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It's been a very good year for women in Washington.

Three are on the US Supreme Court, the first woman has been elected Episcopal bishop of Washington, and a female Secretary of State has better poll numbers than her boss, the President of the United States. ¶ So many women are in powerful positions in Washington today that selecting the top 100 is more challenging than ever. We could have filled the list with women in high places in the federal government and on Capitol Hill alone. ¶ Still, if women are now free to achieve their way to the top, why are there so few female corporate CEOs and university presidents in the Washington area? And a woman occupant of the Oval Office still seems a long shot. ¶ We celebrate the accomplishments of the women who've made it to the top—while recognizing that a few panes still remain in the glass ceiling. **By Leslie Milk**

LOCAL PUBLIC POWERS

Valerie Ervin, Montgomery County Council president, has steered the body through rough budget waters, including taking on public-employee unions.

Virginia tech boom has led the region's most influential technology group for more than a decade.

Barbara Krumsiek, chair and CEO of Calvert Investments, is a community power and a leader of the socially conscious investment community.

Barbara Lang, president and CEO, DC Chamber of Commerce. An outspoken advocate of improving the District's business climate, Lang has given the once-sleepy local chamber renewed visibility.

Carol Melton, executive vice president for global public policy at Time Warner, started out at the company, jumped to Viacom as its top lobbyist for eight years, then retuned to TW. She's also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Beverly Perry, senior vice president for external affairs at Pepco, is former chairman of the Washington Convention Center Authority.

Heather Podesta, founder, Heather Podesta & Partners, is a policy wonk with a flair for fundraising—and her Obama connections guarantee her a seat at most tables.

Linda Rabbitt, founder and CEO of Rand Construction Corporation and chairman of the Federal City Council, is former chair of the Greater Washington Board of Trade and one of the most powerful women in the business community.

Education

Susan Aldridge, president of the University of Maryland University College, is a pioneer in distance learning. Among the awards UMUC has racked up, its online MBA program won the Instructional Technology Council's 2010 award for Outstanding eLearning Program.

Charlene M. Dukes, president, Prince George's Community College. The first woman to head PGCC, Dukes also serves on the Maryland State Board of Education.

Jessica P. Einhorn, dean, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. The first SAIS graduate to serve as its dean, Einhorn oversaw SAIS's first master's program in international studies in China. She'll step down in June.

Kaya Henderson, chancellor of DC public schools, has kept up the momentum of school reform without Michelle Rhee's inflammatory rhetoric.

Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity University, has grown the school from a small Catholic women's college into an innovative higher-education system for students of all ages and backgrounds. McGuire has considerable clout in the business community, too.

DeRionne Pollard, president of Montgomery College, took over after several rocky years for MC. She's counting on new bioscience facilities to offer greater employment opportunities for MC graduates.

Law

Lisa Blatt, a partner at Arnold & Porter, heads the firm's Appellate and Supreme Court practice. She and Patricia Millett of Akin Gump have argued more cases before the high court than any other women in private practice.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, associate justice of the US Supreme Court, may look frail, but she's a tough questioner and an unwavering anchor for the liberal side of the bench.

Marcia Greenberger, founder and co-president, National Women's Law Center. One of the godmothers of the women's movement, she's still a powerful advocate for employment rights.

Elena Kagan, associate justice, US Supreme Court. The newest and youngest justice trod softly in her first term, but the former solicitor general and dean of Harvard Law School will have plenty of time on the top bench to flex her judicial muscles.

Carolyn Lamm, partner at White & Case, in 2009 became the first Washington lawyer to head the American Bar Association since the 1950s. She remains a powerful voice for her profession in policy circles.

Patricia Ann Millett, partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, co-heads her firm's appellate practice. A former assistant to the