

# Veronica V. Montenegro

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Veronica V. Montenegro prosecutes securities fraud and shareholder rights litigation on behalf of the firm's institutional clients.

Veronica comes to BLB&G with over a decade of experience practicing plaintiffs' side securities litigation, most recently serving as Of Counsel at a prestigious securities class action firm. During her time there, Veronica represented clients alleging fraud under the federal securities laws, most notably acting as the lead Of Counsel in two high-profile securities class actions against a car manufacturer and a pharmaceutical company. Previously, Veronica was the lead associate in an action alleging common law fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud against panel banks embroiled in the LIBOR rigging scandal. In 2020 and 2021, Veronica was recognized as a Super Lawyers® Rising Star.

Veronica began her career as an Assistant Attorney General in the Investor Protection Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General, prosecuting fraud under the Martin Act, New York's blue sky securities law. For seven years she led investigations of Martin Act violations and common law fraud involving various sophisticated instruments and practices such as auction-rate-securities, residential-mortgage-backed-securities, foreign exchanges, Ponzi schemes and securitizations. In recognition of her work as a member of the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Working Group, Veronica received the Louis Lefkowitz Award for Exceptional Service.

Veronica earned her J.D. from Fordham School of Law and her B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science and Latin American Studies from NYU.

## Education

- Fordham University School of Law, 2008, J.D.
- New York University, 2004, B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, Latin American Studies

## Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York

- United States District Court for the District of Colorado

## Languages

- Fluent in Spanish
- Conversational French
- Conversational Portuguese

## News

- August 15, 2023 - BLB&G Achieves Significant Trial Victory in Helping Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Shareholders Recoup \$612 Million in Class Action Against U.S. Federal Housing Finance Agency

## 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 24, 2023 - BLB&G Celebrates Women's International Legal Efforts at NYCBA Conference