

Hannah Ross



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Hannah is involved in a variety of the firm's litigation practice areas, focusing in particular on securities fraud, shareholder rights and other complex commercial matters. She has over two decades of experience as a civil and criminal litigator, and represents the firm's institutional investor clients as counsel in a number of major pending actions.

A key member and leader of trial teams that have recovered billions of dollars for investors, Hannah is widely recognized by industry observers for her professional achievements. *Euromoney/Legal Media Group* named her one of the top female litigators in the country (1 of 9 finalists for its "Best in Litigation" category). Named a "Litigation Star," a "Top U.S. Woman Litigator" and one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" in the nation by *Benchmark Litigation*, she has earned praise as one of the elite in the field. She has been recognized by *The National Law Journal* as a member of the "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar" list for two consecutive years and as a "Litigation & Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer," named a New York "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuter's *Super Lawyers* magazine, and honored as a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar" by legal newswire *Law360*. She has been named to an exclusive group of notable practitioners by *Legal 500 US* for her achievements, to the list of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" and the list of "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" compiled by leading industry publication *Lawdragon*.

In addition to her direct litigation responsibilities, she is one of the senior partners at the firm responsible for client development and client relations. A significant part of her practice is dedicated to initial case evaluation and counseling the firm's institutional investor clients on potential claims. Hannah is also one of the partners who oversees the firm's Global Securities and Litigation Monitoring Team, which monitors global equities traded in non-U.S. jurisdictions on prospective and pending international securities matters. In that capacity, she advises the firm's institutional investor clients on their options to recover losses incurred on securities purchased in non-U.S. markets. Hannah is the Chair of the firm's Diversity Committee and Co-Chair of the firm's Forum for Institutional Investors and Women's Forum. She serves on the Corporate Leadership Committee of the New York Women's Foundation and recently concluded a three-year term on the Council of Institutional Investors' Market Advisory Council.

Hannah was a senior member of the team that prosecuted *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a landmark settlement shortly before trial of \$2.425 billion, one of the largest securities recoveries ever obtained, and by far the largest recovery achieved in a litigation arising from the financial crisis. Most recently, she 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. Hannah was also a senior member of the trial team that prosecuted the litigation arising from the collapse of former leading brokerage MF Global, which recovered \$234.3 million on behalf of investors. In addition, she led the prosecution against Washington Mutual and certain of its former officers and directors for alleged fraudulent conduct in the thrift's home lending operations, an action which settled for \$216.75 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. Hannah was also a key member of the team prosecuting *In re The Mills Corporation Securities Litigation*, which settled for \$202.75 million, one of the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in Virginia and the Fourth Circuit.

She has been a member of the trial teams in numerous other major securities litigations resulting in recoveries for investors in excess of \$6 billion. These include securities class actions against Nortel Networks, New Century Financial

Corporation, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), as well as *In re Altisource Portfolio Solutions S.A. Securities Litigation*, *In re DFC Global Corp. Securities Litigation*, *In re Tronox Securities Litigation*, *In re Delphi Corporation Securities Litigation*, *In re Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, *In re OM Group, Inc. Securities Litigation*, and *In re BioScrip, Inc. Securities Litigation*.

Hannah has also served as an adjunct faculty member in the trial advocacy program at the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Before joining BLB&G, Hannah was a prosecutor in the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office as well as an Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex County (Massachusetts) District Attorney’s Office.

Education

- Penn State Dickinson School of Law, J.D., 1998, Woolsack Honor Society; Comments Editor, *Dickinson Law Review*; D. Arthur Magaziner Human Services Award
- Cornell University, B.A., 1995

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

News

- February 1, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Attorneys to 2021 500 Leading Lawyers in America List
- November 30, 2020 - *Law360* Interviews BLB&G Partners Hannah Ross and Sal Graziano for Profile on the Firm’s Selection as “Practice Group of the Year”
- June 18, 2018 - *Columbia Law Review* Article on Sexual Harassment and Corporate Law Cites BLB&G’s Celebrated 21st Century Fox Litigation
- December 15, 2017 - *Lawdragon* Profiles Hannah Ross in “Lawyer Limelight” Q&A
- May 10, 2017 - Hannah Ross Featured by *Law360* Discussing Plaintiffs’ Bar Perspective on Securities Litigation
- October 10, 2012 - *The New York Times* Profiles Max Berger and BLB&G - “Investors’ Billion-Dollar Fraud Fighter”
- January 2008 - BLB&G Announces New Partners and Senior Counsel for 2008

Awards

- October 7, 2020 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2021 Guide
- September 20, 2020 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2020 New York Metro Edition
- August 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2020 Edition of the “500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers” List
- August 2020 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names Hannah Ross One of Top U.S. Women Litigators in 2020
- April 2020 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Named One of 2020 “Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar” by *The National Law Journal*
- March 12, 2020 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Attorneys to *500 Leading Lawyers in America* List and Inducts Founding Partner Max Berger into its “Hall of Fame”
- November 19, 2019 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Named One of “Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar” by *The National Law Journal*
- September 2019 - *Lawdragon* Names 20 BLB&G Attorneys Among its “500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers” list
- September 2019 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2019 New York Metro Edition
- August 2019 - *Benchmark* Again Names Hannah Ross One of Top U.S. Women Litigators in 2019

- July 2019 - Seven BLB&G Partners Named Among the “500 Leading Lawyers in America” by *Lawdragon*
- May 2019 - *The National Law Journal* Names Salvatore Graziano and Hannah Ross 2019 Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers
- May 7, 2019 - Hannah Ross Named a "Titan of the Plaintiffs' Bar" by Law360
- October 2018 - *Benchmark* Names Seven BLB&G Partners as Litigation Stars
- October 2018 - *Benchmark* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation
- October 2018 - 20 BLB&G Attorneys Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2018 New York Metro Edition
- April 30, 2018 - Hannah Ross Again Selected as One of the Nation’s Top Female Litigators by Euromoney – Americas Women in Business Law Awards
- March 2018 - *Lawdragon* Again Names Six BLB&G Partners Among the “500 Leading Lawyers in America”
- November 2017 - *Lawdragon* Again Names Five BLB&G Partners Among the “500 Leading Lawyers in America”
- October 2017 - *Benchmark* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation

Events

- April 6, 2021 - BLB&G Hosts the Third Women's Forum Virtual Event
- March 23, 2021 - Hannah Ross To Speak on NCPERS Webinar: "A Decade After The Deception: Are We Destined To Repeat The 2008 Financial Crisis?"
- September 10, 2020 - BLB&G Hosts Second Women's Forum Virtual Event
- June 18, 2020 - BLB&G's Women's Forum Virtual Event
- May 15, 2020 - Partner Hannah Ross Serves as Panelist on NCPERS Webinar, “Protecting Your Investment from Corporate Misconduct in a Time of Emergency”
- March 11, 2016 - Hannah Ross Participates in PLI’s Securities Offerings 2016 Seminar
- May 10-11, 2011 - Mark Lebovitch and Hannah Ross Participate in the 7th Annual National Directors & Officers Liability Insurance ExecuSummit

Cases

- Affiliated Computer Services, Inc.
- Altisource Portfolio Solutions S.A.
- AnaptysBio, Inc.
- Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Merger Litigation
- BioScrip, Inc.
- DFC Global Corporation
- Delphi Corporation
- EQT Corporation
- Energy Transfer LP
- FirstEnergy
- Freddie Mac
- HP Inc.
- MF Global Holdings Limited Securities Litigation
- MGP Ingredients, Inc.
- Mattel, Inc.
- Mills Corporation
- Myriad Genetics, Inc.
- New Century Financial Corporation
- Novo Nordisk
- Om Group, Inc.
- Ryder System, Inc.
- SMART Technologies, Inc.
- Six Flags Entertainment Corporation

- SolarWinds Corporation
- UnitedHealth Group, Inc.
- Washington Mutual, Inc.
- Wilmington Trust