law Day Award from the Connecticut Supreme Court.

**Distinction in Practice:** Roberts has published articles on water law and whether testimony of a grief effort should be admissible at trial.

**Public Service:** Roberts is currently president of Connecticut's George W. Crawford Black Bar Association. She was the association's treasurer from 2002 to 2003. She is a *pro bono*

advocate with Lawyers for Children America, representing abused and neglected children in civil proceedings in Juvenile Court. In addition, Roberts is a volunteer in the Peer Mediation Program at Fox Middle School and tutors at Barnard Brown Elementary School, both in Hartford.



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**JUDITH ROSSI**

**Organization:** Chief State's Attorney's Office

**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law (1982)

**College:** Goddard College (1979)

**Current Job Title:** Executive Assistant State's Attorney

**Job Responsibilities:** Attorney Rossi serves as an executive assistant to the chief state's attorney, a role that combines administrative, policy, professional development, legislative, and legal duties.

**Career Highlights:** Rossi previously served as an assistant state's attorney, primarily in the appellate unit of the chief state's attorney's office, where she briefed and argued more than 95 appeals. After law school, she clerked for Judge Ralph K. Winter of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**Distinction in Practice:** In 1997, Rossi's amicus brief in *United States v. Schaeffer* received the National Association of Attorney General's "Best Brief Award," as the best brief in the United States Supreme Court in the 1997 term.

**Public Service:** Rossi serves on the advisory board of the Connecticut Law Tribune and will serve as chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and CBA secretary starting July 1.



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**ANN H. RUBIN**

**Firm:** Carmody & Torrance LLP

**Age:** 51

**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law (1983)

**College:** Cornell University

**Current Job Title:** Managing Partner

**Responsibilities:** Attorney Rubin manages a 60-plus lawyer, 130-em-