## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

## ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017

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SUSAN M. FREEMAN, CLASS OF 1972, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Alumnae Achievement Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments and service to society exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Susan, you have proven yourself to be a highly recognized and respected figure in the world of bankruptcy law. After graduating from Mount Holyoke, you entered the New York University School of Law, receiving your law degree as a Root-Tilden Scholar. For more than forty years you have been with the Arizona law firm Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP, where you currently are a partner. According to your firm, you are the only lawyer invited to membership in both the American College of Bankruptcy and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. You have briefed and argued before the United States Supreme Court.

You have quickly risen to the top of your field, publishing on topics related to bankruptcy and appeals. You have provided significant service to your profession, serving as vice-chair of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association, holding multiple previous offices, including president-elect of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Your work has been recognized by Benchmark Litigation, and you were named one of the Top 250 Women in Litigation in the United States three times. In 2015 your home county recognized your service, inducting you into the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame. In 2016 you were elected to the National Bankruptcy Conference, an organization that offers advice to Congress regarding bankruptcy laws. Your colleagues note your work is always client centered, with your service to your community truly outstanding. Your passion for micro-financing, especially for women-owned businesses, is reflected in all that you have achieved throughout your career.

Susan, for your accomplishments, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Alumnae Achievement Award on this, your forty-fifth reunion.