

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

ALUMNAE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017



PRESENTED TO

Judith A. Lonquist '62

JUDITH A. LONQUIST, CLASS OF 1962, 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.

Judith, your commitment to civil rights began when you were at Mount Holyoke, studying political science. After an internship with Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois and a law degree from the University of Chicago you were inspired to become a civil rights attorney. While practicing employment and civil rights law in Chicago, you served on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union and as legal counsel and employment-committee chair for the National Organization for Women (NOW), where you joined the national board and served as legal vice president. At NOW you recruited lawyers to take on sex-discrimination cases, created a national registry program of attorneys willing to volunteer, and developed a program to file amicus briefs on behalf of plaintiffs with cases affecting women. After a move to Seattle, you became general counsel for the Washington Education Association, attorney and partner in a Seattle law firm, and then, in 1986, you started your own firm.

In addition to your career achievements, your volunteer efforts have been exemplary. As cochair of the National Pro-Plan Caucus, you and Gloria Steinem succeeded in securing the Democratic National Convention of 1980 to incorporate the Houston Plan of Action into their platform.

In 2008 you were honored with a medal by the Veteran Feminists of America for your accomplishments. In 2011 you received Washington State Association for Justice's Pillar of Justice Award for your advocacy in protecting the rights of the most disenfranchised citizens. Helping to shape a strong legal precedent in Washington, you have consistently been rated one of America's Super Lawyers. Your commitment to civil rights has helped make the world a better place, breaking ground for countless women and giving a voice to those who have been met with discrimination.

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

MARCIA BRUMIT KROPP '67
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