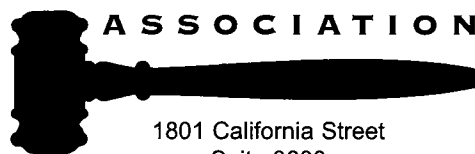


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Letters
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Via E-Mail: letters@5280.com

Dear 5280,

On behalf of the Colorado Women's Bar Association, I am writing to express our extreme disappointment that your recently published list of the fifty most influential people in Denver, *The 5280 Fifty*, contains only seven women. Your magazine sends the false message that very few women in Denver have any real influence in the community. To demonstrate that there are more than seven influential women in Denver, we have enclosed the names of more than seventy-five women who are worthy candidates for your list of *The 5280 Fifty*. It's difficult for us to imagine how you could have overlooked these influential women. We request that you consider listing many of them in a reissued list of *The 5280 Fifty*.

We also ask that 5280 consider the impact of its false message on the community. To the worthy women who were omitted, you have said that they are not up to par, despite their extraordinary leadership and commitment to their causes. To the young women of Denver, you have said that they will not find many influential women mentors in their community. To your broader readership, you have said that Denver is not a welcoming place for successful, powerful women. Your message is tremendously disheartening to the women of Denver and the men who support our achievements.

Quite simply, the city portrayed in *The 5280 Fifty* is not an accurate reflection of Denver. We request that in future issues of 5280, you present a list of individuals that accurately represents the diverse community of Denver and include all of the successful women influencing this great city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria V. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Victoria V. Johnson, President
Colorado Women's Bar Association