

Hannah Ross Named One of “Top 250 Women in Litigation” in U.S. by *Benchmark Litigation*

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In its annual ranking dedicated to honoring the accomplishments of “America’s leading female trial lawyers,” *Benchmark Litigation* has selected BLB&G partner Hannah Ross as one of its “Top 250 Women in Litigation” in 2014.

Ms. Ross was recognized as one of the “stars on the securities litigation front” for her role as “a key member of the team that successfully prosecuted *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which resulted in the landmark settlement of \$2.43 billion shortly before trial, one of the largest recoveries ever obtained.” Her selection as a “distinguished female litigator” was based primarily on targeted research completed during the U.S. *Benchmark Litigation* review process. Peer review and the overall depth of her litigation career were also considered.

In addition to her work in *Bank of America*, Ms. Ross also led the prosecution against Washington Mutual, an action which settled for \$208.5 million and represents one of the largest settlements achieved in a case related to the fallout of the subprime crisis and the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in the Western District of Washington. She was also a key member of the team prosecuting *In re The Mills Corporation Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$202.75 million, the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in Virginia and the second largest recovery ever in the Fourth Circuit. Among other matters, Ms. Ross prosecuted the securities class action against New Century Financial Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), as well as *In re Tronox Securities Litigation*; *In re Delphi Corporation Securities Litigation*; *In re Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. Derivative Litigation*; *In re Nortel Networks Corporation Securities Litigation*; and *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

She is currently prosecuting a number of high-profile securities class actions, including the litigations arising from the collapse of former leading brokerage firm MF Global and the failure of major mid-Atlantic bank Wilmington Trust.