Principals Carmen Andrade and Crystal West Edwards Named New Jersey Law Journal's "Women Attorneys of the Year"

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Porzio, Bromberg & Newman proudly announces that principals Carmen Andrade and Crystal West Edwards have been named two of the New Jersey Law Journal's "Women Attorneys of the Year" for 2024. This prestigious honor recognizes attorneys who have made a lasting impact on the legal profession in the past two years.

The "Women Attorneys of the Year" award recognizes legal professionals for achievements such as resolving landmark cases, navigating organizations through challenges, or influencing policy changes, leaving their mark on New Jersey's legal landscape.

About Carmen Andrade

Carmen Andrade concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate and corporate matters. She provides nationwide, transactional services to her clients in all aspects of commercial real estate as well as corporate and general business matters. Carmen leverages her previous experience as general counsel for various entities, including real estate developers, private lenders and retail companies. She collaborates with small and large business owners, individuals and companies in all aspects of the sale, acquisition, leasing, financing, and development of a variety of real estate including undeveloped, industrial, office, and retail properties including substantial experience representing both private and institutional lenders in commercial loan transactions.

Beyond her practice, Carmen is a frequent speaker on legal trends and serves as Co-Chair of Porzio's Women's Initiative Network (WIN), empowering women in their professional and personal lives. In addition, she is an active member of the firm's Workplace Diversity Committee, as well as several other firm committees, where she plays a crucial role in driving business development and growth strategies.

About Crystal West Edwards

Crystal West Edwards, a Principal in Porzio's Wealth Preservation Group, focuses her practice on matters involving elder law, special needs planning, estate planning, and estate administration. She is a trusted advisor to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and their families, navigating complex issues like asset preservation, tax planning, and government benefits eligibility.

Crystal is also highly regarded for her work with financial institutions and corporate fiduciaries, offering counsel on judicial and administrative accountings and trust-related matters. A prolific speaker and author, she shares her knowledge of elder law, special needs trusts, and estate planning. Crystal serves as Co-chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of

the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC).

Carmen and Crystal will be featured in a special profile section of the New Jersey Law Journal later this year, highlighting their exceptional contributions to the legal profession.

A description of the New Jersey Law Journal's selection methodology is available here. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.