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Law Week Names Nine Top Women Lawyers for 2010

What does it take to make *Law Week's* list of top women lawyers? Great legal skills, well-roundedness and "standing out in the crowd" all are important factors. So, too, are legal excellence displayed and battles fought, particularly since the last time we accepted nominations. It's always a tough call, and the finalists are also exceedingly well-qualified. | LAW WEEK PHOTO LARRY LASZLO, COMEDIA



Sabrina Stavish

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Attorneys who know their client's business thoroughly are found once in a blue moon. So it's appropriate that Sheridan Ross partner Sabrina Stavish has Blue Moon for a client.

If it weren't for Stavish's instincts for a fledgling citrus-flavored wheat beer in 1995, Blue Moon wouldn't be on taps and shelves across the country, said Patti Beacom, assistant general counsel at MillerCoors in Chicago. As the company's outside counsel for a number of years, Stavish invested 12 years into getting the Blue Moon trademark for the brewing giant.

"We were getting trouble at the trademark office with it. ... She took it to the federal Court of Appeals and kept investing in it along the way," Beacom said. "It

took a long time for Blue Moon to catch on, and now it has. Thankfully, we had her."

Fellow Sheridan Ross Principal Todd Blakely added, "She's got great advice in marketing, entertainment, commercial

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products, clearances and when you can use names and when you can't."

In addition to having an eye for a

client's best interest, Stavish is also a great leader, he says. "She's been on our firm's management committee for two rotations and has good business sense and great ability to work with attorneys as well as staff," Blakely said. "She can manage all

of those diverse things, and she's found time for volunteer work as a board member of Legal Aid Foundation, the Denver

Bar Association and as a mom of three to boot."

As chair and now immediate past chair of the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado, Stavish helped raise more than half of its annual funds for Colorado Legal Services, an organization that provides free legal services to low-income families, seniors, people with physical and mental disabilities and victims of domestic violence.

"She's a very attentive to our mission, she's thorough and she's the kind of board chair you would like to have," said Diana Poole, executive director of the LAF. "She's very committed to our mission of raising money for legal aid." •

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