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Molly Boast joined the firm as a litigator in 2011, after serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice. She had more than 35 years of experience in both senior federal government positions and private practice. Ms. Boast's practice encompassed antitrust litigation, civil and criminal investigations at both the federal and state levels, and merger review. She retired from the firm in 2018.

In her position as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Boast was responsible for all civil enforcement investigations, including NBC/Comcast and Oracle/Sun Microsystems, and obtained the Division's first judicial decision recognizing its authority to seek disgorgement. Prior to joining the DOJ, Ms. Boast was a partner at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP where she chaired the antitrust practice group.

From 1999-2001, Ms. Boast served as Deputy Director and then Director of the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission. There, she oversaw several competition investigations and enforcement actions during the "merger wave" of the 1990s. Prominent mergers include Exxon-Mobil, BP-Arco, Glaxo-SmithKline, Dow-Union Carbide, and AOL-Time Warner. From 1988-1999 Ms. Boast was a partner at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae in New York City, where she chaired the litigation department. Most notably, she argued before the US Supreme Court in *Hartford Fire v. State of California* in 1993. In 1992, Ms. Boast was appointed Special Assistant United States Attorney General for the Independent Counsel Investigation of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro at the US Department of Justice.

Ms. Boast has spoken at dozens of programs on the topics of antitrust, litigation and women in the law. She is also the author of numerous papers and publications.

Professional Activities

Ms. Boast was admitted to practice in the US District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the US Courts of Appeals for the First, Second Third, Ninth, and Tenth

Circuits, and the US Supreme Court

Ms. Boast is a past chair of the Federal Courts Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. She has previously held positions on the governing bodies of the Antitrust Law and Section of Litigation, and the New York State Bar Association's Antitrust Section. Ms. Boast is the first woman to have chaired the federal courts committees of both the Federal Bar Council and the New York City Bar Association.

Recognition

- Recognized as a Distinguished Leader by the *New York Law Journal* in 2017
- Named to *Global Competition Review's* 2013 and 2016 Women in Antitrust lists
- Recognized as an "exceptional lawyer" who brings a "wealth of knowledge to the table" in the 2007, 2009 and 2013-2018 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for her work in the antitrust field
- Recommended in the 2016-2018 editions of *The Legal 500 United States* for her antitrust cartel and merger control practices
- Selected for inclusion in the 2014-2019 editions of *Best Lawyers in America* for her work in antitrust law
- Recognized for her antitrust practice by *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms* in 2017
- Recognized as a leader in her field in the 2014 and 2015 editions of *Who's Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists*
- Listed in the 2014 edition of *Expert Guides* as a leading attorney in New York in the area of Competition/Antitrust Law
- Received the 2013 William T. Liffand Service Award from the NYSBA Antitrust Law Section for distinguished service
- Recognized as a leader in the antitrust field in *The Global Competition Review Handbook*
- Recognized in *New York Super Lawyers - Metro* from 2006-2008 and 2012-2019 for her work in the antitrust field

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, Columbia University Law School, 1979

*Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar,
Jane Marks Murphy Prize*

MS, Journalism, Columbia University, 1971

BA, College of William and Mary, 1970

with honors

ADMISSIONS

New York

US Supreme Court