

Ann E. Evanko is Special Counsel and former President and Managing Partner of Hurwitz Fine P.C. law firm. Throughout her career, Ms. Evanko has been identified by Business First as one of the most powerful and influential people in Western New York, named to both the “Power 250” list, which recognizes the men and women who “wield the most clout in the region,” as well as the “Power 100 Women” list, which showcases the region’s most influential and powerful women. In 2016, Business First honored Ms. Evanko with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Women of Influence for her contributions to the community, to the women-focused charitable organizations she champions, and previously recognized her with the inaugural Business First “Women Who Mean Business” Award. She was the 2019 recipient of the Edwin F. Jaeckle Award, the highest award the University at Buffalo School of Law and the Law Alumni Association can bestow, and is recognized as one of the Top 25 Women Lawyers and Top 50 Lawyers in Upstate New York by Super Lawyers. Ms. Evanko was recognized with special distinction in 2015 and 2018 as “Lawyer of the Year” for Employment Law – Management, in 2019 for Litigation – Labor and Employment and in 2022 for Mediation by Best Lawyers in America, which features the most highly ranked attorneys in the United States as selected by their peers in the legal community through an exhaustive independent review process.

She is a former Chair of the WNY Women’s Foundation and currently serves as an Emeritae Advisory Board Member of the organization. She is also a past member of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and past President of the YWCA of WNY. Ms. Evanko was a founder and past President of the Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York and served as a member of the Board of Directors, Vice President, Treasurer, and Chair of the Finance Committee of the New York State Women’s Bar Association.