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**Karen M. Lent of Skadden.**

**W**hat are some of your proudest recent achievements? One of my proudest recent accomplishments was on behalf of the PGA Tour in defeating a TRO request filed by three former PGA member players who were suspended for unauthorized participation in LIV. We worked together with the client and co-counsel to compile a strong factual record and draft thorough, persuasive papers that convinced the court that the players were unlikely to be successful in

their antitrust claims. Another matter I am proud of is the work we did representing Sprint in its merger with T-Mobile. Our team developed a strong argument that Sprint would not be a strong competitive force in the future, paving the way to defeat the state AGs' challenge to the merger.

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I am also extremely proud that, during my time as a partner in the antitrust group, we have significantly grown the share of women partners, who now account for 40% of antitrust partners globally.

**Name a lawyer or mentor whose leadership inspired you.** I have been mentored and inspired through my career by Jeffrey Mishkin, a former Skadden partner who had been the chief legal officer of the NBA. His focus on client service and rigorous analysis of legal arguments is unparalleled. But more important, he practiced law as a true gentleman, always showing his team, co-counsel and opposing counsel the utmost respect. Jeff's remarkable leadership has instilled values that I use every day in my practice and as a mentor. As we usher in the next generation of talented lawyers, I strive to instill similar values of respect, thorough analysis and excellent client service.

**How are the business and profession of law changing, and how should lawyers adapt for the future?** The business and profession of law is changing rapidly in many ways, most significantly from the availability and application of technology that will revolutionize the way we practice law.

Lawyers need to embrace new technology and use it responsibly to create more efficient outcomes for our clients, while at the same time being mindful of its limitations and the necessity for well-trained, experienced counsel to provide the ultimate legal advice and work product.

**What is the best advice for someone considering a career in law, or someone already in the profession who is seeking to make a greater impact?** Cultivating relationships is the best way to ensure you have an impact in your practice. For those considering a career in law, it is important to proactively reach out to others and build meaningful relationships with peers and others in the industry whose careers inspire you. Seek mentorship from a variety of sources and connect with colleagues in multiple practices to solicit different views and constructive feedback. Investing time in joining professional groups, speaking at conferences and writing articles is also a great way to connect with other leading professionals, hone your skills and further develop your expertise. The broader and more robust your network and experience, the more potential you have for opportunities that will meaningfully help your clients and further development of the law.