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SHARON NELLES

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AN ADVOCATE FOR DIVERSITY AND THE PROTECTION of women, Sharon Nelles' record demonstrates both her versatility and the quality of her work. She has been successful on antitrust dismissals, constitutional cases and in securing settlements for banks tied to the financial crisis. In her representation of Airbnb, she and co-counsel Roberta Kaplan of Kaplan Hecker & Fink crafted a Fourth Amendment argument that helped deliver a landmark ruling stopping New York City from forcing the vacation rental company to turn over the personal data of its users. On behalf of Volkswagen and Audi she won dismissal of putative class actions alleging a conspiracy among German car makers. And her oral argument before the Ninth Circuit helped Volkswagen preserve its \$10 billion diesel emissions settlement with consumers. She also won dismissal of a complaint against Standard Chartered Bank brought on behalf of the U.S. service members injured in Iraq for damages under the Antiterrorism Act of 1992.