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Distinguished Alumna Award, Brooklyn College, 1973. Named Outstanding Young Woman of America, State of New York, 1969. Nominated as candidate for New York Court of Appeals, 1972. Columnist: ("Feminism and the Law") and Member, Editorial Board, *Woman's Life Magazine*, 1981. Author: Book Review, *Separation Agreements and Marital Contracts*, *Trial Magazine*, October, 1987; *Support Handbook*, *ABA Journal*, October, 1986; Anatomy of a Settlement Agreement Divorce Law Education Institute 1982 "Climax of a Custody Case," *Litigation*, Summer, 1982; "Finding a Divorce Lawyer you can Trust," *Scarsdale Inquirer*, May 20, 1982. "Is This Any Way To Run An Election?" *American Bar Association Journal*, August, 1980; "The Disposable Parent: The Case for Joint Custody," *Trial Magazine*, April, 1980. "Marriages in Turmoil: The Lawyer as Doctor," *Journal of Psychiatry and Law*, Fall, 1979. 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Address to: The National Conference of Bar Presidents, Congressional Record, Vol. 115, No. 24 E 815-6, February 5, 1969; The New York Womens Bar Association, Congressional Record, Vol. 114, No. E5267-8, June 11, 1968. Director: New York University Law Alumni Association, 1974; International Institute of Women Studies, 1971; Institute on Women's Wrongs, 1973; Executive Woman, 1973. Co-organizer, National Conference of Professional and Academic Women, 1970. Founder and Special Consultant, Professional Women's Caucus, 1970. Trustee, Supreme Court Library, White Plains, New York, by appointment of Governor Carey, 1977-1986 (Chair, 1982-1986). Elected Delegate, White House Conference on Small Business, 1986. Member, Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association. Member: The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Westchester County, New York State (Member: Judicial Selection Committee; Legislative Committee, Family Law Section), Federal and American (ABA Chair, National Conference of Lawyers and Social Workers, 1973-1974; Member, Sections on: Family Law; Individual Rights and Responsibilities Committee on Rights of Women, 1982; Litigation) Bar Associations; New York State Trial Lawyers Association; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Lawyers (Official Observer to the U.N., 1969-1970); Consular Law Society; Roscoe Pound-American Trial Lawyers' Foundation; American Association for the International Commission of Jurists; Association of Feminist Consultants; Westchester Association of Women Business Owners; American Womens' Economic Development Corp.; Womens' Forum. Fellow: American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; New York Bar Foundation.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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[Reprinted from the Award Plaque annexed hereto]

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
Special Award 1981 to Doris L. Sassower**

For her outstanding achievements on behalf of women and children in the area of Family Law, especially for her courage and unselfishness during the 1981 Legislative Session, and for her intensive work to obtain a just law governing divorce and property distribution in the State of New York.

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During the 1980 legislative session, N.O.W.-New York State put forth a mammoth effort to obtain economic justice in New York State matrimonial law. The battle, unfortunately, was not equal, since full disclosure for all issues could not be presented either to members of the bar or the public. The vested interests of men in maintaining their property were protected. One of the major voices in the struggle to protect the most dependent persons in society--women with children and other women--was that of Doris L. Sassower. Despite attempts to silence her and unwarranted personal attacks by a tiny--but powerful--clique of the matrimonial bar, she expended fierce efforts in the fight to obtain the law which would offer economic justice. At great financial sacrifice, professionally and personally, she traveled to Albany, wrote, called and pressured, to convince the matrimonial bar and the legislature that they were making bad law. The first equitable distribution case has come out of the courts and has proven that Doris and we were right.

Doris, for many years now, has been an advocate of justice for women who have devoted their lives to the roles society has so emphatically assigned them; homemaker and mother. Doris has written extensively and effectively, and has spoken widely and brilliantly on these issues.

Because of her long term effort, and especially because of her courage in voicing the principles of equity, because of our working together, because--even among women attorneys she was one of the few to put self-interest aside, we have asked her here to share our conference, to meet our members and to permit us to honor her efforts.

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