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In Her Own Words: Robin Bresky's legal career is anything but brief



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Story Highlights

[What's This?](#)

- Robin Bresky launched her own law firm in 2000.
- Bresky advocates for women in law through various organizations.
- She merged her firm with Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas.

Breaking barriers while upholding the law is a challenge that inspired [Robin Bresky's](#) career as an attorney.

When I think back on my career, I see a journey marked by leaps of faith, a refusal to settle, and a deep commitment to making a difference — for myself, my colleagues, clients, and the legal profession. Starting as a young prosecutor in Broward County, I could never have predicted the path my career would take. While my journey hasn't been linear, every step has been impactful.

The turning point came in 2000 when I left my role as an assistant state attorney to launch my own law firm. It was a risk, especially as a young mother with a family to support, but it was one I had to take. I envisioned a practice focused on appellate law and creating an environment that balanced my career goals with personal responsibilities.

In those early days, I often worked late into the night, crafting briefs while my children slept and juggling the demands of building a firm. It wasn't always easy to be taken seriously in courtrooms dominated by male attorneys and judges. I was frequently mistaken for a secretary or court reporter and faced some condescending remarks from opposing male counsel. These challenges strengthened my resolve to break barriers and fueled my commitment to advocating for other women in law.

My advocacy began with organizations like the Florida Association for Women Lawyers (FAWL) and the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA). As president of both these organizations, I had platforms to address systemic gender inequality issues. I realized promoting diversity wasn't just about breaking barriers for myself; it was about paving the way for others. One of my proudest moments was receiving the Woman Lawyer of the Year Award from FAWL's South Palm Beach County Chapter (which I previously led), a recognition that highlighted the progress we've made and the work still ahead.

Over the years, my firm expanded its services, leading to its merger with Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas in 2022. Joining a larger firm after years of independent practice was another leap, pushing me to grow in new ways. Today, as a managing partner of the Florida office, I remain dedicated to delivering exceptional legal services,

mentoring young attorneys, championing pro bono work, and advocating for meaningful progress within the profession.

For me, being a lawyer has always been more than a career; it's a calling to make a difference. Whether it's serving on the Florida Bar Board of Governors, raising funds for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, or founding initiatives like the Attorney Wellness Exchange, I try to use every opportunity to create positive change.

The road hasn't been without its obstacles, but those challenges have been profoundly rewarding. I hope my journey inspires others, especially young women in law, to embrace the opportunities ahead, confront challenges, and trust in their ability to lead. We're capable of more than we realize, and when we support each other, the possibilities are endless.

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