

ELJ's

Top Business/Professional Women of 2009

Women owned businesses contribute nearly \$3 trillion to the U.S. economy and create or maintain 2 million jobs according to research released from the Center for Women's Business Research.

A mere 90 years ago, women did not even have the right to vote in this country. There was a time in American history when the thought of women working for complex, multi-national technology companies, giant advertising firms, massive publishing houses, performing surgery, or handling important legal cases was snickered at behind closed boardroom doors. Since that time, women have not only gained the right to vote but have made huge strides in every facet of society, including business, medicine, technology, and law. Today, women are running those companies and are working to ignite our nation's economy and our renewed prosperity.

Emerald Ladies' Journal honors 12 outstanding women for achieving excellence in career, education, and community involvement. Each embodies personal success, professional excellence, community awareness and the tenacity to set and reach goals.

