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Amanda Davidoff is the Managing Partner of S&C's Washington, D.C. office and is Deputy Managing Partner of the Firm's Litigation Group. She represents clients in a wide range of civil litigation matters at both the trial and appellate level, with a focus on complex securities and antitrust class actions and regulatory litigation. Amanda also represents clients in high-stakes government investigations.

SELECTED REPRESENTATIONS

- Counsel to Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche in defending against a multidistrict antitrust class action alleging that defendants conspired for decades to unlawfully increase the prices of German luxury vehicles. In June 2019 and again in March 2020, the court dismissed the action in full, and S&C is moving to dismiss a renewed complaint.
- Counsel to JPMorgan Chase and its affiliates in all of its Commodity Exchange Act, securities and derivative litigation arising out of alleged spoofing of precious metals derivatives and U.S. treasuries and derivatives. In a prior consolidated multidistrict class action alleging manipulation of silver futures, obtained dismissal of all claims, and successfully defended judgment on appeal to the Second Circuit.
- Counsel to BP in multi-district class action litigation alleging antitrust and Commodity Exchange Act claims relating to alleged overseas manipulation of Brent Crude Oil that allegedly harmed derivatives traders in the United States. In June 2017, the court dismissed the putative class actions, a ruling S&C successfully defended on appeal to the Second Circuit.
- Counsel to UBS Group AG, certain affiliates, and individual director defendants in a civil shareholder derivative action filed in

PRACTICES & CAPABILITIES

Litigation

Antitrust

**International Arbitration and
Global Dispute Resolution**

**Environmental, Social and
Governance (ESG)**

**Financial Services
Investigations & Litigation**

**Securities & Commodities
Investigations &
Enforcement Practice**

**Supreme Court and
Appellate**

EDUCATION

2003, Yale Law School, J.D.

**1999, Harvard University,
A.B.**

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Connecticut

New York

CLERKSHIPS

**The Honorable Ralph K.
Winter, United States Court
of Appeals, Second Circuit,
2003-2005**

New York Supreme Court alleging that UBS board members violated their fiduciary duties under Swiss law. In December 2021, the court dismissed the complaint based on the forum selection clause in UBS's articles of association.

- Counsel to the underwriters of a 2016 bond offering by Under Armour in a securities class action arising out of alleged misstatements concerning the company's business, operations and prospects. In September 2018, the court dismissed all claims against the underwriters, a ruling S&C is defending on appeal to the Fourth Circuit.
- Counsel to Sallie Mae Bank in lawsuits by the Illinois Attorney General and Mississippi Attorney General alleging violations of the states' Consumer Fraud Acts in connection with student loan origination. In July 2018, the Illinois court dismissed all claims against Sallie Mae Bank. In December 2021, the court dismissed all claims in an amended complaint with prejudice. In April 2020, the State of Mississippi agreed to dismiss its claims with no payment or admission of wrongdoing by Sallie Mae Bank.
- Counsel to Nomura Holding America Inc. and its affiliates in a four-week bench trial of a securities action brought by the Federal Housing Finance Agency concerning Freddie's and Fannie's purchase of RMBS before the financial crisis. Represented Nomura on appeal.
- Counsel to Nomura Securities International in multi-district class actions alleging manipulation of auctions for U.S. treasuries and derivatives in violation of federal antitrust and commodity exchange laws, achieving dismissal of all claims.
- Counsel to First Horizon National Corporation and its affiliates in a broad range of securities and contract actions concerning RMBS and mortgage loans sold before the financial crisis.
- Counsel to BP p.l.c. in a consolidated securities fraud class action arising out of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and subsequent Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Secured denial of class certification for all but one month of the more than two-year class period for which plaintiffs sought certification and successfully defended that victory on appeal to the Fifth Circuit.
- Counsel to mutual fund trustees in three derivative and class actions in federal and Delaware court alleging RICO claims and breaches of fiduciary duty. Obtained dismissal of all claims in the three actions and successfully defended the decisions on appeal in the Second and Third Circuits and Delaware Supreme Court, including arguing the appeal to the Delaware Supreme Court.
- Counsel to mutual fund clients on regulatory matters.
- Advises an array of clients on merger approval, with related advocacy before regulators.

Rankings and Recognitions

- *Benchmark Litigation* – Recognized as a DC Litigation Star (2022);

Recognized as a Top Litigator Under 40 (2017, 2018) and a Future Star (2016 – 2021); named to the 40 & Under Hot List (2016 – 2018)

- *The Legal 500 United States* – Recommended for Antitrust: Civil litigation/class actions (2016 – 2018)
- *Trending 40* – Named among Trending 40 Lawyers Under 40 (2015)
- *DC Super Lawyers* – Recognized as a Rising Star (2015 – 2016); named to the *DC Super Lawyers* List (2019 – 2020)
- *Fellow of the American Bar Foundation*