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Mylan Denerstein Interviewed by Crain's New York Business After Being Named to Women of Influence 2026 List

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Partner Mylan Denerstein has been named by Crain's New York Business [subscription required] to its list of Women of Influence for 2026: leaders who "are igniting change" and "reshaping how the city is powered … while elevating their peers."

Speaking with *Crain's*, Mylan discussed how acting under the principles of respectfulness and authenticity has helped in her career.

"You can get so much from being friendly — they'll tell you more that might help you, and you'll learn all sorts of things, like what they really want," Mylan said. "But because I'm friendly does not mean you're going to be able to walk all over me. Because I try to take time to understand what a regulator or opponent wants to achieve while also understanding my client's objectives, I am able to drive results."

Mylan said that a career highlight was crafting marriage equality legislation in New York while serving as counsel to former Governor Andrew Cuomo.

"There was fervent opposition, fervent support and it was constant — as this was all pre-COVID, and everybody was in the capital all the time — and that experience really changed my life," Mylan said. "I realized you could really make positive changes for people."

Mylan is Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Public Policy Practice Group, Co-Partner in Charge of the New York office, a member of the Executive Committee, and a leader of the firm's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force. She leads complex litigation and internal investigations, representing companies confronting a wide range of legal issues in their most critical times. Since January 2022, Mylan has served as the court-appointed New York Police Department Monitor responsible for overseeing the implementation of court-ordered reforms.

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