

## Rachel

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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 construction disputes, financial services, securities litigation 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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### Practices

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

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[Solar](#)

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

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## Credentials

### Education

- Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1997
- Universidad Panamericana, 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

### 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

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## Resources

### 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

## **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

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## **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.
- "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.