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With more than 35 years of experience, Mary Gill is the senior woman in Alston & Bird's Securities Litigation Group. She has been lead counsel in securities, financial services, and complex transaction-related litigation across the country. Mary is highly experienced in representing companies and financial institutions and their officers and directors in litigation, investigations, and enforcement actions by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and other regulatory agencies. As a member of the executive committee, she helped lead the Enron investigation on behalf of the Bankruptcy Examiner.

Mary is a member of the Steering Committee of the Diversity Committee and is the past chair of Alston & Bird's Partners Committee and Alston & Bird's Women's Initiative. She has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2009 in Litigation—Banking & Finance Law, Litigation—Regulatory Enforcement, and Litigation—Securities. In 2013, *Best Lawyers*® named Mary “Lawyer of the Year” in Atlanta for Regulatory Enforcement and “Top Rated Lawyer in Commercial Litigation,” and in 2020 she was named “Lawyer of the Year” for Litigation – Securities. She has been selected as one of the “Top 50 Women” lawyers in Georgia in *Georgia Super Lawyers* magazine.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to directors and officers of distressed or closed financial institutions in California, Iowa, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, and Puerto Rico.
- Lead trial counsel to the founder and former CEO of a public health care company in a securities and accounting fraud trial that resulted in a defense verdict after a five-week trial.
- Defended a public telecommunications company in litigation challenging a pending \$800 million merger.
- Representing a hedge fund and its investment adviser in a federal court action filed by the SEC alleging misrepresentation and manipulation of trading in violation of federal securities laws.
- Counsel to a Fortune 500 public company in an investigation by the SEC arising from a whistleblower's allegations of improper revenue recognition, resulting in no action taken by the SEC.
- Counsel to a former general counsel of a bank in two independent FDIC enforcement proceedings, resulting in no action taken by the FDIC.
- Counsel to a Fortune 500 public company in conducting an internal investigation arising from a whistleblower's allegations and related derivative and shareholder actions.
- Counsel to a not-for-profit hospital in an SEC investigation resulting in no action taken by the SEC.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Access to Internal Investigation Records by Shareholders,” *Securities Reform Act Litigation Reporter*, Vol. 40, No. 2, November 2015.
- “Access to Internal Investigation Records by Shareholders,” *The D&O Diary*, October 7, 2015.
- “The 2015 Proxy Season: Shareholder Activism Is the ‘New Normal,’” *Inside Counsel*, March 18, 2015.
- “Claims Against Bank Officers and Directors Arising from the Financial Crisis,” *The Review of Banking & Financial Services*, Vol. 26, No. 7, July 2013.

Professional & Community Engagement

- State Bar of Georgia Business Court Committee, past chair
- State Bar of Georgia Business Litigation Subcommittee
- The Atlanta Women’s Foundation, Governance Committee, chair; board of directors (former)
- Planned Parenthood of Georgia, board of directors (former)
- Ben Franklin Academy Advisory Council, board of directors (former)
- Emory University School of Law Alumni Counsel, board of directors (former)

Education

- Emory University (J.D., 1983)
- Indiana University (B.A., 1980)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia

Related Services

Litigation | White Collar, Government & Internal Investigations | Securities Litigation | Corporate Governance
| Commercial | Corporate & Business Transactions