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Kim Kamin

Though not yet 40, Kim Kamin is already earning a reputation as one of the city's premiere estate planning lawyers.

A partner with Chicago's Schiff Hardin LLP, a law firm known for the quality of its estate planning department, Kamin has quickly built a thriving practice, representing high and ultra-high net worth clients with estate, trust, charitable and related legal needs.

It is a practice destined to grow. Kamin fans say that her hard work, astute planning and outstanding results have led to a growing referral network for the young attorney.

"She has the consummate ability to understand the needs of clients, to find the appropriate and innovative solutions for what clients wish to achieve, and to develop and maintain extraordinarily strong relations with clients," said Charles D. Fox IV, with Charlottesville, office of McGuire Woods LLP. "Kim is without a doubt the finest young attorney with whom I have worked in my almost 28 years of practice."

Kamin's stellar reputation is little surprise considering the positive results she has earned for her clients. For instance, Fox points to the representation of one prominent family where Kamin handled not only extremely tricky estate planning and estate administration issues, but also tackled issues involving the sale of one of the largest undeveloped parcels in Lake County, Illinois. She did all of this quietly and effectively, Fox said.

In another case, Kamin's strategy resulted in the termination of a testamentary foundation, a move that allowed five charities to each receive in excess of \$200,000 outright instead of a few thousand dollars per year. In 2006, she helped the Chicago Bears set up its own stand-alone public charity, Bears Care. In 2007, she helped the Kup's Purple Heart Foundation relaunch a cruise for local veterans. This year she is working with Lawyers for the Creative Arts to establish an estate planning clinic for qualifying artists and entertainers.

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Goldberg, a professor of law with Northwestern University, said he has worked with few attorneys with the same drive and commitment.

"Not only was Kim expert in drafting the appropriate estate plans, but she has also been entirely and promptly available for follow-up details," Goldberg said. "Phone calls and e-mails are promptly and cheerfully responded to in an efficient and effective matter. In view of her family, academic and community

responsibilities, her prompt availability to clients is no small feat."

Kamin also has found time to give back to her profession. She is an adjunct professor at Northwestern University School of Law where she teaches the Advanced Trust and Estates class. She speaks on trust and estate topics for banks, accounting firms, and organizations such as the American Banker's Association Trust School and IICLE. And she recently authored a chapter on Asset Protection in a first-edition practice handbook for IICLE.

In addition, Kamin serves on the Board of Trustees for the Francis W. Parker School and is a member of Chicago Community Trust's Professional Advisory Council.

With her combination of community work and her successful practice, Kamin has quickly become one of the Chicago-area's top young attorneys, her peers say.

"Kim's career is rising like a rocketship. Her energy, business savvy and client relationship skills make her stand out among first-class estate planning lawyers," said Christopher Zinski, General Counsel, PrivateBancorp, Inc. "Kim is in high demand among sophisticated individual and institutional clients and is building a national reputation in short order." *