

Benchmark Once Again Names Hannah Ross One of Top U.S. Women Litigators in 2018

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For the fifth consecutive year, *Benchmark Litigation* has recognized BLB&G partner Hannah Ross as one of the nation's top female litigators in its annual *Top 250 Women in Litigation* publication.

This annual ranking recognizes "the most distinguished women in the world of litigation" following an extensive six-month research process that included a thorough review of their professional achievements, individual peer interviews, and client feedback. According to *Benchmark*, Ms. Ross' selection is indicative of her status "amongst the leading female litigators by participating in some of the most impactful litigation matters in recent history as well as by earning the hard-won respect of their peers and clients."

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. Most recently, Ms. Ross was the lead partner in the securities class action arising from the failure of major mid-Atlantic bank Wilmington Trust, which settled for \$210 million and is pending Court approval. She was also a senior member of the trial team that prosecuted the case against MF Global, which recovered \$234.3 million on behalf of investors. Among numerous other high-profile matters, Ms. Ross 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 \$217 million 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, one of the largest recoveries ever achieved in a securities class action in Virginia and in the Fourth Circuit.