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CRAIN'S 2020  NOTABLE WOMEN IN LAW

Crain's *New York Business* has named 100 New Yorkers to the list of 2020 Notable Women in Law, the third year we are honoring dedicated, gifted and determined female lawyers. Our city is full of trailblazing attorneys who are passionate about serving their clients and staying on top of their game. In a world full of injustices, they are fierce in their commitment to public service and pro bono causes. For these women, balance is an essential part of life: juggling distinguished careers, family, and philanthropic activities. The profiles in this report are drawn from submitted nomination materials as well as from *Crain's New York Business* editorial research. No lawyer paid to be featured. The 2020 list of Notable Women in Law celebrates an exceptional pool of talented female attorneys in the New York City metro area. Please join us in congratulating this year's outstanding class. — *Barbara Benson*

ZAINAB AHMAD

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Zainab Ahmad joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher this year after serving as senior assistant special counsel for Robert Mueller's investigation. A prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice for 11 years, Ahmad formerly was deputy chief of the National Security and Cybercrime section of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of New York. She prosecuted counterterrorism, counterespionage and cybercrime cases, including investigations

of al-Qaeda, ISIS and attacks against military personnel and diplomats abroad. Being a Muslim woman who prosecutes terrorists is exceptional, but Ahmad also has an extraordinary track record: winning all 13 of her terrorism cases between 2009 and 2017. She now focuses on white collar defense and investigations, regulatory and civil litigation challenges, and cybercrime and intellectual property issues.

