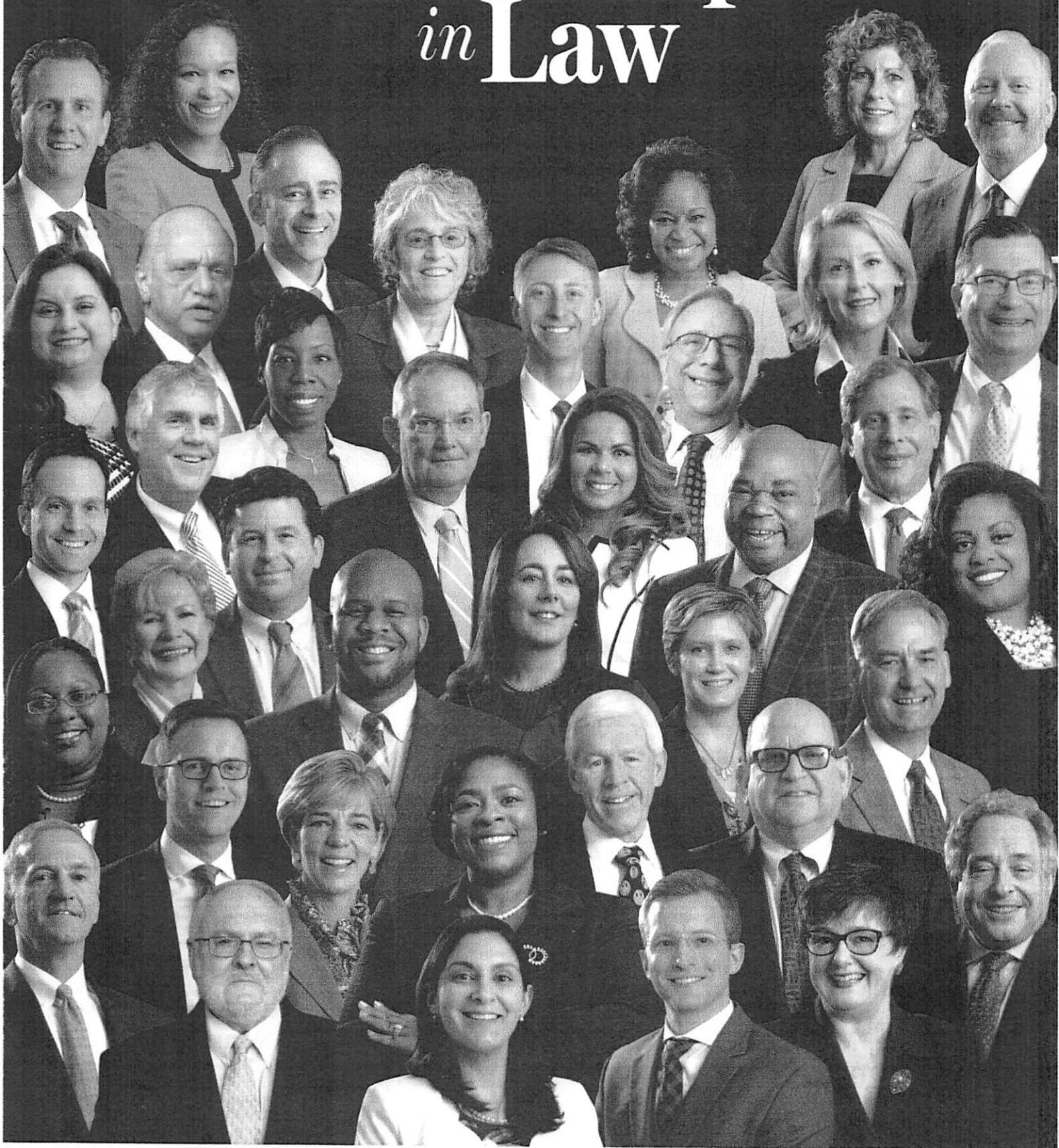


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## HON. SUSAN H. HAZLETT

### MARYLAND JUDICIARY

**T**he Hon. Susan H. Hazlett understands now, more than ever, that the world is not black and white, but many shades of grey. If anything, coming to serve as Harford County's first female administrative judge in 2010 and its third woman on any bench in the county has made her less judgmental, not more.

"Coming to court is stressful for anyone," she said. "I am mindful every day of the impact a court appearance can have on someone's life, and try to make sure that every litigant is heard."

Prior to her judgeship, Hazlett worked for 16 years helping both adult and child victims of sexual assault as a prosecutor in the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office.

"Using my legal training and advocacy to help victims bring their assailants to justice was an enormous privilege of my life," she said. "I developed compassion, understanding of the frailties we all carry, and that sometimes what's unsaid is more important

than what is. That the best question is often: 'Is there anything else you think I should know?'"

Since 2011, Hazlett has presided over the Harford County Teen Court, a voluntary diversion program that is used to resolve misdemeanor offenses without requiring intervention by the Department of Juvenile Services.

"It is extremely fulfilling to watch as they question their peers, learn about courtroom protocol and decide what appropriate sanctions should be," she said.

She volunteers for the "Civics and Law Academy" each year, which is designed to teach young people lessons in civics and law, and assists with the Harford County Moot Court program that provides assistance for self-represented litigants as well. She also volunteered as a Harford Swim League stroke-and-turn official from 2000 to 2015 and was the chair of a recreational dance program from 1996 to 2006.