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Hannah Ross has over two decades of experience as a civil and criminal litigator. A former prosecutor, she has been 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, including by the leading industry ranking guide *Chambers USA*, in which she was recognized as a "notable practitioner" in the Nationwide Securities Litigation Plaintiff 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. Hannah has been named to *Crain's* "Notable Women in Law," an honor highlighting women at the pinnacle of their profession whose impact radiates well beyond the clients they serve. Hannah has been recognized by *The National Law Journal* as a member of the "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs' Bar" list three times and as a "Litigation & Plaintiffs' Lawyer Trailblazer," named a New York "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuter's Super Lawyers magazine, honored as a "Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar" by legal newswire *Law360*, and named one of the top female litigators in the country (1 of 9 finalists for its "Best in Litigation" category) by *Euromoney/Legal Media Group*. She has also been named to an exclusive group of notable practitioners by *Legal 500* for her achievements, and included on the lists of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" and "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" compiled by leading industry publication *Lawdragon*.

Hannah is a member of the firm's Executive Committee. 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 led the BLB&G team that recovered over \$2 billion for 35 institutions that invested in the Allianz Structured Alpha Funds. She 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, 1998, J.D., Woosack Honor Society; Comments Editor, *Dickinson Law Review*; D. Arthur Magaziner Human Services Award
- Cornell University, 1995, B.A., *cum laude*

Admissions

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

News

- 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

- 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"
- February 6, 2023 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Named a 2023 *Lawdragon* Legend
- January 13, 2023 - Ten BLB&G Partners Named in *Lawdragon's* 2023 Edition of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- October 3, 2022 - *Benchmark Litigation* Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2023 Guide
- August 8, 2022 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names Hannah Ross One of Top U.S. Women Litigators in 2022
- July 11, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to the 2022 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List

- June 9, 2022 - The *Legal 500* Again Ranks BLB&G a National Tier 1 Firm for Securities Litigation and M&A Litigation
- June 1, 2022 - *Chambers* Again Ranks BLB&G Top Securities Litigation Firm
- May 11, 2022 - BLB&G Partner Hannah Ross Named to 2022 List of "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" by *The National Law Journal*
- February 18, 2022 - *Lawdragon* Names Nine BLB&G Partners to 2022 Edition of "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- October 5, 2021 - *Benchmark Litigation* Again Names BLB&G One of the Top Firms in the Nation in 2022 Guide
- August 18, 2021 - *Lawdragon* Names BLB&G Partners to The 2021 Edition of the "500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" List

Events

- 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
- September 10, 2020 - BLB&G Hosts Second Women's Forum Virtual Event