

The American Lawyer Honors Daniel S. Connolly and Barbara S. Jones as Northeast Trailblazers

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NEW YORK – Bracewell LLP’s Daniel S. Connolly and Barbara S. Jones have been named to *The American Lawyer’s* inaugural [Northeast Trailblazers list](#). They are among a select group of lawyers in the region who “have moved the needle in the legal industry and are agents of change, making significant marks on the practice, policy, and technological advancements in their sector.”

Connolly, who is managing partner of Bracewell’s New York office, began his legal career as a prosecutor in the Office of the Manhattan District Attorney, before serving as special counsel in the New York Mayor’s Office. He joined Bracewell in 2005 to help establish the firm’s presence in New York. “Building the New York office from the ground up over the past 15 years has been an extraordinarily rewarding experience which continues to provide new challenges and opportunities for me personally and professionally,” said Connolly.

Jones is a partner in the firm’s government enforcement and investigation group. She spent more than 20 years of her career as a prosecutor, first as a special attorney in the Honors Program of the US Department of Justice and later as an assistant US attorney in the Southern District of New York, where she was the first woman ever appointed chief of the Manhattan Organized Crime Strike Force. Jones served as the chief assistant to the late New York County District Attorney Robert F. Morgenthau before her nomination by President Clinton in 1995 to serve as a district court judge in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York. She presided over a range of high-profile cases during her 16 years on the bench, including a ruling in *Edith Windsor v. The United States of America* that the Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional.

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