

DONNA M. NESSELBUSH, ESQ.

LAWYER, JUDGE, BUSINESS OWNER

Experience

Professional:

- 1999-Present Marasco & Nesselbush, *Partner*
- 2015-Present Revolution Fitness, *Co-Owner*
- 1995-1999 Green, Greenberg & Nesselbush, *Partner*
- 1992-1995 Yesser, Jessup & Green, *Associate Attorney*
- 1984-1992 RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Ex. Director*

Judicial:

- 2004-Present City of Pawtucket,
Chief Judge, Municipal Traffic and Housing Courts

Elective Office:

- 2010-2020 RI State Senator, District 15, Pawtucket, N. Prov.



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Education **Brown University, Bachelor of Arts, American Civilization, 1984**

- Awarded the Sarah Doyle Prize, to a graduate who has made a significant contribution to women on campus and in the community.
- 1980 Varsity Women's Basketball and Soccer, including playing on the 1980 Ivy League Championship soccer team under Head Coach, Phil Pincince.

Suffolk University Law School, Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 1991

- Awarded the Leo J Wyman Prize, to a graduate who has contributed most to advancing the civic and professional responsibilities of a lawyer.
- Selected for Law Review: "From Rule of Thumb to Rule of Law: The Evolution of the RI Legal System's Response to Domestic Violence." 1991

Harvard Kennedy School of Government,

- Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, 2012

Professional Affiliations

- Rhode Island Municipal Court Judges' Association, *President*
- Rhode Island Bar Association (RIBA), *Member*
- (RIBA) Lesbian & Gay Issues Committee (LGBT), *Former Member*
- United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, *Member*
- Rhode Island Association for Justice, *Member*
- American Association for Justice, *Member*
- National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives, *Sustaining Member*

Languages

Multilingual: Fluent in Spanish; conversant in Portuguese & Italian

HONORS, PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

- 2020 Voted a **“Super Lawyer”** by the prestigious Thomson Reuters based on Professional Achievement and Peer Recognition.
- 2016 **Eleanor Slater Award**, Rhode Island Psychiatric Society
“Recognizing a public figure who has made a significant and sustained contribution toward the provision of services for persons with mental illness, and who has fought stigma by speaking out and supporting psychiatric care and treatment.”
- 2014 Pawtucket’s **Person of the Year**, at the Pawtucket Hall of Fame Inducton Ceremony
“Honoring the person who has made a unique and superlative accomplishment that significantly benefits the entire city.”
- 2014 **Ada Sawyer Award**, Rhode Island Women’s Bar Association
“Presented to an individual who exemplifies the mission of the RIWBA based on the promotion and enhancement of the status of women in the community and in the legal profession.”
- 2013 Nesselbush, Donna M. **“10 Tips to WIN Your Social Security Disability Case: A Guide for Behavioral Health Clinicians”**. Michigan: Thomson-Shore, 2012. Print.
- 2013 Nesselbush, Donna M. **“Diez Consejos de amiga y abogada PARA GANAR su caso de Seguro Social por Incapacidad”**. Michigan: Thomson-Shore, 2012. Print.
- 2012 Nesselbush, Donna M. **“10 Tips to WIN Your Social Security Disability Case”**
Michigan: Thomson-Shore, 2012. Print.
- 2012 **Isabelle Ahearn O'Neill Award**, YWCA Northern RI, Women Holding Office Celebration.
- 2004 **25th Anniversary Honoree**, Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Honored for “outstanding leadership and service to victims of abuse.”
- 1996 **Appreciation Award**, Travelers Aid Society of Rhode Island Presented for on-going support and commitment to the homeless and disconnected populations in Rhode Island.
- 1996 **Certificate of Appreciation**, Rhode Island Bar Association Presented for
“serving the highest traditions of the legal profession by contributing legal services to the economically disadvantaged of Rhode Island.”
- 1996 **American Civil Liberties Union**, Rhode Island Chapter, *Board of Directors*
- 1995 **Certificate of Appreciation**, United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
Presented “for extraordinary dedication and outstanding service to victims of crime.”
- 1994 **Appreciation Award**, Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless
Presented for services donated to the Homeless Legal Clinic.”
- 1992 **Proyecto Esperanza**, Volunteer
- 1992 **Leadership Rhode Island**, Member, Program Committee
- 1989 **“Pacesetters: 20 to Watch - People who will make a difference in the 1990s,”**
Rhode Island Monthly Magazine, December 1989.
- 1987 **Rhode Island Supreme Court Task Force on Domestic Violence**, Member
- 1987 **Leadership Rhode Island**, Eta Class Graduate
- 1985 **Progreso Latino**, Board of Directors, Past President