## NJBIZ Winners Circle Honoree

## **Individual**

NJBIZ AWARD RECOGNITION: POWER 100 (2018)

## **Kelly Crawford**

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Concentrating her practice in complex litigation involving mass torts, products liability defense and complex

commercial matters, Crawford has extensive experience representing clients that manufacture and market pharmaceutical products and medical devices and has served as defense liaison counsel and trial counsel. She frequently works with global and national counsel to accomplish client goals. In addition to her litigation practice, she has served as head of the firm's pro bono committee and assists associates handling pro bono litigation matters.

Where has your career taken you since you were honored? I have not changed career paths. But I and my work teams have learned to work through adversity and to overcome stresses and challenges in creative and positive ways. Much of this will pave a new and better way to be productive moving forward.

What have you learned since winning your award? The past five years have brought about significant change. What has become crystal clear, particularly from the past three years of social turmoil and the impact of the pandemic, is the importance of human interaction. We must learn to respect the unique needs, perspectives and potential of all humans with whom we interact. And we need to do so without cancelling those with whom we disagree.

Any new experiences/updates you would like to share? There have been many personal changes and challenges since 2018. Lost a parent, gained a parent/part-time resident, lost pets, gained pets. Became empty nesters, and are now witnessing the transition to full-blown offspring "adulting."