

BEST REAL ESTATE LAWYER IN DC



According to *Legal Times*, that headline would refer to Arent Fox's **Kimberly Wachen**. Actually, it's according to **her peers**, who voted using online ballots. (No recount necessary, even.) The victory makes two in a row for Arent Fox after Kimberly's mentor, **Dave Osnos**, took the prize last time it was awarded. And it's not like competition wasn't stiff: Kimberly was the youngest and newest face among nine other nominees like Holland & Knight's **Janis Schiff** and DLA Piper's **Fred Klein**.



Explaining her shock over winning, Kimberly pointed out the many differences between her and past winner Dave, like height and experience (but that's just a matter of time, right?). She's recently worked several complex deals on behalf of **Marriott**, negotiating directly with the **PGA** on development of a 1000-room hotel in **San Antonio** (the site has two golf courses). More importantly, those around her say she has the same welcoming attitude as Dave, giving associates every opportunity to be part of a **skilled team**. She still has big shoes to follow: Dave, long considered **dean** of the Washington real estate bar, has repped power players like Wizards owner **Abe Pollin** and Clark Construction's **Jim Clark** for, oh, forty or fifty years.



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