

Mary Beth Hickcox-Howard

Associate

Mary Beth Hickcox-Howard handles a wide range of litigation, focusing primarily on complex civil litigation and appeals. She has represented a variety of corporate and individual clients in state and federal courts across the country, as well as in arbitration proceedings.

Mary Beth is from Sleepy Hollow, New York. She graduated with honors from Wesleyan University (B.A., 2004), where she majored in The College of Social Studies and received a certificate in environmental science. She graduated with high honors from The University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2008), where she was an associate editor of Texas Law Review, a research assistant to an international law professor, and a student attorney in the Criminal Defense Clinic and the Capital Punishment Clinic. She joined Williams & Connolly after clerking for Judge M. Margaret McKeown, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and for Judge William Q. Hayes, United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Representative Experience

- Defended a global financial institution at trial and on appeal against claims of breach of fiduciary duty arising from a nationwide fraud perpetrated by the bank's predecessor's customer
- Defended oil and gas industry pioneer and exploration and production company against trade secret misappropriation claims seeking more than \$500 million in damages
- Defended internationally known consulting firm in financial services industry in labor and employment class action regarding independent foreclosure reviews performed pursuant to consent decrees with federal regulator
- Pro bono representation of prisoners challenging the federal policy of assigning non-U.S. citizens to privately-run prisons and bringing RFRA damages claims against federal officials in their personal capacities
- Represented a healthcare company in a putative class action in state court and in a related federal appeal
- Defended an Am Law 100 firm against a legal malpractice claim related to creditor protection advice



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Education

The University of Texas, J.D., with high honors, 2008: Order of the Coif; Chancellors; Associate Editor, Texas Law Review; Baron & Budd Mock Trial Tournament Champion
Wesleyan University, B.A., 2004: College of Social Studies; Certificate in Environmental Science; Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

District of Columbia
United States District Court District of Columbia
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Government Service

Intern, Judge William Wayne Justice, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, August – September 2008

- Pro bono representation in a child custody matter and a domestic violence restraining order matter

Resources

Publications

- *The Case for Pro-Choice Participation in Drafting Fetal Homicide Laws*, April 2008