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“When we lose the right to be different,
we lose the privilege to be free.”

– Charles Evans Hughes



1942



Yale Law School

1916

Founder Charles Evans Hughes campaigned vigorously for women's suffrage in his near victory over Woodrow Wilson in the 1916 presidential race.

“...1942, when your firm broke ranks with other 'Wall Street' firms in hiring your first female associate... Most such firms did not even interview young women.”

– Boris I. Bittker, Yale Law School, Oct. 29, 2003



1969

The New York Times

“When Amalya L. Kearse is sworn in to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, she will become the first woman ever to sit on the Federal appeals court in Manhattan and only the second black in the court's history... Miss Kearse, the first female black partner in a major Wall Street firm...”

– June 25, 1979



1999



“Those qualities, as well as her prodigious work habits, helped insure that the recent vote by the executive committee of Hughes Hubbard & Reed to name [Candace Beinecke] its new “chair” (the firm's term) was unanimous. Ambitious female lawyers, take heart: while Ms. Beinecke is the first woman, no kidding, to lead a major New York law firm, she got there by being good at what she does.”

– The New York Times, June 2, 1999

“One firm that seems to have made things work is New York's Hughes Hubbard & Reed. With 24 percent women equity partners, it ranks highest in the Am Law 200 pack.”

– The American Lawyer, June 2003



2003

Today



Diversity Co-Chair Beatrice A. Hamza Bassey (lower left, above) was recently profiled in a cover article on “Attorneys at the Top”

Today, Hughes Hubbard is ranked among the top 10 firms for diversity in *The American Lawyer's* most recent “Diversity Scorecard.” In recent years, Hughes Hubbard was ranked #1 in diversity among the nation's top 100 law firms by *Multicultural Law* magazine and rated higher than any other New York firm in providing opportunities for women in a Harvard Law School study of 105 major law firms.

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