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Rachel Goldman is a commercial litigator with over 25 years of experience in federal and state courts, at the trial and appellate levels, and in both domestic and international arbitration proceedings. She represents clients in various sectors, including renewable and conventional energy, construction and infrastructure, finance and private equity. Her practice focuses on complex commercial disputes, including projects and construction disputes, financial institutions, securities, and bankruptcy litigation. Rachel's practice also includes challenges to government action under the Commerce, Takings and Supremacy Clauses, and First Amendment and libel actions. In addition, she is actively involved in the firm's compliance and monitorship matters.

Rachel is a co-chair of Bracewell's environmental, social and governance practice and also co-chair of the firm's pro bono committee.

Her prior experience, both representing the government and serving as in-house counsel, provides a valuable perspective of client needs and objectives.

Before joining Bracewell, Rachel was a vice president and in-house counsel with a management consulting and investment firm where she advised on contracts, compliance, regulatory and employment matters, joint ventures and investment opportunities. Rachel also managed all litigation for the firm and was responsible for managing outside counsel.

Rachel began her career as an assistant corporation counsel in the New York City Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel. In that capacity, she represented municipal officials and the City of New York in various federal and state cases. As an assistant corporation counsel, she gained unique experience in constitutional law, including First Amendment and Takings litigation. She also prosecuted criminal matters on behalf of the Corporation Counsel's Office.

Industries

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[Environmental, Social & Governance \(ESG\)](#)

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Rachel received an award from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York for Outstanding Achievement as an assistant corporation counsel.

Credentials

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., 1997
- Tufts University, B.A., 1993

Bar Admissions

- New York

Chambers USA

- New York Litigation: General Commercial, 2024

The Legal 500 United States

- Dispute Resolution – General Commercial Disputes, 2024

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America*, Commercial Litigation, including Energy, Construction and ESG, 2024 – 2025
- *Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy Lawyers*, Energy Disputes & Litigation, 2024 – 2025

Thomson Reuters

- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*, 2022 – 2024

Lecturer in Law

- "Navigating the Private Equity Real Assets Investment Life Cycle," Columbia University School of Law

Crain's New York Business

- Notable Diverse Leaders in Law, 2022

Resources

[New SBA Guidance: Private Equity Eligibility, Debtors in Bankruptcy, and a Safe Harbor](#)

Update

Mnuchin Warns of Criminal Liability for PPP; Promises to Audit Large Loans

Update

New Guidance: SBA Clarifies That Foreign Employees Must Be Counted for PPP

Update

SBA Revises Certification Rules: Safe Harbor for Loans Under \$2 Million, Larger Loans Still Subject to Audit

Update

SBA Releases Long-Awaited PPP Forgiveness Application and Instructions

Update

New Rules Issued Clarifying PPP Loan Forgiveness, Lender Responsibilities and SBA Review

Update

Major Changes Coming To PPP With Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act

Update

SBA Issues Fresh Guidance and Streamlined Forgiveness Application

Update

Second Circuit Confirms U.S. Discovery Not Available in Private International Arbitrations

Update

PPP Reboot Likely to Include Second Round of Funding for Distressed Businesses

Update

New PPP Rules Governing M&A Transactions

Update

Prepare For More Financial Scrutiny Ahead

Article

Environmental Justice: DOJ Enforcement Priorities

Video

What In-House Counsel Need to Know About Managing Environmental, Social and Governance Issues

Video

ESG, What Can This Be? A Conversation With Bracewell's Rachel Goldman

Podcast

Guide to Federal Reserve Main Street Loan Facilities and Primary Market Corporate Credit Facility

Update

ESG Regulatory Landscape Creates Commercial Pitfalls

Article

2021 ESG Seminar, Session 1

Video

ESG Seminar: ESG Fundamentals and Litigation

Video

PPP 2.0: Expanded Lending For New and Existing Borrowers

Update

Delaware Supreme Court Applies Delaware Law Even When Insured Is Headquartered Elsewhere

Update

SEC Underscores ESG Disclosure and Compliance Priorities

Update

DOL Signals Plan to Embrace ESG Investing

Update

New SEC Task Force Confirms Commitment to ESG Focus

Update

Will Generic ESG Statements Lead to a Wave of Securities Litigation?

Update

Off Pitch – What the Super League Fiasco Can Teach Us About ESG

Update

Reverse Veil-Piercing Endorsed by Delaware Chancery Court

Update

COVID, Climate Change and ESG – The Future of Disclosures, SEC Enforcement, and Securities Litigation

Update

Supreme Court’s Ruling in Goldman Sachs Leaves Open a Path for Securities Fraud Claims Based on Generic ESG Statements

Update

Generic ESG Statements Remain Under Fire: Class Certification Granted for the Third Time as the Saga of the Goldman Sachs Securities Litigation Continues

Update

More Focus on ESG Means More Scrutiny, Litigation and Enforcement, Too

Article

SEC Brings First Major ESG Enforcement Action

Update

Supreme Court Set to Resolve Impasse Over US Discovery in International Arbitration

Article

Litigation and Enforcement Impact of the SEC’s Proposed Rules on Climate-Related Disclosure

Update

Supreme Court Resolves Circuit Split Over 28 U.S.C. § 1782

Update

Supreme Court Reaffirms Registering To Do Business May Subject You to Lawsuits

Update

Questions Remain After Supreme Court Resolves Circuit Split Over Discovery in Arbitration Under 28 U.S.C. § 1782

Article

Generic ESG Statements and Securities Class Actions: Goldman Sachs Secures Second Circuit Victory in Long-Running Class Certification Battle

Update

What is AI Washing? The SEC's Latest Target

Update

Compliance Risk After SEC Warning Against 'AI Washing'

Article

Innodata Suit Highlights 'AI Washing' Liability Risk for Cos.

Article

Update on Securities and Exchange Commission's Landmark Proposed Climate-Change Disclosure Rulemaking

Update

A New Way to Pierce the Corporate Veil: Disgorging Profit From Corporate Affiliates

Update

Veil-Piercing Update: Supreme Court Restores the Status Quo, For Now

Update

Publications & Speeches

- "Corporate Liability Issues To Watch In High Court TM Case," *Law360*, December 5, 2024.
- "Innodata Suit Highlights 'AI Washing' Liability Risk for Cos.," *Law360*, March 15, 2024.
- "Compliance Risk After SEC Warning Against 'AI Washing,'" *Law360*, January 3, 2024.
- "Like It or Not: The Impact of ESG on Your Company," AHRI Leadership Forum, November 14, 2023.
- "As The World Churns: Litigating Force Majeure, Impossibility, and Other Issues," Association of Corporate Counsel NYC Webinar, June 8, 2023.

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- "Questions Remain After Supreme Court Resolves Circuit Split Over Discovery in Arbitration Under 28 U.S.C. § 1782," *Reuters Legal News and Westlaw Today*, June 28, 2022.
- "Supreme Court Set to Resolve Impasse Over US Discovery in International Arbitration," *Westlaw Today*, Thomson Reuters, May 5, 2022.
- "More Focus on ESG Means More Scrutiny, Litigation and Enforcement, Too," *Corporate Compliance Insights*, March 1, 2022.
- "ESG Regulatory Landscape Creates Commercial Pitfalls," *Reuters Legal News and Westlaw Today*, November 19, 2021.