

## Pennsylvania Bar Association names first woman president



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In May, Leslie Anne Miller becomes the first female president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**W**hen Philadelphia lawyer **Leslie Anne Miller** is installed as

the first female president in the 103-year history of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, her appointment, which begins May 13, will put several legal goals in the spotlight.

During her one-year tenure, the acclaimed 46-year-old plans to champion legal services for the poor; disseminate information about women and minority leadership issues; and promote a greater public understanding of the actions of the legal system. Better communication between the bar association and law schools is also on the list.

During a recent interview via car phone — in which she was gridlocked in turnpike traffic en route to Harrisburg — Miller spoke of transcending gender and ethnicity while remaining true to her goals.

Close to many caregiver's hearts is Miller's push for flexible work hours. Although directed toward the law profession, the goals can be applied to all professions.

The following are among Miller's beliefs.

- "It's not impossible to designate tasks according to an employee's schedule — especially if they are a caregiver."

- "Female professionals often have to settle for less — they are

often passed over for a promotion because they work flex or part-time."

- "The need for flex-hours can be distressing but shouldn't be viewed as an obstacle. Family concerns are an area that need more attention within the legal profession and all professions."

- "There needs to be more gender fairness in the courts. Often we see subtle discrimination."

A partner in the law firm of McKissock & Hoffman, Miller concentrates in the defense of professional malpractice claims and appellate practice.

Miller is a cum laude graduate of Mount Holyoke (Mass.) College. She received a master's degree from Rutgers (N.J.) University in 1974, where she was a Fellow at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. She earned her Juris Doctor in 1977 from Dickinson University School of Law, Carlisle, Cumberland County, where she was captain of the National Appellate Moot Court Team and a member of the National Order of Barristers.

She resides with her husband in Bryn Mawr.

— Tina Cantelmi Bradford ■

### Financial tips for single mothers

Family-law attorney Nancy Wallitsch of Wallitsch, Figure & Marinos, Allentown, offers the following tips to unwed expectant mothers as well as to mothers who feel that divorce is imminent.

- Be prepared to financially provide for your child without the assistance of the other parent.

- Make a budget to find out how much it will cost you for food, rent, clothing, credit-card debt, utilities and other essentials for one month.

- Know your finances. In other words, monitor how much money you are spending so that you will know how much money you will need.

- File for support immediately because the amount of money that will be owed to you will be calculated beginning on the day in which the support complaint is filed.