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## New York Women's Bar Ex-President Gets Wide Support for Election to ABA House

Four former presidents of the American Bar Association have joined other bar leaders and one retired U.S. Supreme Court justice in endorsing the candidacy of Doris L. Sassower in the election next week for Assembly delegate to the ABA's House of Delegates.

Ms. Sassower, a New York attorney active in sex-discrimination and civil rights litigation, will be competing for one of the five Assembly delegate positions to be filled at the ABA's annual meeting next Monday through Thursday in Atlanta. If successful, she would become the first woman delegate to ever represent the Assembly, which constitutes the entire ABA membership, according to endorsement statements released by her supporters.

There have been, and presently are, women sitting in the 350-member House of Delegates — the association's policy-making body —

but they represent the various local and state associations or the component sections of the ABA. There are fifteen Assembly delegates, with five vacancies occurring each year.

Ms. Sassower is one of sixteen candidates for the five posts to be filled this year. She must first win in her own district — comprising New York, Connecticut and Vermont — in a run-off election of sorts to be eligible for final balloting by the entire Assembly during the meeting in Atlanta.

### Headed Women's Bar

Ms. Sassower is a former president of the New York Women's Bar Association and has represented the ABA as chairperson of the National Conference of Lawyers and Social Workers. She is a graduate of New York University School of Law and has written extensively on the subject of women's rights.

Among those endorsing her candidacy as an Assembly delegate are retired Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark; ABA President Lawrence E. Walsh; former ABA Presidents Whitney North Seymour Sr., Chesterfield Smith, Leon Jaworski and Bernard G. Segal; former New York State Bar Presidents Lyman Tondel Jr. and Robert MacCrate; Francis T.P. Plimpton, former president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Boris Kostalanetz, former president of the New York County Lawyers' Association; and Wilbur Friedman, the current president of the County Lawyers' Association.

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