

## Maria Elliott and Lindsey Cook selected as Central Penn Business Journal Women of Influence Award winners

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**LANCASTER, Pa.** - Barley Snyder partner **Maria Di Stravolo Elliott** and attorney **Lindsey M. Cook** were selected as *Central Penn Business Journal* Women of Influence 2022 award winners.

The award will be presented at a celebration dinner on Thursday, June 30 at the Harrisburg Hilton. Since its inception, the Women of Influence award has honored women for professional achievement, mentoring and community service. Winners of the award are nominated by their colleagues because their work and style of leadership inspiring those around them.

The Women of Influence Awards honors established business leaders with proven track records of community service and business accomplishments, and who influence others through their personal successes and achievements.

Honorees are selected by a panel of independent judges based on career accomplishments, leadership, personal/business vision, community service and mentoring.

### **Leadership by Example**

Elliott practices in Barley Snyder's Real Estate Practice Group, and Construction Industry Group. She counsels international, national, regional and local businesses and individuals on complex real estate and construction transactions. She also regularly gives presentations on real estate and construction matters.

"Leading by example in supporting the advancement of women in their professions and through her work in the community, Maria is a first-class lawyer with an exceptional track record of achieving excellent results for our clients," Barley Snyder Managing Partner Jeff Lobach said. "We are very pleased that Maria is the recipient of this well-deserved honor."

Elliott is a member of the Keystone chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors; the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County; and the Lancaster and Pennsylvania Bar associations. She serves as the president of the board of directors for Venture Lititz and is a development committee member for the Lititz Rec Center, and the Penn Square Music Festival.

She also served as a board member for the Lititz Regional Community Development Corporation, the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, and the Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership, and was a member of Warwick School District's Finance and Legal Committee. Additionally, Elliott is a founding member of Hospice of Lancaster County's Women's Giving Circle.

Elliott earned her B.A. in Chemistry from Franklin & Marshall and a Masters in Scientific & Technical Communication

from Miami University. She earned her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law/Illinois Institute of Technology, graduating as a member of the Order of the Coif.

"I am truly grateful to have been selected in this year's group of Women of Influence," Elliott said. "Many of the women previously selected have been my mentors and heroes so I'm honored to be included in this distinguished group."

## **Commitment to Service**

Cook practices in Barley Snyder's Litigation Practice Group. She has represented some of the largest businesses in Maryland and Pennsylvania, both at the trial court level and before appellate courts. Her success comes from a dedication to developing innovative courtroom strategies to secure the best results, taking an aggressive - yet practical - approach to each case.

Cook is one of the youngest arbitrators for the American Arbitration Association in the nation. She is a member of the Lancaster and Pennsylvania Bar associations and is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Lancaster.

"Being included among the Women of Influence is truly humbling," Cook said. "To be recognized with such a deserving and extraordinary group of women is an accomplishment of a lifetime."

A native of Lancaster County, Cook graduated from Warwick High School. She serves on the board of directors for Child Care Consultants Inc., the Coalition for Smart Growth, and is an advisory member for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network.

"Lindsey is a fearless and accomplished litigator whose leadership skills and commitment to service make her a perfect selection for this award," Lobach said.

Cook graduated *cum laude* from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a B.A. in English. She earned her J.D. from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, graduating *magna cum laude*.

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