



## *Meredith B. Cross*

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Meredith Cross is a partner in the Securities and Transactional Departments in the New York and Washington DC offices of WilmerHale. Ms. Cross advises public companies and their boards on disclosure and other corporate finance securities law and corporate governance matters, including SEC enforcement matters involving corporate finance issues. Ms. Cross rejoined the firm in 2013, after having served as Director of the Division of Corporation Finance of the SEC since 2009.

While serving as the Director of the Division of Corporation Finance of the SEC, Ms. Cross led the Division's efforts to implement both the Dodd-Frank Act and the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act. Under her leadership, the Division recommended close to 60 rulemaking releases to the Commission. Ms. Cross testified before Congress numerous times on a broad range of issues including corporate governance, capital formation, risk retention in asset-backed securities offerings, executive compensation oversight, and agency management and budget.

Before first joining WilmerHale in 1998, Ms. Cross served in a variety of positions in the Division of Corporation Finance at the SEC from 1990 to 1998, including Deputy Director, Associate Director (International and Small Business) and Chief Counsel. Prior to first joining the SEC staff, she was an associate and counsel at another large law firm in Atlanta from 1983–1990. She clerked for Judge Albert J. Henderson of the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (1982–1983).

Ms. Cross is a frequent speaker at securities and corporate governance law conferences. In 2023 she completed a five-year term as Co-Chair of the Practicing Law Institute's Annual Institute on Securities Regulation. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the Securities Regulation Institute, a member of the Securities Institute Advisory Committee, a Fellow in the American College of Governance Counsel, and previously served as a member of the ABA Corporate Laws Committee. She is President of the SEC Historical Society and a member of its Board of Trustees and a member of the Board of Governors of the Wilmer Eye

Institute at Johns Hopkins. Ms. Cross also serves as a member of the Advisory Board for the ESG Professionals Network.

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## *Solutions*

Blockchain and Cryptocurrency	Corporate Governance and Disclosure	Crisis Management and Strategic Response
Cross-Border Transactions	Emerging Company and Venture Capital	Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG)	Life Sciences	Securities Enforcement
Securities Litigation	SPAC (Special Purpose Acquisition Company) Transactions	Technology

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## *Recognition*

- Recognized for her exceptional securities practice in the 2006–2009 and 2014–2023 editions of *Chambers USA Guide*.
- Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2005–2024 editions of *Best Lawyers in America* for securities and capital markets law and 2023–2024 editions for corporate governance law. Named by *Best Lawyers* as Washington DC Securities/Capital Markets "Lawyer of the Year" in 2017.
- Recipient of the 2014 Linda Quinn Lifetime Achievement Award by *TheCorporateCounsel.net*.
- Named to the *NACD Directorship 100, A Who's Who of the American Corporate Governance Community*, in 2010.
- Recognized as a Dealmaker of the Year by *The American Lawyer* in 2003.
- Named to the Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers in America list.

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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

JD, Vanderbilt University Law School, 1982

*Order of the Coif, Vanderbilt Law Review*

BA, Duke University, 1979

*cum laude*

### ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

New York

### CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Albert J. Henderson,  
US Court of Appeals for the  
Eleventh Circuit

### GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Securities and Exchange  
Commission

Division of Corporation Finance

*Director*

Securities and Exchange  
Commission

Division of Corporation Finance

*Deputy Director*

Securities and Exchange  
Commission

Division of Corporation Finance

*Associate Director*

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