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PHARMACEUTICAL, medical-device, chemical and health-care companies in New Jersey have come to rely on Kim Catullo to defend them in court.

Indeed, her abilities earned her the role of chair for her law firm's products liability department. Catullo is the youngest woman at Gibbons ever to hold a chair. She leads up to 20 lawyers divided into three teams handling cases in the areas of general products liability, pharmaceutical/medical device liability and laboratory defense.

Clients also call on Catullo's litigation skills in complex commercial, employment and class-action cases. She received her law degree in 1991 from Seton Hall University.

The courtroom isn't the only place where Catullo contributes. She serves her firm as a litigation staffing partner, overseeing the flow of work to associates and making sure they develop the broad range of practical knowledge and experience necessary to become future leaders at Gibbons. She also takes time out of her day to mentor younger associates.

In the community, Catullo has been a volunteer for years with Habitat for Humanity. In 1995 she began serving on Habitat-Newark's legal advisory committee and eventually moved onto the board of directors.



"I've selected the Hilary Swank character in Million Dollar Baby because she rises from modest means and excels in an arena (boxing) that is traditionally a man's world."