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OUTSTANDING
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LAWYERS**BETH HEIFETZ****PARTNER, JONES DAY,
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Beth Heifetz's enthusiasm for her firm's appellate practice is catching—she's recruited 19 U.S. Supreme Court clerks to the firm during the past three years. She sells the fact that appellate lawyers at all levels and offices argue cases. Heifetz specializes in antitrust, bankruptcy, First Amendment and commerce-clause disputes and has co-chaired American Bar Association committees. She led constitutional and appellate briefing for Detroit during the city's bankruptcy and restructuring. Earlier high-profile restructuring work included Old Carco Motors LLC, formerly Chrysler. In 2013, President Barack Obama appointed her to the council of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

**MOST INFLUENTIAL
MENTOR**

I have been fortunate to have had several significant mentors in my professional life, chief among them Justice Harry Blackmun and Judge Abner Mikva. From both, in different ways, I learned that compassion and empathy, along with thorough preparation and attention to detail are important qualities in all of life.

—BETH HEIFETZ