

Patricia Weaver

Paley Rothman

When she was a child, Patricia Weaver's parents would tell her that "if you're going to argue, go be a lawyer."

Before taking that route, though, she opted to study psychology — until financial considerations led the single mother to conclude a law degree would be more marketable. Her sister had graduated from law school and that also influenced her decision.

Now a principal at Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg, Eig & Cooper Chtd. in Bethesda, she chairs the firm's appellate practice group. "I really enjoy policy-oriented issues; it's intel-

lectually stimulating," she said. As a member of the U.S. Supreme Court bar, she said it would be exciting to argue in that arena and "if the right case comes, I'm ready."

Raising her son and practicing law could be a juggling act, but "I've been able to do good quality work and have a life," she said. Weaver credits her firm with making that happen. "They're not just colleagues, they're friends."

Weaver earned her law degree in 1991 from the University of Maryland School of Law, where she was Order of the Coif and editor of the Maryland Law

Review. She is president of the Montgomery County Bar Foundation and immediate past president of the county bar association.

She enjoys the outdoors, hiking and camping, and her family is three generations strong in the sport of water skiing. "I've competed and won the Maryland State Championship a couple of times," she said, and her son is a member of a pro tour.

Her civic contributions include pro bono appellate work for the House of Ruth, an organization targeting domestic violence, as well as volunteering at Shepherd's Table, a soup kitchen.



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