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TEAM PLAYER: The lessons Renée Evangelista learned when she played on the North Providence West Little League softball team that won the 1979 world championship have applied in her legal career, too.
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RENÉE EVANGELISTA HAS BEEN PLAYING on winning teams at least since age 12, when her North Providence West Little League softball team returned from the 1979 Little League Softball World Series in Waco, Texas, as national champions.

Lessons that she learned on the diamond, combined with the work ethic her teacher parents instilled, are gems that help Evangelista's career sparkle.

"I really enjoy working with people and being a part of the team," she said. "With a lot of the clients we service, I'm a part of the team. Being in sports really helped me in my career."

Evangelista is Providence office managing partner for **Day Pitney LLP**. The law firm not only represents national and international corporations, and emerging and middle-market companies, but it also boasts one of the largest and most sophisticated individual-client practices in the U.S.

Day Pitney's work helping individuals and their families, fiduciaries and tax-exempt entities plan for the future mirrors the type of work that Evangelista did at Howland Evangelista Kohlenberg LLC she and her partners founded

that firm in 2014 to focus on estate planning and settlement, probate and trust law.

She felt it made sense to merge the boutique firm with Day Pitney in July 2021, which, Evangelista said, has allowed her to continue practicing in her legal niche.

A Brown University graduate, Evangelista clerked in Edwards & Angell LLP's New York and Providence offices while attending New York University School of Law.

Thanks to strong mentoring and professional development, Evangelista made partner in 1998, seven years after joining the firm – now known as Locke Lord LLP. She also served eight years as the first woman co-partner in charge of Edwards & Angell's Providence office.

"I'm not afraid to make difficult decisions for the good of the entire organization," Evangelista said. "In terms of leadership, I want to support people so that they succeed. If everyone is doing well and succeeding in their own right, that makes a better organization all around. I have had a wonderful career in trusts and estates. I give all the credit to Edwards & Angell." ■

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