

LESLIE ANNE MILLER – BIO FOR GLOBY AWARD

Leslie Anne Miller came to Philadelphia in 1977 to begin the practice of law. Forty four years later, Miller is known as an accomplished attorney who, over the course of a remarkable career, has consistently demonstrated her deeply held commitment to civic involvement. In so doing she has made her mark on the city which she proudly calls “home.”

During her 25 years as a litigator, Miller built a list of significant “firsts.” She was the first woman to be named a partner in her law firm; the first woman to be elected President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the first woman to serve as General Counsel of the Commonwealth under Governor Ed Rendell. She subsequently helped to elect and then served as an advisor to Mayor Michael Nutter.

Miller’s broad and deep record of civic engagement is notable for the number of leadership positions she has held. She currently serves as the Chair of the Board of the Philadelphia Art Museum, where she has been a Trustee since 2011. In 2001, she was recruited from her seat on the Board to serve as Interim President of the Kimmel Center. She has served as Chair of the Board of Mount Holyoke College, her alma mater, Chair of the Philadelphia Flower Show and Chair of the Women for the Waterworks of the Fairmount Park Conservancy. Other Board service includes Temple Law School; the Free Library Foundation; the Committee of Seventy; the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition; the Medical College of Pennsylvania and its successor, the Allegheny Health System; the University of Pennsylvania Health System; the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Mayor’s Cultural Advisory Board.

Equally important has been her work as a mentor and role model for countless women in both the legal profession and broader community. She was the first Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Committee on Women in the Profession and is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Women, the Forum of Executive Women and the Pennsylvania Women’s Forum. In that same spirit, she has also worked tirelessly to help elect women (and a few good men) to local, state and federal offices.

Miller’s contributions have been recognized with a variety of awards and honors. The receipt of the Goby Award for Lifetime Achievement is among the most

significant. Others include: selection as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania; the Philadelphia Bar Association's Sandra Day O'Connor Award; Drexel University's School of Medicine Woman One Award; the Philadelphia Business Journal's Women of Distinction Award; Temple University's Fox School Business Women's Hall of Fame; Mount Holyoke College's Alumnae Medal of Honor. She has also received Honorary Degrees from Drexel University's School of Law, Thomas Jefferson University's College of Health Professionals and Wilson College.

A cum laude graduate of Mount Holyoke College (1973), Miller received a MA from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University (1974); a JD from the Dickinson School of Law (1977) and an LLM with honors from Temple University's Beasley School of Law (1994).