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Hannah Ross, a BLB&G partner and member of the firm's Executive Committee, has more than 25 years of experience as a civil and criminal litigator. In addition to prosecuting securities fraud, corporate governance, and other forms of shareholder litigation on behalf of BLB&G's institutional investor clients, Hannah dedicates a significant part of her practice to counseling the firm's clients on potential claims in both U.S. and non-U.S. jurisdictions. She practices out of the firm's New York office.

A former prosecutor in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and Assistant District Attorney in the Middlesex County (Massachusetts) District Attorney's Office, Hannah is a fierce litigator who fights to maximize recoveries for investors injured by corporate fraud and malfeasance. She has been a leader and key member of trial teams that have recovered billions of dollars for BLB&G's clients and other investors through shareholder litigation. Most recently, Hannah was a leader of the BLB&G team that recovered more than \$2 billion for 35 institutions that invested in the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds.

Among the many highlights of Hannah's career are several cases against some of the largest U.S. banking institutions, including several that collapsed in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis:

- *In re Bank of America Securities Litigation*: Prosecuting the securities fraud class action against Bank of America, 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 2008 financial crisis.
- *In re Wells Fargo & Company Securities Litigation*: Co-leading the team that prosecuted the securities class action against Wells Fargo, which resulted in a historic \$1 billion recovery for investors—the top U.S. securities class action recovery in 2023.
- *In re MF Global Holdings Limited Securities Litigation*: Serving as a senior member of the trial team that prosecuted the litigation arising from the collapse of former leading brokerage MF Global, recovering \$234.3 million for injured investors.
- *In re Washington Mutual, Inc., Securities Litigation*: Leading the prosecution against Washington Mutual and certain of its former officers and directors for alleged fraudulent conduct in the company's home lending operations, an action which settled for \$216.75 million—one of the largest recoveries 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.

- *In re Wilmington Trust Securities Litigation*: Serving as lead partner in the securities class action arising from the failure of major mid-Atlantic bank Wilmington Trust, achieving a \$210 million recovery.

Hannah's litigation experience also includes prosecuting the seminal securities fraud class action against Nortel Networks, in which the firm obtained a \$1.07 billion recovery for investors—among the top 12 U.S. securities class action recoveries of all time. She also prosecuted the securities fraud class action against Freddie Mac, securing a \$410 million recovery for investors—one of the top 50 U.S. securities class action recoveries ever.

Beyond her litigation responsibilities, Hannah is a leader at BLB&G and in the public pension fund community at large. She serves as co-chair of the firm's Forum for Institutional Investors and Women's Forum. She also 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. She is an active member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys and has also served as an adjunct faculty member in the trial advocacy program at the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University.

Hannah is widely recognized by industry observers for her professional achievements. *Chambers USA* has recognized Hannah as a "notable practitioner" in the Nationwide Securities Litigation Plaintiff category. She has also been 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*; recognized by *The National Law Journal* as an "Elite Woman of the Plaintiffs' Bar" three times and as a "Litigation & Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer"; named a New York "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* magazine; honored as a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar" by *Law360*; named one of the top female litigators in the country by *Euromoney/Legal Media Group*; named to an exclusive group of practitioners by *The Legal 500*; and included on *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Lawyers in America," "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers," and "Legends" lists.

Hannah received her J.D. from Penn State Dickinson School of Law, where she was a member of the Woolsack Honor Society, received the D. Arthur Magaziner Human Services Award, and served as Comments Editor for the *Dickinson Law Review*. She received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Cornell University.

Education

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

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

News

- January 10, 2025 - Statement from Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP on the Los Angeles Wildfires

- December 12, 2024 - BLB&G Secures Two Rare U.S. Supreme Court Victories, Clearing the Way for Shareholder Claims Against NVIDIA and Facebook
- November 13, 2024 - Senior Partner Hannah Ross Reflects on Career and Family in *Lawdragon* Article "Sister Act"
- February 27, 2024 - BLB&G Profiled as a *Law360* "Securities Group of the Year"
- September 8, 2023 - BLB&G Receives Approval of a Landmark \$1 Billion Settlement for Shareholders in Wells Fargo Securities Class Action
- May 16, 2023 - BLB&G Secures a Historic \$1 Billion Settlement for Shareholders in Wells Fargo Securities Class Action
- February 17, 2022 - BLB&G Announces Appointment of Hannah Ross to Executive Committee
- 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"
- 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

Publications

- December 1, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Shares Career Insights as Part of *The National Law Journal's* Profile Series Honoring Plaintiffs Bar Leaders

Awards

- April 18, 2025 - Eight Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" List
- March 7, 2025 - BLB&G Recognized as a Leading Plaintiff Law Firm in Latest ISS SCAS "Top 50" Report
- January 10, 2025 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon* 2025 "500 Leading Lawyers in America" List
- October 24, 2024 - BLB&G Partners and Associates Recognized as Leading Attorneys by *Super Lawyers*
- October 3, 2024 - BLB&G Named Top Plaintiffs Firm and Several Partners Honored in *Benchmark Litigation's* 2025 Guide
- September 16, 2024 - Eleven Partners Named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Litigators in America" List
- August 21, 2024 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "Top 250 Women in Litigation" List
- August 1, 2024 - BLB&G Partners Hannah Ross and Katie Sinderson Honored for Mentor & Mentee Collaboration in *Law.com* Women, Influence and Power in Law Awards 2024

- June 17, 2024 - BLB&G Achieves Tier 1 Status in *Legal 500* USA Practice Area Rankings
- June 10, 2024 - BLB&G Again Achieves Top Rankings for Securities Litigation and Delaware Chancery in Chambers USA 2024
- May 24, 2024 - All 24 BLB&G Partners Named to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- May 13, 2024 - BLB&G Achieves Top Ranking in Latest ISS SCAS "Top 50" Report
- April 8, 2024 - Seven BLB&G Partners Named to 2024 *Lawdragon* "500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers" List
- January 17, 2024 - Nine BLB&G Partners Named in *Lawdragon's* 2024 Edition of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- October 24, 2023 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2024 Guide
- August 8, 2023 - Benchmark Litigation Names Hannah Ross One of Top U.S. Women Litigators for Tenth Consecutive Year
- June 22, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Named to *Crain's* 2023 "Notable Women in Law"
- June 1, 2023 - *Chambers* Again Ranks BLB&G Top Securities Litigation Firm with Band 1 Rankings in All Categories
- May 26, 2023 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2023 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List
- May 19, 2023 - BLB&G Named ALM's "Litigator of the Week"

Events

- February 21, 2025 - BLB&G to Host FBC CLE Women's History Month Event on Mentorship and Career Success
- March 15, 2024 - BLB&G Celebrates Women's International Legal Efforts at NCYBA's 5th Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- March 7, 2024 - BLB&G's Hannah Ross and Catherine van Kampen to Speak at NYCBA's 5th Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women
- October 10, 2023 - BLB&G to Host U.S. Class Action and Governance Litigation Conference in Frankfurt
- July 6, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross to Speak at NCTR Annual Trustee Workshop Panel, "ESG – A Different Way to Look at the Issue and How Trustees Can Talk About It"
- May 11, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross to Speak on NCPERS Annual Conference Panel
- March 22, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross to Speak on "How Retirement Systems Drive Corporate Governance Reforms" at TEXPERS
- January 18, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross to Speak at FPPTA Winter Trustee School
- October 14, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Speaks at NCTR's 100th Annual Conference

- October 12, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Presented "Identifying and Analyzing Securities Fraud During Periods of Market Volatility" at GAPPT 2022 Eighth Annual Trustee School
- September 9, 2022 - BLB&G's Hannah Ross, John Rizio-Hamilton, Rebecca Boon, and Hans EK To Speak at "ESG Disclosure through the Lens of Litigation," hosted by The Global Risk Institute and McMillan LLP
- June 13, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross to Speak at NAPPA 2022 Legal Education Conference
- May 18, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross to Speak at PAPERS Spring Forum
- February 22, 2022 - Hannah Ross Serves as Panelist at the LATEC Investment Education Symposium
- October 13, 2021 - Hannah Ross Speaks At NCTR's Annual Conference
- September 13, 2021 - Hannah Ross and Tony Gelderman Present at LAPERS Annual Seminar on "Fiduciary Duties of Pension Fund Trustees for Oversight of Cybersecurity"
- April 6, 2021 - BLB&G Hosts Third Women's Forum Virtual Event
- March 23, 2021 - Hannah Ross Speaks on NCPERS Webinar: "A Decade After The Deception: Are We Destined To Repeat The 2008 Financial Crisis?"
- October 13, 2020 - Hannah Ross Serves as Panelist at the FPPTA Trustee School Virtual Summit on Securities Litigation
- September 21, 2020 - Hannah Ross Serves as Panelist on Virtual GAPPT Panel