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17 Influential Business Women

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- ▶ **BIRTHPLACE:** Los Angeles
- ▶ **EDUCATION:** B.A. in international affairs, Florida State University; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
- ▶ **FUN FACT:** "I'm an avid CrossFitter, off-road mountain biker, and busy mother of two boys, who play way too many sports," she says.

Asked to identify an influential businesswoman who has touched her life, Hildy Sastre balks.

"There are so many women that I admire, I cannot just list a few," she says.

"Since I have been practicing law, I have watched women excel in what was once a

male-dominated profession," she says. "That makes me incredibly proud."

But her own success begins with those who have given her a chance. There was her single mother, who had virtually no resources or support and older siblings to care for, but "she was able to instill in me a desire to succeed."

There was her firm, Shook Hardy & Bacon, which provided her with the opportunities to succeed – well beyond the typical secondary or supporting roles women had been offered, as well as others central to her life.

"I have been the beneficiary of my firm's and clients' forward thinking," she says.

"Additionally, my husband, Michael, has always been supportive of my choices. I could not agree to try cases that last weeks to months long, almost always out of town, without 100 percent of his encouragement."

Yet, she has been her own best supporter, as well. Sastre believes people can accomplish anything they truly set their minds to.

"This is true for most of life. People are self-limiting by nature. This does not mean that I can win the Boston Marathon, but it does mean that I can run in it," she says. "We should all take on tasks that are new and seem impossible. Everyone is capable of accomplishing more than they think they can."



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