

2011 TOP WOMEN OF LAW

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Perseverance and drive are qualities that Pamela S. Gilman learned from her parents and continues to weave into her personal life, as well as her trial practice at Taylor Duane Barton & Gilman in Boston.

When Gilman was a child, her mother was diagnosed with cancer. Despite the hurdles, her mom lived each day to the fullest. Gilman's dad, meanwhile, managed the difficult period by participating in marathons. He passed on to Gilman the desire to run, and, in honor of her mother, she joined the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training.

"It was my goal to run in a marathon while my dad was still alive so he could provide coaching advice and come cheer me on from the sidelines," Gilman says.

"I ran in the 2007 Boston Marathon, and my dad was there at the half way point and again at the finish line," she recalls. "That was probably one of the proudest moments of my life."

Gilman's determination also goes the distance in the courtroom. As one of four founding partners of her firm, Gilman is an accomplished trial lawyer, having won more than 40 cases in her

career, including medical-malpractice, personal injury, premises liability, products liability and business disputes.

The administrative partner of Taylor Duane when the firm was launched in 1995, Gilman was one of the first women to become managing partner of a Massachusetts law firm.

What's one thing people don't know about you?

"I was considered to join one of Bela Karolyi's Olympic gymnastic training teams."

She is also a nationally recognized counsel in the organ donor and transplant industry, having successfully persuaded the Supreme Judicial Court to dismiss a negligence lawsuit against an organ bank based on good faith immunity under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. The ruling established new law in Massachusetts.

In addition to managing her firm and practice, Gilman fulfills the demands of being a mom to her children, Hannah and Sam.

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