



Lynne Abraham Honored with First “Trailblazer Award” From Women’s Humane Society

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Lynne Abraham, a Partner in Archer’s Philadelphia office, was recently honored by the Women’s Humane Society (WHS) at their first annual “Trailblazer Award” ceremony. Each March, the Women’s Humane Society honors a woman who has been a trailblazer and driving force in effecting progressive and impactful changes that enrich the lives of both people and animals in the community.

Ms. Abraham has served as Philadelphia District Attorney, the first woman to hold the position. Her 18-year tenure as district attorney is the longest in modern city history. Ms. Abraham used her time in office to ensure that humane laws were enforced, especially in regards to the city’s horse population, and appointed the first animal-cruelty prosecutor to prosecute crimes against those found guilty of abusing or neglecting animals in the city, and continues to advocate for animals to this day. In addition to prosecutions and legislations, Ms. Abraham is also an avid animal adoption advocate and has personally rescued her own pets.

The Women’s Humane Society was America’s first animal shelter and is credited with changing public opinion regarding animal welfare. Founded in 1869 by Philadelphia Trailblazer, Caroline Earle White, WHS has continuously promoted the humane and compassionate treatment of animals for 147 years.

Ms. Abraham focuses her practice on government relations, mediation, litigation and trial strategy and tactics, as well as appellate advocacy. Ms. Abraham joined Archer following a distinguished career in public service that began shortly after she graduated from Temple Law School in 1965. Since 1991, Ms. Abraham has served as Philadelphia District Attorney, the first woman to hold the position. Originally appointed by Philadelphia judges in May 1991, she won election in November 1991 to an unexpired term and was re-elected to four, four-year terms before announcing she would not seek re-election. Her 18-year tenure as district attorney is the longest in modern city history. Before becoming District Attorney, Ms. Abraham served as executive director of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (1972-73), legislative consultant for Philadelphia City Council (1974-76), Philadelphia Municipal Court judge (1976-80), and Philadelphia Common Pleas judge (1980-91).

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