

Benchmark Again Names Hannah Ross One of “Top 250 Women in Litigation” in U.S.

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For the second year in a row, *Benchmark Litigation* has selected BLB&G partner Hannah Ross as one of its “Top 250 Women in Litigation” in 2015. This annual ranking is dedicated to honoring the accomplishments of “America’s leading female trial lawyers.”

According to *Benchmark*, Ms. Ross “‘earns top marks, especially for her young age’ in her securities fraud and shareholders’ rights practice.” 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.

Ms. Ross was a key partner on the trial team that 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.” She also played a critical role in the securities litigations against *Nortel Networks*, which recovered \$1.07 billion for investors, also one of the top recoveries in history; *Washington Mutual*, which settled for \$208.5 million and represents one of the largest recoveries achieved in a case related to the subprime crisis and the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in the Western District of Washington; and *The Mills Corporation*, which settled for \$203 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 was a key member of teams that obtained hundreds of millions of dollars for investors in securities class actions against New Century Financial Corporation and 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* 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.