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Ms. Rappaport is a partner in the firm's Litigation & Arbitration Group in New York and a former member of the firm's Global Executive Committee. Known for exceptional client service, versatility, and attention to detail, she represents some of the nation's leading financial services companies and their life insurance subsidiaries in class action and life settlement investor litigation. Some of her notable representations include:

- Defeated class certification on behalf of major life insurance companies in putative class actions challenging cost of insurance rate adjustments.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of Towers Perrin Foster & Crosby and individual defendants in connection with the firm's merger with Watson Wyatt.
- Won dismissal of claims concerning synthetic debt obligations (CDOs) on behalf of major financial institution.
- Representation of the Unsecured Creditors Committee of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. in litigation concerning derivatives and other complex financial instruments.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of closed-end fund in novel hostile takeover litigation concerning the Investment Company Act of 1940.

## **Recognition & Accomplishments**

- Recognized in Chambers New York General Commercial Litigation (2021-2024)
- Recognized in Legal 500 USA General Commercial Disputes (2024)
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America (2023-2025)
- "Litigation Star," Benchmark Litigation (2021-2025)
- Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyer of the Year, *Euromoney* Women in Business Law Awards (2020, 2022) (Award Finalist 2021, 2023, 2024)
- Recognized in Euromoney Women in Business Law Expert Guide (2021-2022)
- Sanctuary for Families Zero Tolerance Award (forthcoming 2025)
- "Women's Legal" Award, *Corporate Counsel*, Women, Influence, Power & Law Awards (2020)
- Fordham Law School Feerick Center for Social Justice "Champion of Justice" Award (2019)

- Crain's New York Business "Notable Women in Law" (2019)
- Member, Association of Life Insurance Counsel
- Member, Dean's Advisory Council, Fordham Univ. School of Law
- Member, Dean's Planning Council, Fordham Univ. School of Law
- Board Member, Fordham Law Alumni Association
- Board Member, Lincoln Square Legal Services, Inc., Fordham Univ. School of Law
- Board Member and Co-Chair of Board Advocacy Committee, Sanctuary for Families, Inc.
- Advisory Board Member, Equality Action Center, UC Law San Francisco
- Member, Women's Forum of New York
- Member, YWCA Academy of Women Leaders
- Member, Order of the Coif
- Former Member, President's Council of Cornell Women
- Former Board Member, New York County Lawyers' Association
- Former Co-Chair, Women Partners Subcommittee, Committee on Women in the Legal Profession, New York City Bar Association
- Former Adjunct Associate Professor, Fordham University School of Law

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

## EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., cum laude Cornell University, B.S.

### ADMISSIONS

New York

- New Jersey
- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US District Court for the District of New Jersey
- US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

#### CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Loretta A. Preska, US District Court for the Southern District of New York (1999-2000)

## EXPERIENCE

Antitrust	Corporate Antitru	st & Competition Law General Commercial Litiga	tion
Insurance and Reinsurance		Litigation & Arbitration	
Litigation & Arbitration Germany		Mergers, Acquisitions and Control Contests	
Securities and Commodities Litigation		n United States	

## FEATURED NEWS

Milbank Litigation Partner Stacey Rappaport to be Honored at Sanctuary for Families' 2025 Zero Tolerance Benefit

Milbank Partner Stacey Rappaport Spoke at Fordham University Law School Program

20 Milbank Lawyers Recognized in Benchmark Litigation 2025 US Guide

10 Milbank Partners Named in *Lawdragon*'s 2025 500 Leading Litigators in America Guide

Milbank to be Honored at Sanctuary for Families 2024 Above & Beyond Awards

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