



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Sylvia M. Rowan

Sylvia M. Rowan was first elected to public office in 1986 as a Herkimer County legislator. She held that position until June 1996, when she was appointed by former Governor George Pataki as Herkimer County Clerk. She has been elected to her current position four times.

While serving in the County Legislature, Ms. Rowan chaired the Properties and Judicial committees, served on the Administration, Education and Human Resources committees, and served as Majority Leader.

The Revolutionary Trails Council's 2009 Scout of the Year, Ms. Rowan is a past recipient of the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross Great Heroes Award, the Retired and Senior Volunteer program of Herkimer County's 2007 Outstanding Contribution Award, and the 2002 Herkimer Salvation Army's "Others" Award.

An active participant in numerous civic organizations, Ms. Rowan is a member of the Executive Board of Revolutionary Trails Council No. 400 Diamond District of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a board member of the Herkimer County Historical Society, the Herkimer Salvation Army, and the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. She has also served on the board of the Valley United Way.

Throughout her tenure and involvement with numerous organizations, Ms. Rowan has certainly proven to be a dedicated member of her community. She continues to serve and be an inspiration for the next generation of leaders.

Ms. Rowan is a graduate of the Utica School of Commerce and the Leadership Mohawk Valley program. She and her husband, Robert, reside in East Herkimer, and are the parents of four children and two grandchildren.

*Sylvia M. Rowan was selected as a
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