Stepping up on Capitol Hill is Midtown West resident Jane Maharam.

She is making history.

"Janie's Law" (HR 610), dubbed after Jane, is in the 111th Congress of the United States of America. The legislation is endorsed by an impressive list of congressmen including Midtown West Representative Jerrold Nadler.

"Janie's Law" will "amend Title 18, United States Code, to strengthen enforcement of spouse court-ordered property distributions..." It will give Federal power to stop spouses or ex-spouses from wrongfully stealing marital property across state lines.

Above and beyond Jane's work in Congress is a textured journey.

On June 15, 1983, Jane's husband of 31 years renounced their home and fled New York State with Jane's marital assets, such as cash, jewelry, investments, art, furniture and collectibles along with the proceeds from a multi-million dollar secret lay-out of their leading textiles business. Within hours, Jane's bank accounts were cleared out and charge accounts closed.

In a galvanizing moment, Jane's world changed forever.

Saddled with the shock and responsibilities to stand tall beside her two children, Jane maintained a stability to see that her children achieve their goals.

All the while Jane was on a path to retrieve her stolen marital estate, ultimately becoming a lawyer.

Jane rose above adversity. She didn't walk away or feel sorry for herself, but rather learned and grew from it. The challenge was tremendous for the wheels of justice turned slowly.

Although Jane received an immediate divorce, it took until 1990 for the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to take place. It wasn't until that time, Jane received the Court Orders to have her marital assets returned.

Jane's ex-husband did not obey the Court's directive to return her marital estate. He is on the lam.

Unfortunately, there are no warning signs on bullet boards at the courthouse, nor information given from Judges or Attorneys that something like this can happen.

Following procedures, Jane received a warrant for her ex-husband's arrest from the New York Supreme Court, only to learn that the warrant was ineffective over a state line.

Exhausting all remedies, a bright light began to shine on the loophole in the law. Jane Mahaman is the first person to effectively bring legislation through the doors of Congress and show that it is mandatory to achieve Federal Enforcement of the initiating state warrant.

It took years of research, conversations with Judges, law enforcement agencies, sheriffs, lawyers, government officials and others to understand fully what needed to be done.

One lady's journey became justice for all. As Jane and her daughter traveled state to state, appearing on television and raising public awareness, it was confirmed that this loophole was affecting many many people in America.

Today, Jane's children achieved their goals and are Midtown West residents.

Her son is a sports medicine physician.

Her grandson is in medical school.

Her daughter is a successful jazz pianist and established literary writer with her music having been on the national pop charts and works featured around the world.

At 79 years of age, Jane Maharam continues to climb the steps on Capitol Hill and she's always warmly greeted by congress people who agree, "Janie's Law" is a powerful piece of legislation.

Renowned attorney Gloria Allred says: "I enthusiastically support 'Janie's Law' and feel that this legislation will be important in assisting individuals whose spouses or former spouses are attempting to avoid compliance with court-ordered property distributions by crossing state lines. The current lack of enforcement of such court orders mandating division of marital property is ruining countless lives. I feel that if enacted, 'Janie's Law' could bring untold numbers of deceased spouses and ex-spouses to justice."

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Jane's Law: One Lady's Journey