

Michelle Wacholder Haskin is currently employed at the prestigious law firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus and Williams in Albany, New York. Ms. Haskin specializes in matrimonial and family law and despite a full caseload has found the time and energy to volunteer her legal skills in the service of victims of domestic violence.

While at Columbia High School, Ms. Haskin excelled both in her academic endeavors as well as in the sport of Field Hockey where she served as Captain. Student Council membership was also a major part of her school life for four years. After graduation she matriculated at Albany Law School, graduating in 1994, with honors. Prior to law school, she attended Syracuse University where she graduated magna cum laude.

Ms. Haskin's considerable legal acumen has been effectively utilized by the organization known as the Legal Project Domestic Violence Connection. When asked to join this pro bono panel of legal volunteers she readily responded in the affirmative. Her active participation and mentoring of new attorneys has helped to make this program the outstanding success story it is. In a typical year, Ms. Haskin donates over 150 hours of pro bono work on behalf of abused women of domestic violence. She works not only to obtain Orders of Protection for her clients, but works to secure custody of their children and in obtaining child support so that they can remain independent and begin a new life.

Ms. Haskin's contributions to the Legal Project's pro bono programs do not end there. She has willingly volunteered to make presentations in order to recruit attorneys in this program as well as acted as a participant in mock trials and the interview process for new attorneys. In 1999, Ms. Haskin joined the Project's Board of Directors, consequently serving as its secretary and vice president. She has also served in a variety of leadership roles for the Capital District Women's Bar Association (CDWBA). Among these roles, she serves and has served as: Co-chair of the CDWBA's Judicial Screening Committee (1999-2000); Chair, Membership Committee (2002-2003); member of the Board of Directors and in May, 2004, will be a speaker at the New York State Bar Association's Conference on Pro-Bono Policies for Law Firms.

It is, therefore, with great pride that the East Greenbush School District proclaims that Michelle Wacholder Haskin be inducted into the Columbia High School Alumni Hall of Fame.