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Catherine's practice concentrates on class action settlement administration. She has extensive experience in complex litigation and litigation management, having overseen attorney teams in many of the firm's most high-profile cases. Fluent in Dutch, she has served as the lead investigator and led discovery efforts in actions involving international corporations and financial institutions headquartered in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Prior to joining BLB&G, Catherine focused on complex litigation initiated by institutional investors and the Federal Government. She has worked on litigation and investigations related to regulatory enforcement actions, corporate governance and compliance matters as well as conducted extensive discovery in English and Dutch in cross-border litigation.

Catherine is a champion of social change and justice, particularly for immigrant and refugee women and children. In 2020, as a member of the New City Bar Association's United Nations Committee and African Affairs Committee, she spearheaded organizing the highly successful and widely-praised New York City Bar's International Law Conference on the Status of Women, Pro Bono Engagement Fair and EPIQ Women Awards and Huntington Her Hero Awards, featuring the Under Secretary and Special Representative to the Secretary General of the United Nations for the Prevention of Violence Against Women and other prominent, progressive women's advocates from the New York Legal Community.

A committed humanitarian, Catherine was honored as the 2018 Ambassador Medalist at the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards for Outstanding Public Service for her international humanitarian and *pro bono* work with refugees. The Jefferson Awards, issued by the Jefferson Awards Foundation that was founded by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, are awarded by state governors and are considered America's highest honor for public service bestowed by the United States Senate. Catherine was also honored in Princeton, New Jersey by her high school alma mater, Stuart Country Day School, in its 2018 Distinguished Alumnae Gallery for her humanitarian and *pro bono* efforts on behalf of women and children afflicted by war in Iraq and Syria.

Catherine is an active member of the American Bar Association, New York Bar Association, New York City Bar Association, New Jersey Bar Association and the National Association of Women Lawyers. As part of her *pro bono* legal work, she serves on two Boards of international NGOs serving refugees and internally displaced persons in the Middle East and Africa and actively mentors minority business owners in the New York City area on legal issues impacting their businesses.

Catherine clerked for the Honorable Mary M. McVeigh in the Superior Court of New Jersey where she was also trained as a court-certified mediator. While in law school she was a legal intern at the Center for Social Justice's Immigration Law Clinic at Seton Hall University School of Law.

Education

- Indiana University, B.A., Political Science, 1988
- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 1998

Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Awards

- June 5, 2018 - Catherine van Kampen Recognized for Her Outstanding Public Service at the New Jersey Governor's Jefferson Awards

Events

- March 9, 2020 - Lauren McMillen Ormsbee To Serve as Moderator at International Law Conference of the Status of Women
- March 9, 2020 - Lauren Ormsbee and Catherine van Kampen Speakers at the International Law Conference on the Status of Women