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A COVER STORY... WE CAN DO IT!

“We Can Do It!” is an American wartime propaganda poster produced by J. Howard Miller in 1943 for Westinghouse Electric as an inspirational image to boost worker morale.

J. Howard Miller (1918–2004) was an American graphic artist. He painted posters during World War II in support of the war effort, among them the famous “We Can Do It!” poster, frequently misidentified as Rosie the Riveter.

The poster was seen very little during World War II. It was rediscovered in the early 1980s and widely reproduced in many forms, often called “We Can Do It!” but also called “Rosie the Riveter” after the iconic figure of a strong female war production worker. The “We Can Do It!” image was used to promote feminism and other political issues beginning in the 1980s. The image made the cover of the Smithsonian magazine in 1994 and was fashioned into a US first-class mail stamp in 1999. It was incorporated in 2008 into campaign materials for several American politicians, and was reworked by an artist in 2010 to celebrate the first woman becoming prime minister of Australia. The poster

is one of the ten most-requested images at the National Archives and Records Administration.

After its rediscovery, observers often assumed that the image was always used as a call to inspire women workers to join the war effort. However, during the war the image was strictly internal to Westinghouse, displayed only during February 1943, and was not for recruitment but to exhort already-hired women to work harder. Feminists and others have seized upon the uplifting attitude and apparent message to remake the image into many different forms, including self empowerment, campaign promotion, advertising, and parodies.

“We will debate the big issues, defend those who cannot defend themselves and relish the challenges along the way. We will make a difference in this world.” A truer characterization of my duty and my obligation as a female attorney surely does not exist. There have been times in my career when all of my core values have been tested, but I continued onward. Whether I am fighting for a severely intellectually disabled criminal defendant who allegedly gave a confession or a teenage mother who lost her three children to the state because her mother evicted her from the family home or an elderly grandmother who was left financially destitute by a philandering husband – at the end of the day, I have a duty to make a difference, to make a change. That means that I must be willing to listen and to engage and to find the reasons why, even when the natural instinct is just to fight. We can learn much from planning and listening, from learning from our opponents, from fighting with passion and purpose. Swinging blindly at shadows is the mark of a fool. The people who seek us every day for representation do not need blind swingers – those people need warriors, they need calculated and focused clinicians of the law. They need debaters, defenders and challengers – that is my responsibility and my pleasure every single day.

— **Nusrat J. Rashid, Esquire**



OUR SUBJECTS

Theresa Flanagan Murtagh, Esquire ... A practicing attorney for the past 25 years with experience in both civil and criminal law and a former Assistant District Attorney. Theresa is a past President of the local chapter of the American Inns of Court which is organized to promote ethics and excellence in the practice of law. A lifelong resident of Delaware County, she is a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School. Theresa earned her B.A. degree from Swarthmore College, serving as Class President, and her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law, where she also served as Class President. She is on the board of Riddle Hospital and active in Media Little League and Media Youth Wrestling. She has donated countless hours to many charities including City Team ministries in Chester.



Vicki Ellen Herr, Esquire ... A practicing attorney in Delaware County for over 40 years specializing in criminal law including 5 years as an Assistant District Attorney. Vicki is a lifelong resident of Delaware County. She attended the Marple-Newtown School District, Temple University and the Temple University School of Law from which she graduated in 1976. She served on the Board of the Senior Victim Services and the Booster Committee for Strath Haven High School's athletic program from 2004 – 2014. She currently serves on the Swarthmore Borough Civil Service Commission, the federal reentry pro-bono panel and the Chester reentry initiative. She is married to Senior Deputy District Attorney A. Sheldon Kovach and is the mother of 2 daughters, the older of which is an associate at Duane Morris. Her younger daughter is scheduled to graduate from the University of Michigan in April.



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Justinian Society. In addition to her successful law practice, Kathy has been an Adjunct Professor at the Legal Institute for Paralegal Studies at Widener University. She also dedicates her time to volunteer service, and she has been a member of the Board of the Delaware County Bar Association and the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County. She has received numerous awards, and she enjoys spending time with her family and is dedicated to supporting women and children who have been victims of domestic violence.

"As a child, I believed that boys and girls were equal. As a college student, I survived domestic violence. As a law student, I endured sexual harassment. As a new attorney, I endured inequality in the work place. As a mother, I taught my son that boys and girls are equal. As a survivor, I say "NO MORE" to domestic violence. As a warrior, I say "TIMES UP". It's time for a change."

Nusrat J. Rashid, Esquire ...

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Court of Appeals and District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Delaware County Bar Association and the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers' Association. The proud mother of three, she is an active supporter of organizations focused on helping children achieve their full potential, including the Salvation Army, the Crozer Library, and the Chester Panthers and Chester Township Cougars football programs, and has volunteered in many youth related charity events in and around Chester. •



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