

Gorelick and Barshefsky Named Washington's Most Influential Women

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Jamie Gorelick and Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky selected for work and reputations that put them in an Elite Tier

The National Law Journal recently published a list of the 33 Most Influential Women in Washington and WilmerHale Partners [Jamie Gorelick](#) and [Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky](#) were included among the elite. These women, selected by editors of *The National Law Journal*, were recognized for their distinguished work and respectful influence.

Jamie Gorelick has been a pioneer as a leading criminal and civil litigator, one of the first women partners in Washington, and has since been a leader in pro bono service, President of the DC Bar, and a senior lawyer in the public sector heading the two largest law firms in the world—at the Departments of Defense and Justice. She embodies the core values of the legal profession that have in turn influenced lawyers in Washington and throughout the world. *The National Law Journal* quoted O'Melveny & Myers partner Walter Dellinger III saying, "Jamie combines really good values, great judgment, a sharp mind and extraordinary management skills. There is no one I would rather entrust with a complex and difficult matter."

Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, WilmerHale's Washington DC-based senior international partner, is used to making headlines. Since the early 1990s, she has been in the spotlight for having negotiated hundreds of market opening and investment agreements around the world, including China's World Trade Organization agreement; her agreement to open the Vietnamese market, which normalized relations between Vietnam and the United States; and her pursuit of pro-growth trade policies in the Middle East. Her negotiations have been the subject of case studies at Harvard Business School, and she has been widely lauded by law schools and legal publications alike, including as the recipient of numerous honorary degrees. She was quoted in the *The National Law Journal* feature saying, gender discrimination has "never been an issue for me. I think women actually have an advantage in negotiations. We tend to be highly intuitive."