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OUTSTANDING WOMEN LAWYERS



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ERIN MURPHY

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Erin Murphy's first argument at the U.S. Supreme Court was no ordinary debut. The Bancroft partner, then 33, squared off in

October 2013 against U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. in *McCutcheon vs FEC*, the campaign-finance case brought by the Republican National Committee challenging individual aggregate campaign finance limits. She won. Murphy, who clerked for Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., has argued several recent important appeals, including a pro bono case before the Ninth Circuit on behalf of a Honduran immigrant challenging a removal proceeding and, in a separate case, a Second Amendment challenge over gun regulations in Sunnyvale, California.

MOST INFLUENTIAL MENTOR

Paul Clement. Without Paul's unwavering support, I simply would not have gotten the truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that I've been so fortunate to get in my career. Equally importantly, Paul has taught me that being a zealous advocate for your clients and upholding the ideals of our profession really can be one and the same.

—ERIN MURPHY