

## Trish Weaver

### President of the Montgomery County Bar Association

When Trish Weaver was elected president of the Montgomery County Bar Association last May, she became only the sixth woman to hold the position in the organization's more than 100-year history. But that's only part of what makes the 47-year-old Bethesda resident exceptional.

Her experience as a principal and a litigation attorney with the Bethesda law firm of Paley Rothman stretches from contract work to appeals, and has included such cases as a triple-homicide in which she helped secure \$1.5 million for a victim's family.

"There's nobody I've worked with who's better able to pick apart and analyze issues," Paley Rothman Principal Glenn Cooper says. "There aren't many people I would feel comfortable sending in to argue an appeal for me on a big case. With her, I would have no reluctance."

Weaver's brilliant law career almost didn't happen. It wasn't until her relationship with her college sweetheart ended, leaving her a single mom, that Weaver considered the law. With a psychology degree and a 2-year-old son, she moved in with her parents and started law school at the University of Maryland, graduating with honors in 1991.

Weaver plans to tackle a variety of issues during her presidential year, including raising awareness about human trafficking and developing laws to protect its victims.

Mostly, though, she would like to help improve how lawyers are perceived.

"It sounds sappy, but the people in the Montgomery County Bar really are some of the finest people I know," says Weaver, who is engaged to patent attorney Mike Dimino of Novak, Druce + Quigg in Washington, D.C. "They are good parents, they are Little League coaches, they are volunteers at soup kitchens—and I would really like to bring more public attention to that." —Amy Reinink

